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Personal details

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Contact: Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, B-dul 21 Dec. 1989, No. 128
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Academic Background

- 2012 - present** **Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca**
Lecturer in Sociology and Anthropology
- 2007 - 2012** **Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca**
Assistant Lecturer
- 2004 - 2011** **Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca**
PhD in Sociology with a thesis on "Religious and secular identities in post-socialist Romania"
- July, 2004** **Babes - Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca**
MA in Sociology, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, Department of Sociology

International Research Scholarships

- Sept. 2013 - Jul. 2014** **Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies**
Topic of research: Marginality, bio-politics and the neo-liberal disempowerment of Roma: religious conversions to Pentecostalism and emerging narratives of social identity.
- Feb. 2013 - Jun. 2013** **CEU IAS - Central European University's Institute for Advanced Study**
Topic of research: Second Class Citizenship in an EU Country: Marginalized Roma and the Pentecostal Politics of Identity
- Oct. 2011 - Jun. 2012** **NEC - New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania**
Topic of research: After Atheism: Post-communist Romania and the Issue of Emergent European Secularization
- Jan. 2010 - Jul. 2010** **IWM - Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, Austria**
Topic of research: The Europeanisation of Eastern Christianity: Secularization in Post-socialist Romania and Bulgaria
- Jan. 2008 - May 2008** **Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle-Saale, Germany**
Topic of research: The politics of after life. Religious Conversion among Lipovans in Romania
- Oct. 2006 - Feb. 2007** **Fribourg University, Switzerland**
Topic of research: Religious conversion in Post-socialist Romania

Jan. 2005 - Apr. 2005

Fribourg University, Switzerland

Erasmus Research Scholarship

Topic of research: *The Secularization Debate. The Case of Post-socialist*

Romania

Research Grants

2015-2017

National Scientific Research Council, Romania

- Title of Research Grant: Alternative forms of religiosity, personal development and neo-liberal technologies of production of the self: work and spirituality in Romania" funded by National Scientific Research Council and the Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation. (Principal Investigator - 460.561 RON ~ 102.190 Euro)

2014-2015

Erste Foundation for Social Research, Viena, Austria

- "European Union and the ethno-political construction of Roma Diaspora: human rights, citizenship and social inclusion international" funded by Erste Foundation for Social Research (Principal Investigator - 12000 Euros)

International Programs

2012

Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia

- Regional Mentor for the research project „The Role of the Orthodox Church in the Formation of Georgian National Identity” at Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia on behalf of Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN), University of Fribourg / Interfaculty Institute for Central and Eastern Europe (IICEE)

2008-2009

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

- Grant Award by Curriculum Resource Centre, CEU, for the development of a new course called "Religious and Secular Identities among the Roma in post-socialist Romania".

September, 2005

Hamburg, Germany

- EU-Intensive Program
- Borderlines in Urban Spaces and Planning

2004 - 2006

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

- Project Manager Assistant for the "Teaching Anthropology Means and Meanings".
- Program organized by the Research Centre on Interethnic Relations (CCRIT) and the Sociology Department of "Babes-Bolyai" University, Cluj-Napoca in collaboration with the Higher Education Support Program of the Open Society Institute.

November 2004

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

- Participant in the Curriculum Development Session offered by the Curriculum Development Program

International Conferences and Workshops

May, 2018

Bucharest Romania

- *Neo-liberal subjectivities and the new spirit of capitalism: attitudes toward work within personal and spiritual development programs in contemporary Romania.*
- Paper presented at the "Rethinking the Future Of Work: Competing Perspectives and Methodological Challenges" organized by Institute of Research University of Bucharest/ICUB, Social Science Division

- March, 2018** **Budapest, Hungary**
- *From Meister Eckhart to Eckhart Tolle: Anthropologies of Neo-liberal Spiritualities and the Religious Genealogy of the Inner Power of the Self*
 - Paper presented at the "Lived Catholicism from the Balkans to the Baltics" Conference organized by Pázmány Péter Catholic University
- September, 2017** **Cluj-Napoca, Romania**
- *Neo-liberal subjectivities and the emergence of spiritual entrepreneurship: an analysis of personal and spiritual development programs at the periphery of European Union*
 - Paper presented at the "The New Subjectivities of Global Capitalism: Spirituality, Personal Development and the World of Work" Conference, organized by Babes-Bolyai University
- February, 2017** **New Delhi, India**
- *Global spiritualities and digital media: the transformation of religious knowledge and practices in post-socialist settings*
 - Paper presented at the "Globalization, New Communication Technologies and Social Transformation: Strategies for the Future" Conference organized by ISS RC 14- Culture and Communication in active partnership of Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies
- July, 2016** **Milano, Italy**
- *The spirit of neo-liberal education: the embedding of competitiveness in higher education at the periphery of European Union*
 - Paper presented at the 'Anthropological legacies and human futures' 14th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milano-Bicocca
- June, 2016** **Cork, Republic of Ireland**
- *National Religious Identities, Democratization and the Issue of Religious Governance in the European Union*
 - Paper presented at the Fifth Annual Conference – Religion and Revolution, organized by The Irish Society for the Academic Study of Religions, University College Cork
- May, 2016** **Beijing, China**
- *Religion and inter-generational values: the emergence of alternative forms of spiritualities in post-socialist families.*
 - Paper presented at the Social Change and Family Developments conference organized by the Institute of Sociology from Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in Cooperation with ISA RCO6
- September, 2015** **Chicago, USA**
- *Social housing at the periphery of European Union: the neo-liberal genealogy of Roma/Gypsy ghettos*
 - Paper presented at the 'Housing in an Unequal World' Conference organised by International Sociological Association, Research Committee 43, University of Illinois, Chicago
- July, 2015** **Zagreb, Croatia**
- *EU enlargement, neo-liberalism and advanced forms of marginality: the construction of a trans-national Roma Diaspora*
 - Paper presented at the 'Utopias, Realities, Heritages. Ethnographies for the 21st century' conference organised by International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF)
- March, 2015** **Helsinki, Finland**
- *The Politics of Non-Belonging: Roma at the margins of European Union*
 - Paper presented at the Mediating Belonging – Re-thinking Social Theory Today Symposium organised by Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies
- July, 2014** **Cluj-Napoca, Romania**

- *Ghetto formation and religious resistance among the Roma*
 - Paper presented at the Remaking The Social. New Risks And Solidarities - 11th Annual Conference of the Romanian Society for Social and Cultural Anthropology (SASC)
- July, 2014** **EASA, Tallin, Estonia**
- *Genealogies of spiritual empowerment: Roma communities facing the neo-liberal ghettoization of poverty*
 - European Association of Social Anthropologists biennial conference: Collaboration, Intimacy & Revolution
- May, 2013** **Helsinki Collegium For Advanced Studies, Helsinki, Finland**
- *Marginality, bio-politics and the neo-liberal disempowerment of Roma: religious conversions to Pentecostalism and emerging narratives of social identity.*
 - Paper presented at the Brown Bag Seminars organized by Helsinki Collegium For Advanced Studies
- June, 2014** **BGHS, Bielefeld, Germany**
- *The post-communist transition and the “Europeanization” of social inequality: the neo-liberal peripheralization of Roma in CEE countries.*
 - 6th Annual Seminar of the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS) - A New 'Social Question' or 'Crisis as Usual'? Historical and Sociological Perspectives on Inequalities
- May, 2014** **JASCA, Tokio, Japan**
- *The post-communist ghetto and underclass formations in Romania: (re)producing marginality and strategies of survival among Roma*
 - The International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences - “The Future with/of Anthropologies”
- March, 2014** **London School of Economics, UK**
- *Advanced forms of marginality and emerging mechanisms of exclusion of Roma communities from Romania*
 - Second Conference of the LSEE Research Network on Social Cohesion “Post-crisis recovery in South Eastern Europe: policy challenges for social and economic inclusion”, 27-28 March 2014
- November, 2013** **Université d Evry, Evry, France**
- *Marginality, bio-politics and the never-ending transition: the neo-liberal disempowerment of Roma in Eastern Europe*
 - Paper presented Central and Eastern Europe: Work, Employment and Societies between Transition and Change organized by Université d Evry, France
- September, 2013** **The University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK**
- *‘Bio-Politics and the Neo-Liberal Exclusion of Roma: Resistance and Community-Building among the Evangelicals from Romania’*
 - Paper presented The Gypsy Lore Society (GLS) Annual International Conference in Romani, Gypsy and Traveller Studies
- May, 2013** **CEU-IAS, Budapest, Hungary**
- *Second Class Citizenship in an EU Country: Marginalized Rroma and the Pentecostal Politics of Identity*
 - Paper presented at Central European University's Institute for Advanced Study
- February, 2013** **Miami University, The Havighurst Center for Russian & Post-Soviet Studies, U.S.A**
- *Secularization within Contemporary Orthodox Cultures: Eastern Christianity facing the Post-Communist Transformations*
 - Paper presented at the 12th Annual International Young Researchers Conference “Orthodox Christianity in Russia and Eastern Europe: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives”
- November, 2012** **Fribourg University, Switzerland**

- *Pluralism and the Secularization of Death: Ethnic and Religious Minorities in post-communist Romania*
 - Paper presented at the “Issues of Cultural Diversity in Eastern Europe” conference organized by Fribourg University
- February, 2012** **Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia**
- *Theories of secularization and the issue of emergent post-communist religious and secular identities*
 - Guest Lecture at Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia
- November, 2011** **New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania**
- *After Atheism: Post-communist Romania and the Issue of Emergent European Secularization*
 - Paper presented at Fellows Seminar as part of 10 months research grant at New Europe College, Bucharest Romania
- September, 2011** **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium**
- *Orthodox Christianity and the Issue of Secularization: European Union and the Expansion towards East*
 - Paper presented at the Orthodox Christian Tradition and the Integration of Europe Conference, Leuven, Belgium organized by The Nijmegen Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Netherlands
- December, 2010** **Cluj-Napoca, Romania**
- *Religious and Secular Meanings of Death among the Lipovenians from Romania.*
 - Paper presented at the Remaking The Social. New Risks And Solidarities - The First International Conference of the Society of Sociologists from Romania
- September, 2010** **Fribourg University, Switzerland**
- *Western religions and new modes of social embodiment in post-communist settings.*
 - Paper presented at the “Does West goes East? The Future of Anthropology of Postsocialist Societies” - Festschrift Conference in honour of Christiano Giordano.
- July, 2010** **Budapest, Hungary**
- *The New Heavenly Citizenship: Gypsiness and the Pentecostal politics of identity.*
 - Paper presented at the “Emerging Social Structures and New Anthropologies” Conference organized by University College London, Central European University, Goldsmiths, University of London, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Babes-Bolyai University. The Conference took place in Budapest, Hungary.
- June, 2010** **Vienna, Austria**
- *Religious education as a counter-secularization strategy in contemporary Romania*
 - Paper presented at the “Modernities Revisited: Boundaries And Representations” Conference organized by the Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria
- May, 2010** **Vienna, Austria**
- *The Europeanisation of Eastern Christianity: Secularisation in Post-Socialist Romania and Bulgaria,*
 - Paper presented at the “Seminar: Faces of Eastern Europe” at the Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria
- June, 2008** **Budapest, Hungary**
- *“It would’ve been better for him not to be born at all”: religious conversion and dying in a post-socialist Lipovenian village*
 - Paper presented at the “Framing Struggles: Critical Approaches To Anthropology And Sociology” Conference organized by Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

- March, 2008** **Halle, Germany**
- *The Politics of After-life: Cemeteries and Dying in a Multi-religious Village from the Danube Delta*
 - Paper presented at the Werkstatt Ethnologie, organized by Max-Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/ Saale, Germany
- Septembrie, 2007** **Iasi, Romania**
- *Religie și strategii identitare la populația de etnie romă*
 - Paper presented at the Simpozionul Internațional Români majoritari / români minoritari: interferențe și coabitări lingvistice, literare și etnologice, Institutul de Filologie Română „A. Philippide”
- July, 2007** **Leipzig, Germany**
- *The institutionalization of confessional education: religious values in the neo-protestant education system*
 - Paper presented at the “Secularity and Religious Vitality” Conference, organized by International Society for the Sociology of Religion, Leipzig Germany
- March, 2007** **Indiana University, Bloomington, USA**
- *“Religion in post-socialist Romania. Europeanizing traditional religious mentalities”*
 - Paper presented at the “Hour of Romania” Conference, organized by Indiana University, Bloomington, USA
- January, 2007** **Fribourg University, Switzerland**
- *“Post-Socialist and Religious Change. Religious Conversion among Roma in Post-socialist Romania”*
 - Paper presented at Fribourg University, Switzerland
- June, 2006** **Bucharest, Romania**
- *“The individualization of religious experience and the erosion of the ecclesial functions in post-socialist Romania”*
 - Paper presented at the Conference “Churches and Politics in 20th Century Romania”, Organized by the Institutul de Cercetari Politice, Bucharest
- December, 2004** **Budapest, Hungary**
- *“Patterns of secularization in Post-socialist Romania”*
 - Paper presented at the Conference “15 Years After”, Budapest, ISORECEA (International Study of Religion in Central and Eastern European Association)

Teaching Activity

From 2009 - present: **Courses:** Mobilisation of Secular and Religious Identities among Roma in post-socialist Romania, Symbolic Anthropology, Socio-Anthropology of Religion, Contemporary Perspectives in Anthropology, Contemporary Social Theories.

From 2006 to 2009: **Seminars:** Methodology of Social Research, Introduction in Sociology, Social Theory, History of modern anthropological thinking, Classical Sociological Theories, Modern Sociological Theories

Organizations

2016 Member of ISA (RC06 and RC43)
(European International Sociological Association)

2015 Member of SIEF
(International Society for Ethnology and Folklore)

- 2014** Member of EASA
(European Association of Social Anthropologists)
- 2014** Member of IUAS
(The International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences)
- 2007** Member of ISSR
(International Society for the Sociology of Religion)
- 2004** Member of ISORECEA
(International Study of Religion in Central and Eastern European Association)

Languages

English writing (advanced), reading (advanced), speaking (advanced),
understanding (advanced)

German writing (advanced), reading (advanced), speaking (advanced),
understanding (advanced)
Deutsches Sprachdiplom, 1998

French writing (beginner), reading (beginner), speaking (beginner), understanding
(beginner)

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

- Sorin Gog și Anca Simionca (Coordonatori) - *Noile subiectivități ale capitalismului global. Spiritualitate, dezvoltare personală și transformări neoliberale în România* Editura Tact și Presa Universitară Clujeană, Cluj-Napoca, 2020
- Emma Bell (Editor), Sorin Gog (Editor), Anca Simionca (Editor), Scott Taylor (Editor) - *Spirituality, Organization and Neoliberalism: Understanding Lived Experiences* <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/spirituality-organization-and-neoliberalism-9781788973298.html>, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020
- Gog, Sorin - *Neo-liberal subjectivities and the emergence of spiritual entrepreneurship: An analysis of spiritual development programs in contemporary Romania*. *Social Compass* (2020): Spring 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0037768619895168>
- Gog, Sorin - *Alternative Forms of Spirituality and the Socialization of a Self-Enhancing Subjectivity: Features of the Post-Secular Religious Space in Contemporary Romania* *Studia UBB Sociologia*, 61, 2, 2016, pp. 97-124
- Gog, Sorin - *Identități religioase naționale, democratizare și problema guvernantei religioase în Uniunea Europeană. [National religious identities, democratization and the problem of religious governance in European Union]* in Boari, V. - *Religie și democrație în Europa la începutul secolului XXI [Religion and democracy in Europe at the beginning of XXI Century]*, Editura Institutul European, Iași, 2018, pp. 81-104
- Gog, Sorin - *The religious Roma Diaspora in the context of neo-liberal European governance: citizenship, social inclusion and political spiritualities*. Working paper, Erste Foundation for Social Research, (forthcoming), 2016
- Gog, Sorin - *After-life Politics and Religious Governmentalisation: A Critique of the Post-Structuralist Theory of Secularisation in Schüler Sonja (Hg.): Exchange, Dialogue, New Divisions? Ethnic Groups and Political Cultures in Eastern Europe. Sammelband. Freiburger Sozialanthropologische Studien, LIT VERLAG Zürich 2016, pp 127-144*
- Gog, Sorin - *Competitiveness and research-oriented teaching in Romanian universities: the neo-liberal transformation of the higher education system*. *Studia UBB Sociologia*, LX, 1, 2015, pp. 23-61
- Gog, Sorin - *The "New Heavenly Citizenship": Gypsiness and the Pentecostal Ethno-politics of Identity in "Does East Go West? Anthropological Pathways Through Postsocialism"*, ed. C. Giordano, F. Ruegg and A. Boscoboinik A., LIT Verlag (Muster, Berlin), 2014, pp., 197-217
- Gog, Sorin - *Atheism, Rational Choice Theory of Religion and the Issue of Emergent Secularization in Post-communist Romania*, *NEC Yearbook*, 2011-2012
- Gog, Sorin (with Herzeliu Claudiu) - *Religia în societatea românească [Religion in the Romanian Society]* in Rotariu Traian și Voineagu Vergil (coord.) *Inertie și schimbare: dimensiuni sociale ale tranziției în România*, Ed. Polirom, 2012, Iași, pp.335-360
- Gog, Sorin (with Roth, Maria) - *Europe: The Roma People of Romania in The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Social Justice (Wiley-Blackwell Companions to Religion)*, Palmer, Michael D. / Burgess, Stanley M., eds., Blackwell Publishing, Oxford: Oxford, UK, 2012, pp. 388-401
- Gog, Sorin - *Governmentalizing ultimate world-views: the issue of atheist and religious education in Romania*, in Lee, Lois (ed.) - *"Modernities*

Revisited: Boundaries And Representations” Volume XIX - IWM, Vienna, 2010

- *Gog, Sorin - Post-socialist religious pluralism: how do religious conversions of Roma fit into the wider landscape? From global to local perspectives in Nouvelles identités rom en Europe centrale & orientale, Transitions Vol. XLVIII-2 - François Ruegg et A. Boscoboinik. Université de Genève, Institut Européen et ULB, Bruxelles, mars 2009, pp 36-57*
- *Gog, Sorin - Cemeteries and Dying in a Multi-religious and Multi-ethnic Village from the Danube Delta, Working Papers in Romanian Minority Studies, ISSN 1844 - 5489, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2008, pp 1-20, 20*
- *Gog, Sorin- Roma áttérések: pünkösdzizmus és az identitás új narratívái, Regio, Budapest, 2008, pp 50-75 { English translation: Religious conversions among Rroma: Pentecostalism and the new narratives of identity}*
- *Gog, Sorin - Aspects of Religious Conversion among Rroma, in Boscoboinik, Andrea - Roma's identities in Southeast Europe, Ethnobarometer, Rome, Italy, 2008, pp 56-72*
- *Gog, Sorin - The institutionalization of confessional education: religious values in the neo-protestant high-schools, Studia Universitatis Babes-Bolyai Sociologia, Issue 2, 2007, pp 77-89*
- *Gog, Sorin - Ateizmus után. Románia a vallási újjászületés és szekularizáció között. Erdélyi Társadalom 2007/1, pp 51-64 {English translation: After Atheism. Romania between religious revival and secularization.}*
- *Gog, Sorin - Religie și strategii identitare la populația de etnie rromă, în Luminita Botosineanu, Elena Danila, Cecilia Holban, Ofelia Ichim (ed.) Români majoritari/români minoritari: interferențe și coabitări lingvistice, literare și etnologice, Iași, Editura Alfa, 2007, pp 761-772 { English translation: Religion and identity strategies among the Roma}*
- *Gog, Sorin - Individualizarea experienței religioase și erodarea funcțiilor eclesiale în România post-socialistă în Studia Politica. Romanian Political Science Review, Editura Nemira, 2007, vol. VII, nr. 3, 2007, pp. 791-801. { English translation: The privatisation of religious experience and the erosion of ecclesial functions in post-socialist Romania}*
- *Gog, Sorin - Raționalizarea sferelor de valori și problema dezvrăjirii lumii la Max Weber, ORMA. Revistă de studii etnologice și istorico-religioase, Nr. 6, 2007, pp. 26 - 54 {English translation: The Rationalization of the Values Spheres and Max Weber's Problem of Disenchantment of the World}*
- *Gog, Sorin - Patterns of religiosity in the Romanian Society, in Revay Edit, Miklos Tomka - Eastern European Religion - Pazmany Tarsadalomtudomány, Budapest Piliscsaba, 2006, pp. 183-202*
- *Gog, Sorin - The construction of the religious space in post-socialist Romania, Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies (ISI journal), Vol. 15, Issue 3, 2006, pp. 37-53.*
- *Gog, Sorin - Morality and Religion in Europe, Studia Universitatis Babes-Bolyai Sociologia, Issue 1, 2006, pp. 110-136*

Editor of journals (special issues):

- Gog, Sorin with Anca Simionca - "Sociological and anthropological perspectives on religion and economy: emerging spiritualities and the new management of work.". *Studia Sociologia*, Vol. 61(2), 2016
- Gog, Sorin with Mălina Voicu and László Fosztó - "Twenty years after the fall of official atheism. The contemporary Romanian Religious Landscape". *Studia Sociologia*, Vol. 54(2), 2009
- Gog, Sorin - *Religion in Contemporary Society. Sociological Approaches, Orma-Review of Ethnological and Historical-Religious Studies, Volume VII*, 2007

Reviews

- *Book review: Apostolatul antisocial. Teologie și neoliberalism în România postcomunistă (The Anti-social Apostolate. Theology and Neoliberalism in Post-communist Romania) by Alexandru Racu, Tact Publishing House, 2017, 275 pages, STUDIA UBB SOCIOLOGIA, 62 (LXII), 2, 2017, pp. 121-127*
- *Is the Albanian's Religion Really "Albanianism"? Religion and Nation According to Muslim and Christian Leaders in Albania Endresen and Verlag, 2013, Anthropology of East Europe Review, 2015, Anthropology of East Europe Review 33(2) Fall 2015 pp. 106-108*
- *Secularism Soviet Style: Teaching Atheism and Religion in a Volga Republic. Luehrmann, Sonja, Indiana University Press, 2011, Anthropology of East Europe Review, 2013, pp. 146-147*