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EDUCATION

2014 – **Phd student in Sociology**, Faculty of European Studies, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Provisional title: “Social housing policies in Cluj-Napoca”

2012 – 2013 **MA in Sociology and Social Anthropology**, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. Language of instruction: English

2009 – 2011 **MA in Anthropology and Development** (2 years), Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

2006 – 2009 **BA in Sociology**, Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

2008 – 2009 **Erasmus** program, Lund University, Department of Sociology, Lund, Sweden

PUBLICATIONS

2020. **Sute de oameni evacuați din locuințe chiar de către primării în plină pandemie. Legislația interzice asta! (en. Hundreds of people evicted from their homes by municipalities during the pandemic. It is forbidden by law!)** Libertatea. <https://www.libertatea.ro/opinii/sute-de-oameni-evacuati-din-locuinte-chiar-de-catre-primarii-in-plina-pandemie-legislatia-interzice-asta-3293813>

2020. **Locuirea în Cluj-Napoca. Fondul locativ, dezvoltare imobiliară și evacuări (en. Housing in Cluj. Housing stock, real-estate development and evictions)**, co-authored with Enikő Vincze, Alex Liță, Manuel Mireanu. Editura Fundației Desire: Cluj-Napoca. ISBN 978-973-88933-8-2

2020. **A knife to a gunfight: endogenous development through LEADER as contradictory policy prescription.** STUDIA UBB SOCIOLOGIA, 65 (LXV), 1, 2020, pp. 43-68 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2478/subbs-2020-0002>

2020. **Housing struggles in Romania and in Central Eastern Europe**, co-authored with Enikő Vincze, Veda Popovici, Ioana Florea, Michele Lancione, Erin McElroy. Radical Housing Journal Vol 2(1): 149-162. ISSN 2632-2870. <https://radicalhousingjournal.org/2020/housing-struggles-in-romania-and-in-central-eastern-europe-cee/>

2019. **Racialized housing unevenness in Cluj-Napoca under capitalist redevelopment**, co-authored with Enikő Vincze, in academic journal ‘City: Analysis of Urban Change, Theory & Action’. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13604813.2019.1684078>

2019. **Micro-Regional Association Mara-Natur in Maramures County, Romania.** RELOCAL Case Study N° 26/33. Joensuu: University of Eastern Finland. Available at www.relocal.eu

2019. **Raport asupra evacuărilor forțate din România 2008-2017.** Coordonator. Available at: <https://bloculpentrulocuire.ro/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Raport-Cercetare-Evacuari-2008-2017.pdf>

2018. **Un măr otrăvit: Programul „Ajutorul de Chirie” al Primăriei Cluj-Napoca în Căramida** - Ziarul Dreptății Locative, nr. 7, available at: <https://casisocialeacum.ro/caramida-nr7/>

2018. **Locuința proprietate privată – de la vis la corvoadă** în Căramida - Ziarul Dreptății Locative, nr. 6, editorial. Available at: <https://casisocialeacum.ro/caramida-nr6/>

2017. **Stop evacuărilor forțate! Nicio evacuare fără relocare adecvată.** Căramida – Ziarul Dreptății Locative, nr. 1. <https://casisocialeacum.ro/caramida-nr1-2/>

2017. **Editorial – Locuințe publice: răspuns la criza locuirii (cu Enikő Vincze).** Căramida – Ziarul Dreptății Locative nr. 1. <https://casisocialeacum.ro/caramida-nr1-2/>

2016. **Cluj capitală Culturală sau justiție culturală ca soluție la in justiții sociale?** Gazeta de Artă Politică. Anul 4, nr. 15. <http://artapolitica.ro/2016/11/13/cluj-capitala-culturala-sau-justitie-culturala-ca-solutie-la-injustitii-sociale>

2015. **NGOs as postsocialist social services providers and the professionalization of othering.** STUDIA UBB. EUROPAEA, LX, 1, 2015, 49-72. Available at: <http://www.ceeol.com/search/article-detail?id=142037>

2010. **European Network Against Racism Shadow Report 2009/2010 – “Racism and Discrimination in Romania”.** Chapters on education and health. Available at: <http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/Romania.pdf>

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

2017-2020. **TV&radio appearances on housing** (TVR Cluj, Radio Cluj, Radio EBS, Radio România)

2020. **Locuirea de la nevoie la profit și înapoi! (en. Housing from need to profit and back!)** Institutul de Solidaritate Socială, Facultatea de Studii Europene UBB, Căși Sociale ACUM!. Webinar. Presentation: The dismantlement of the public housing stock and informal settlements in Cluj

2020. **Course for local Roma experts „Promovarea Nediscriminării în Domeniul Locuirii Sociale și la Locul de Muncă pentru Romi” (HOPE).** Fundația Centrul de Resurse pentru Comunitățile de Romi. Presentation: Forced evictions in Romania

2019. **RELOCAL Conference The Role of the Local in Improving Cohesion and Spatial Justice;** Lodz, Poland. Presentation: LEADER – an instrument for spatial justice? A comparative study across Europe. With Gusztáv Nemes, Katalin Kovacs, Mark Schucksmith Elizabeth Brooks

2019. **Interministerial working group on housing policy organized by the National Roma Agency.** Presentation of the report on forced evictions in Romania 2008-2017

2019. **RELOCAL workshop on spatial justice.** Bucharest. National Roma Agency. Presentation of

Relocal case study – Local Action Group Mara-Natur & LEADER policy

2017. **The House of Parliament**, Bucharest. Presentation of housing policy analysis to Parliament Members of Cluj County

2017. **Orașe pentru locuit, nu pentru profit! Forumul justiției locative. Ediția a 3a.** Căși sociale ACUM/Social housing NOW (Cluj-Napoca), Frontul Comun pentru Dreptul la locuire (București), E-Romnja (București); Cluj-Napoca. Presentation 1: ”Inițiatives recente în legislația locuirii”; Presentation 2: „Viziunea Clujului asupra justiției sociale prin aplicația sa pentru Capitală Culturală Europeană 2021”

2017. **Interdisciplinary conference of phd students of BBU.** Presentation: De la public la social – transformarea accesului la locuire în Cluj-Napoca în contextul privatizării locuirii (en. From public to social - transformation of access to housing in Cluj-Napoca in the context of housing privatization)

2017. **International Workshop – Inclusive Cluj. Housing policies, planning and experiments against urban marginalization;** Organizer: Institute d’urbanisme, Universite Grenoble Alpes. Presentation: Privatization, gentrification and the underdevelopment of public housing stock. Actions for housing justice in Cluj (with Eniko Vincze)

2016. **Forum pentru locuințe sociale;** Fundația Desire; Cluj-Napoca. Presentation: Evoluția procedurilor de atribuire a locuințelor sociale în Cluj-Napoca (2005-2015) (en. Evolution of social housing allocation procedures in Cluj Napoca 2005-2015). (with: Leontina Lingurar, Alexandru Mureșan, Mihaela Berki. Details at: <http://www.desire-ro.eu/?p=2588>

2016. **International Sociological Association Forum.** Presentation: Housing Strategies in Multigenerational Rural Households Living in Precarious Prosperity in Romania (with Laura Tufă), Vienna, Austria

2016. **FAFO workshop on migration.** Presentation: Project-based ‘poverty alleviation’ and institutional assemblages designed for spaces of exclusion (with Simona Ciotlăuș). FAFO Institute of Social and Labor Research, Oslo, Norway

2015. **Contested Property Claims Conference,** Aarhus University, Denmark. Presentation: „Banished from the city: property regime and second-hand citizenship in a Romanian urban context

2011. **The Annual Research Conference in Sociology and Social Work,** The Romanian Sociologists Association, Bucharest, Romania. Presentation: Heritage making and NGO discourse construction in a multiethnic Romanian village

2010. **Together in Europe,** The International Debate Education Association, Rotterdam, Holland. Presentation: Non formal education in Romanian disadvantaged areas

2010. **Border Crossings Student Conference,** Border Crossings Student Network, Zadar, Croatia. Presentation: The Historical Centre of Bucharest - on the Verge of Gentrification

COURSES/SUMMER SCHOOLS

2019. **Organizing for a Left Hegemony**, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung Summer School, Zvanovice, Czechia

2016. **DIVERCITIES - Governing Urban Diversity**, Marie Jahoda Summer School, University of Vienna, Austria

2015. **Political participation in times of crisis** (workshop), Friederich Ebert Stiftung Foundation & Universität Wien, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

2016. **The Welfare City**, Helsinki University Summer School, Finland

2011. **Konitsa Summer School in Anthropology, Ethnography and Comparative Folklore of the Balkans**, Ioannina University, Konitsa, Greece

2009. **The Normative System of the European Union**, European Institute, Bucharest

WORK EXPERIENCE

2018-2020. **Desire Foundation**, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; researcher in „Resituating the local in cohesion and territorial development- RELOCAL” in the HORIZON 2020 framework. www.relocal.eu

2017-2020. **Desire Foundation**, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; researcher and activist on housing rights in four consecutive projects funded by Rosa Luxemburg Belgrade. Coordinated research and campaigning projects in the Block for Housing coalition. www.bloculpentrulocuire.ro

2017-2019. **Babes-Bolyai University**, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; teaching assistant for courses “The Sociology of International Relations” (in English); “Spațiul Social European” (The European Social Space)

2016 – 2020. **Desire Foundation**, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; activist researcher in “Social housing NOW!” projects funded by Human Rights Initiative – Open Society Foundation. Research on local and extra-local housing legislation; supporting disadvantaged people from Cluj-Napoca to apply for social housing; advocacy and legal actions; www.casisocialeacum.ro

2015-2016. **Budapest Institute for Political Analysis**, Budapest, Hungary; researcher and member of two action groups for housing integration and analysis of housing marginalization in Cluj-Napoca and Aiud. Project title: ‘Local Engagement for Roma Inclusion’ funded by The Fundamental Rights Agency of the EU

2014-2015. **FAFO Institute for Labour and Social Research**, Oslo, Norway; research assistant and interpreter for FAFO researchers in two short-term field researches in Romania; project on Roma migration to Scandinavia

2013-2014. **Research Institute for Quality of Life**, Romanian Academy; field researcher. Applied questionnaires and conducted panel semi-structured interviews concerning ‘precarious prosperity’ and life strategies in a Romanian village

2013. **Department of Sociology and Social Work**, University of Bucharest; field researcher.

Intermediary evaluation of a Unicef national scale project for reducing school dropout rates

2011. **C4C Communication for Community** – Bucharest, Romania; research assistant. Semi-structured interviews with parents of children with disabilities regarding school integration

2011. **Centrul Romilor Pentru Politici De Sănătate ‘Sastipen’**, Bucharest, Romania; Research Assistant; field researcher, evaluation of the national Roma health mediation system; trained interviewers to apply questionnaires

2010. **Human Rights Watch**; co-organized, assisted and interpreted during the field research conducted by HRW researchers in Romania on human rights violation of the expelled Roma from France in 2010

2010-2011. **Policy Center for Roma and Minorities**, Bucharest, Romania; project assistant. Desk research and reports on ethnic discrimination, press monitoring, supported project implementations