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7. Education:

Institution	**Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained**
[Date from – Date to]	
University of Bucharest (1993-1999)	Doctoral (PhD) Diploma in rural Geography
University of Bucharest (1981-1985)	Licence Diploma in Geography and French language
Theoretical College “Nicolae Bălcescu” from Râmnicu Vâlcea (1976-1980)	Bachelor Diploma

8. Key qualifications: Social and cultural Geography, Political Geography, Regional and local development, Cross border Cooperation, Cultural Creative Industries

9. Career:

Date from – Date to	**Location**	**Company**	**Position**	**Description**
05.2009 - present	Timisoara, Romania	West University	Director of PhD thesis	Researches and Teaching
05. 2005 - present	Timisoara, Romania	West University	Professor Dr.	Teaching and Researches
06 - 07. 2004	Angers - France	Doctoral School	Visiting Professor	Teaching and Researches
10.2001 – 04. 2005	Timisoara, Romania	West University	PhD Ass. Professor	Teaching and Researches
05 – 06. 2001	Angers - France	University of Angers	Visiting Professor	Teaching and Researching
04. 1999	Angers - France	University of Angers	Researcher	Researches
02. 1999 – 10. 2001	Timisoara - Romania	West University	PhD Lecturer	Teaching and researches
10. 1994 – 10. 1999	Timisoara - Romania	West University	Lecturer	Teaching and researches
01 – 03. 1995	Angers - France	University of Angers	Visiting professor	Teaching and Researches
10. 1991 - 10. 1994	Timisoara - Romania	West University	Assistant	Teaching and researches
09. 1988 – 09. 1991	Deva - Romania	Secondary School Nr. 4	Ass. Director	Managing and teaching
09. 1985 – 09. 1998	Deva – Romania	Secondary School Nr. 4	Teacher	Teaching

10. Language skills and competences

Mother tongue(s)	**Romanian**				
Other language(s)	**French and English**				
Autoevaluation	**Understanding**		**Speaking**		**Writing**
European level	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing
French	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
English	B1	B2	B2	B2	B1

10. Research activities, publications and dissemination

Publications:	-13 scientific books, of which 5 books as single author, 3 books coordinator and author, 5 books in collaboration; -91 scientific articles and research reports, of which 65 published in journals and volumes in the country (56 as sole author, 9 together) and 22 in foreign journals or books (11 as sole author and 11 together);
Scientific communications:	-190 scientific papers presented at conferences and workshops, of which 52 events abroad and 75 international events organized in Romania.
Contract research and development:	- 46 research contracts, including 11 international (team member), 22 as the owner - manager or team coordinator in West University of Timisoara (4 as director Grant CNCSIS/NURC).

11. Responsibilities and Activities (selected):

11.1 Management and administrative responsibilities:

- Director of the Center for Regional Development, Cross Border Studies, and Sustainable Spatial Development – CDR-START, West University of Timisoara (2008 - present);

- Director of the Sustainable Development and Territorial Planning Laboratory at the Institute of Advanced Environmental Research, West University of Timisoara (2022 – present);

- Director of Maser School, Department of Geography, Faculty of Chemistry, Biology, Geography Faculty of West University of Timisoara (2018 – 2026)

- Director of the Department of Geography, Faculty of Chemistry, Biology and Geography, West University of Timisoara (2011 – 2015);

- Vice-Director of the Department of Geography and Chef of the Human and Regional Geography Group in the Department of Geography of West University of Timisoara (2004-2010);

- Member of the National Council for Attestation of University Titles, Diplomas and Certificates of Romania CNATDCU (2012 - 2016);

- President of the Quality Assessment Commission in the Faculty of Chemistry, Biology and Geography of WUT (2008-2010);

- Responsible for the European mobility programs Tempus and Erasmus for the Department of Geography at the West University of Timisoara (1993 – 2010).

11.2 Visiting professor, networks and professional associations

- Visiting professor at the University of Ottawa, Canada, 2026 (one month)

- Visiting professor at the Angers Doctoral School, 2004 (one month);

- Visiting professor at the University of Angers (France), Department of Geography, 2001 (2 months);

- Visiting professor at the University of Angers (France), Department of Geography, 1995 (3 months);

- Member of the National Geographic Committee of Romania (2013-present);

- Vice-president of the International Network of Senghor Chairs of the Francophonie - RICSF (November 2021 – 2025);

- Holder of the Senghor Chair at the University of the West Timisoara, in the International Network of Senghor Chairs (October 2018 – present);

- President of the Geographical Society of Romania, Timis subsidiary (March 2018 – present);

- Member of the Geographical Society of Romania (1986 – present);

- Founding member of the Professional Association of Geographers of Romania (2010 – present);

- Associate member of the Doctoral School of the Interuniversity Institute of Local Development of the Universities of Valencia Estudi General and Jaume I Castellon (Spain) (2011-present);

- Associate member of the Doctoral School of the University of Zaragoza (Spain) (2023-present);

- Associate member of the AUF Regional Commission of Economic and Scientific Experts for the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CRE – PECO) (2022 – present).

- Member of the Regional Commission of Experts for the countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CRE – PECO) of the AUF (2016 – 2022).

- Associate member of the CARTA Laboratory (CNRS accredited) of the Department of Geography of the University of Angers (2000-2014);

- President of the Steering Committee of the "French-speaking regional network on health, nutrition and food security in Central and Eastern Europe – SaIN" (2017-2020).

- Member of the international research program in human and social sciences "Territorial recompositions at the risk of exclusion – 2H2S", led by the CPER Pays de la Loire, France (1999 – 2014);

- Member of the International University Network for the promotion of the European module "Central Europe and the European Idea: history, cultures, future perspectives" (1998-2000);

- ***Public conferences*** presented at the universities of: Paris IV-Sorbonne, Angers, Bratislava, Novi Sad, Belgrade, Szeged, Castellon, Humboldt of Berlin, New Lisbon, Valencia, Complutense of Madrid, Marrakech, Saint-Joseph of Beirut, Lyon 3, Ottawa, Moncton, Saint-Dié des Vosges.

11.3 Expert/evaluator

- National expert evaluator of The National Council of Scientific Research in Higher Education (CNCSIS) in Romania, for research projects in the fields of Human Geography and Regional Development (2000-2014);

- National expert evaluator of Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS) for the field of Geography (2006-2014);

- Expert evaluator for projects financed by the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (2016 - present).

- Member of the Technical Commission for Territorial and Urban Planning of the Department of Timis (2012-present);

- Member of the Technical Commission for Territorial Planning and Urban Planning of the city of Timisoara (2021-present);

- Expert evaluator for national and international scientific reviews/journals.

11.4 Directorate of doctoral theses

- 13 doctoral theses in geography, coordinated and finalized with public defense and validated by the CNATDCU and the ministry;

- 8 other coordinated doctoral theses in geography, in progress.

11.5 International activities in Entitlement to direct research (co-supervision of theses, thesis jury and accreditation jury)

- Director of a joint Romanian-Spanish thesis (with Mcf Carlos Lopez Escolano, from the University of Zaragoza), in progress from 2023 (PhD student Titus-Gabriel Almajan. Title: *Current processes in urban renewal: between the dependency of socio-territorial matrices and the incidence of new policies for urban agglomerations' development);*

- Director of a joint Romanian-Italian thesis (with Prof. Egidio Dansero, from the University of Turin), in progress from 2023 (PhD student Amelia-Laura Mariș. Title: *Urban regeneration through the cultural creative capitalization of industrial heritage. From abandonment and degradation, to solutions for socio-territorial reconstruction in the Mountain of Banat*;

- Director of a joint Franco-Romanian doctoral thesis with Prof. Lydia Coudroy de Lille, from the Université Lumière Lyon 2, finalized and defended in November 2021, 2025 at the University Lyon 2, France (PhD Amandine Dargaud. Title: *« Mettre en récit, en mémoire et en patrimoine les héritages des villes postsocialistes. Les cas de Iaşi et Timişoara en Roumanie »*) ;

- Director of a joint Franco-Romanian doctoral thesis with Prof. Jean-Baptiste Humeau, finalized and defended in 2010 at the University of Angers, France (PhD student Cristina Fracasiu. Title: *Vallées, risque d'inondation et nouvelles formes d'aménagement. Jeu d'acteurs et dynamiques territoriales*) ;

- Director of a joint Franco-Romanian doctoral thesis with CNRS Researcher Sébastien Fleuret, finalized and defended in 2015 at the University of Angers, France, and in 2016 at the West University of Timisoara (PhD student Alexandru Dragan. Title: *L'Economie Sociale en Roumanie: un secteur dissymétrique et reformaté. Enjeux territoriaux et institutionnelles*);

- Director of a joint Romanian-Spanish doctoral thesis with Prof. Joan Serafi Bernat Marti from the University of Castellon, defended in 2017 at the West University of Timisoara (PhD student Adriana Suiu. Title: *Migration of Romanians to Spain, dynamics and socio-territorial consequences*);

- Director of a joint Romanian-Spanish doctoral thesis with Prof. Julia Salom Carrasco from the University of Valencia, defended in 2020 at the West University of Timisoara (PhD student Roxana Ilisei. Title: *Socio-territorial mobility and spatial segregation in the urban environment. A double perspective, quantitative and qualitative, on the cities of Timișoara and Valencia (2016-2019)*);

- Member of 2 HDR juries at the University of Angers (2012 – for Mr. Prof. Georges Andjipakoto; 2018 – for Mr. Prof. Emmanuel Bioteau);

- Member of 6 doctoral thesis juries in France, including 4 at the University of Angers, one at the University of Montpellier III, one at the Université Lumière Lyon 2.

11.6 Editor-in-chief and member of the board of scientific publications

- Editor-in-chief of the journal *Géographica Timisiensis*, West University of Timisoara (2000-present).

- Member of the Editorial Board of the West University Publishing House in Timișoara (2000 – 2014).

- Member of the scientific and editorial boards of 11 scientific journals:

*„Romanian Review on Political Geography", University of Oradea (1999-present);

*„GeoPolitica", journal of the Ion Conea Geopolitics Association, Bucharest (2006-present),

*„Review of Historical Geography and Toponomastics", from the West University of Timisoara (2007 – present),

*„Studia universitatis Babes-Bolyai", Geography series, Cluj-Napoca (2008 – present),

*„Human Geographies", University of Bucharest (2007-present),

* Annals of the Professional Association of Geographers of Romania, Bucharest (2010 – present);

* Geograful (The Geographer) Journal of the Professional Association of Geographers of Romania, Bucharest (2009 – present);

*„Central European Jurnal of Geography and Sustainable Development" – CEJGSD, Ploiesti (2019 – present);

*„Analele Universitatii din Craiova", Geography series (2021 - present);

* “Annals of the A. I. Cuza University” of Iasi, Geography series (2012 - 2020);

* “Geocarpatica” Review of the Christian University “Dimitrie Cantemir”, faculty of Turism Geography, Sibiu (2012 - 2018).

11.7 Organizer of scientific conferences and symposia (selection)

- Organizer of the International Colloquium *«Héritage culturel français dans l’espace francophone: mémoire, identité et patrimonialisation »*, West University of Timisoara Timișoara, April 23 – 24, 2026

- Organizer of the International Conference *“Circular Economy - Multidisciplinary Perspectives and Practical Applications”*, West University of Timisoara, July 10-11, 2025

- Organizer of Scientific Day of the International Network of Senghor Chairs of the Francophonie on the theme *Geopolitics of Francophonies*, West University of Timisoara, October 11, 2023.

- Organizer of the General Assembly of the International Network of Senghor Chairs of the Francophonie, Timisoara, October 12-13, 2023.

- Organizer of the International Conference “Creativity, Culture, Development”, West University of Timisoara, November 11-12, 2021.

- Co-organizer (with assoc. prof. Madalin Bunoiu) of the international conference “Romania at the Centenary. Developments, geopolitical issues, national projects. The role of Emmanuel de Martonne”, Timisoara, June 6, 2018.

- Organizer of the international conference “Territories of health: agri-food production, nutrition, food security – PANSA-TS”, Timisoara, October 27-28, 2017.

- Co-organizer (with assoc. prof. Emmanuel Bioteau, from the University of Angers) of the Franco-Romanian Seminar ″Emergence and structuring of a medico-social sector in Romania. Roles and places of the social and solidarity economy,” Timisoara, March 24, 2016.

- Organizer of the International Conference “The Academic Geography of Timișoara at the 55th Anniversary”, Timisoara, May 2014.

- President of the International Symposium “Geography in the context of sustainable development. From the theoretical approach to territorial planning”, Timisoara, May 2013.

- President of the International Conference “Territorial Dynamics and Sustainable Development. European Perspectives”, Timisoara, May 2012.

- President of the International Symposium “Trends in geographical research of the European space”, Timisoara, May 2011

- Organizer of the V-th International Conference “Entreprenorial Initiatives and Regional Development – European Comparisons”, Timişoara, Novi Sad, Szeged, Arad, July 17 – 22, 2006;

- Organizer of the IV-th edition of the “Regional Conference of Geography “Geographical Researches in the Carpathian–Danubean Space”, with the theme “Regionalism and Integration: Culture, Space, Development”, Timişoara, May 12 – 14, 2000;

- Organizer of the International Conference on Political Geography “Border Regions, Transborder Regions: a Geography in Mutation”, Timisoara – Szeged – Novi Sad, June 11-13, 2000;

- Organizer of the International Social Geography Seminar “Church Movements and Development Processes”, Timisoara – Bistriţa Monastery, October 24-27, 2000.

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List of scientific publications and researches

- 13 Scientifically Books, 92 Articles and Research Reports;
- 46 National and International Research Projects, from which 11 international (head or team member), 22 of which as manager (4 as CNCSIS grant manager);
- 190 Scientifically Communications in the national and international Congress, Conferences Colloquiums and Meetings, in: Romania, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Slovakia, Canada, Belgium, Luxembourg, Hungary, Moldova, Lebanon, Morocco, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Serbia and Turkey.

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[5] POPA Nicolae, 2008, *Banatul. Identitate, Dezvoltare, Colaborare regionala [The Banat. Identity, Development, Regional Co-operation],* Ed. Mirton, Timisoara (218 p.).

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[3] POPA Nicolae (coord.), 2000, *Regionalism and Integration: Culture, Space and Development*. Ed. Brumar, Timişoara -Tubingen – Angers (471p.), ISBN 973-8057-20-5

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[1] POPA, Nicolae, (1999), *Tara Hategului - potentialul de dezvoltare al asezarilor omenesti [Hateg County – Development Potential of Human Settlements].* Brumar, Timisoara (456 p.), ISBN 973-9295-62-

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