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Education

November 2003: Ph.D. dissertation successfully defended at the Central European University Budapest; title of dissertation: "The Collapse of Romanian Communism. An Explanatory Model."

September 2002-June 2003, Teacher/Fellow in Romanian Studies at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London, United Kingdom.

1998-2002: Central European University, Budapest, History Department, Ph.D. candidate in comparative history.

January-September 2000: University of Maryland at College Park, US, Advanced Doctoral Student in the Department of Government and Politics.

1997-1998: Central European University, Budapest, History Department, M.A. in History.

1992-1997: University of Bucharest, Faculty of History, B.A. in History.

1982-1987: Polytechnic University of Bucharest, Faculty of Energetics, B.A. in Engineering.

Academic Position

Since February 2004, Lecturer in Comparative Politics and Recent History in the Department of Political Science, University of Bucharest.

Other Professional Positions

Since March 2006, Member of the Board of the National Council for the Study of the Securitate Archives (CNSAS), Bucharest.

July 2003 – March 2006, Director of the Romanian Institute for Recent History (IRIR), Bucharest.

Professional Memberships

Since April 2007, Member of the Advisory Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania.

April 2006-December 2006, Member of the Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania.

Since 2003, Member of the Advisory Board of the National Institute for the Memory of Romanian Exile (INMER).

Recent participations to international projects

"Remembering Communism. Methodological and Practical Issues of Approaching the Recent Past in Eastern Europe," proiect nr.1432-0144, hosted by the University of Leipzig and sponsored by Volkswagen Stiftung, Germany, 2006-2009.

"Diktaturbewältigung und nationale Selbstvergewisserung an der Semi-Peripherie Europas," a project hosted by Geisteswissenschaftlichen Zentrums Geschichte und Kultur Ostmitteleuropas (GWZO), University of Leipzig and sponsored by Volkswagen Stiftung, 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

Volumes

Co-author of *Raport Final al Comisiei Prezidențiale pentru Analiza Dictaturii Comuniste în România* (Final Report of the Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania). Bucharest: Editura Humanitas, 2007.

Co-editor of *Nation-Building and Conflicting Identities. Romanian and Hungarian Case Studies*. Budapest & Bucharest: Regio Books & Polirom, 2001.

Book Chapters and Studies in English

“The Structuring of Opposition Elites in Post-1989 Romania: ‘Historical’ Parties, Public Intellectuals, and Anti-Communism,” in Heinrich Best, Ronald Gebauer and Axel Salheiser, eds., *Elites and Social Change: The Socialist and Post-Socialist Experience* (Hamburg: Krämer Verlag, 2009), 99-114.

“1989 as a Return to Europe: On Revolution, Reform and Reconciliation with a Traumatic Past,” *Working Paper Series of the Research Network 1989*, Working Paper No.18/2008, ISSN 1867-2833; Internet; Social Science Open Access Repository, available at: http://www.ssoar.info/ssoar/files/2008/839/petrescu_returntoeurope_wp18.pdf

“Conflicting Perceptions of (Western) Europe: The Case of Communist Romania, 1958-1989.” In José M. Faraldo, Paulina Gulińska-Jurgiel, and Christian Domnitz, eds., *Europa im Ostblock: Vorstellungen und Diskurse, 1945-1991* (Köln: Böhlau Verlag, 2008), 199-220;

“Fifty-Six as an Identity-Shaping Experience: The Case of the Romanian Communists,” in János M. Rainer and Katalin Somlai, eds., *The 1956 Hungarian Revolution and the Soviet Bloc Countries: Reactions and Repercussions* (Budapest: The Institute for the History of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution, 2007), 48-68;

“Communist Legacies in the ‘New Europe.’ History, Ethnicity, and the Creation of a ‘Socialist’ Nation in Romania, 1945-1989.” In: Konrad H. Jarausch, Thomas Lindenberger (eds.), *Conflicted Memories. Europeanizing Contemporary Histories* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2007), 37-54.

“Dilemmas of Transitional Justice in Post-1989 Romania.” In: Vladimira Dvorakova, Anđelko Milardović (eds.), *Lustration and Consolidation of Democracy and the Rule of Law in Central and Eastern Europe* (Zagreb: Political Science Research Center, 2007), 127-151.

“Resistance and Dissent under Communism. The Case of Romania” (with Cristina Petrescu). In: *Totalitarismus und Demokratie* (Göttingen), Vol. 4, No. 2 (2007), 323-346.

“Mastering vs. Coming to Terms with the Past. A Critical Analysis of Post-Communist Romanian Historiography” (with Cristina Petrescu). In: Sorin Antohi, Balázs Trencsényi, Péter Apor (eds.), *Narratives Unbound. Historical Studies in Post-Communist Eastern Europe* (Budapest: Central European University Press, 2007), 311-408.

“Workers and Peasant-Workers in a Working-Class ‘Paradise.’ Patterns of Working-Class Protest in Communist Romania.” In: Peter Hübner, Christoph Kleßmann, Klaus Tenfelde (eds.), *Arbeiter im Staatssozialismus. Ideologischer Anspruch und Soziale Wirklichkeit* (Köln: Böhlau Verlag, 2005), 119-140.

“The Nomenklatura Talks. Romanian Party Dignitaries on Gheorghiu-Dej and Ceaușescu” (with Cristina Petrescu). In: *East European Politics and Societies*, Vol. 16, No. 3 (2002), 958-970.

“Can Democracy Work in Southeastern Europe? Ethnic Homogeneity vs. Democratic Consolidation in Post-Communist Romania.” In: Balázs Trencsényi, Dragoș Petrescu, Cristina Petrescu, Constantin Iordachi and Zoltan Kantor (eds.), *Nation-Building and Contested Identities. Romanian & Hungarian Case Studies* (Budapest: Regio Books, 2001), 267-291.