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EDUCATION

Ph.D in Sociology, New School for Social Research, New York, NY **May 2005**

Areas of specialization: political sociology, law and society, comparative politics, democratization, transitional justice, international criminal justice, social theory.

Ph.D. dissertation topic: *Problems of Political Legitimacy and Democratic Consolidation in Post Communism: the Case of Romania in Comparative Perspective.*

Ph.D dissertation committee: Professors Andrew Arato, Jose Casanova, David Plotke, Elzbieta Matynia

Master of Arts, Gender Studies, New School for Social Research, New York, NY
May 1998

Bachelor of Arts, Faculty of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Romania **June 1993**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2011 – present: Associate Professor (with continuing appointment), Department of Criminal Justice (Department of Criminal Justice since Spring 2012), State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

Fall 2005 – Spring 2011: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

Courses taught: Sociology of Law; Political Sociology; Human Rights and Justice; Applied Sociology Seminar; Selected Topics in Criminal Justice (transitional justice); East and Central Europe: from Communism to the European Union (Honors program seminar).

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in peer-reviewed journals:

September/October 2013: “*Recent Restorative Justice Measures in Romania (2006-2010)*”, Problems of Postcommunism, Vol.60, Number 5, pp. 45-57 (in press).

April 2011: “*Rewriting and Remembering Romanian Communism: Some Controversial Issues*”, Nationalities Papers, Vol. 39, Number 3, pp. 205-221.

January 2010: “*Communist Regimes, Legitimacy and the Transition to Democracy in Eastern Europe*”, Nationalities Papers, Vol. 38, Number 1, pp. 3-21.

September 2009: *"Reconstructing the Role of the Working Class in Communist and Postcommunist Romania"*, *International Journal of Politics Culture and Society*, Vol. 22, Number 3, pp. 315-333.

March 2009: *"Criminalizing the Past and Reconstructing Collective Memory: The Romanian Truth Commission"*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol. 61, Number 2, pp. 315-338.

February 2009: *"The End of the Democratic Transition? Analyzing the Quality of Democracy Model in Post-Communism"*, *Comparative Sociology*, Vol. 8, Number 1, pp. 1-38 (reprinted in *Rule of Law and Democracy: Inquiries into Internal and External Issues*, edited by Leonardo Morlino and Gianluigi Palombella, Netherlands: Brill, 2010).

June 2008: *"Teaching History and Building a Democratic Future: Reflections from Post-Communist Romania"*, *Democracy & Education*, Vol. 17, Number 3, pp. 58-62.

December 2007: *"Romania's Travails with Democracy and Accession into the European Union"*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, vol. 59, Number 8, pp. 1429-1450.

April 2005: *"2004 Romanian Elections: A Test for Democratic Consolidation?"* (with Michael Shafir), *RFE/RL East European Perspectives*, Vol. 7, Number 3 (16 pp).

August 2003: *"Problems of Democratic Consolidation in Eastern Europe"*, *RFE/RL East European Perspectives*, Vol. 5, Nos. 16 and 17 (15 pp).

1994: *"Social Genealogy as a Method for Studying Social Mobility"*, *Journal of Romanian Sociology*, no. 5, pp. 519-531.

Encyclopedia articles:

Winter 2012: "Lustration Court (Poland)" and "International Commission for Studying the Holocaust in Romania" in *Encyclopedia of Transitional Justice*, ed. by Nadya Nedelska & Lavinia Stan, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, vol. 3, pp. 277-281 and pp. 366-371.

April 2007: "Civil Society" and "Armenian Genocide" in *Encyclopedia of Activism and Social Justice*, ed. by Gary L. Anderson & Kathryn G. Herr, Sage (pp. 347-350 and pp. 193-194).

Book chapters:

2012: "Romanian Communism: Reconciliation, Lustration, Memory" (with Cristina Petrescu and Dragoș Petrescu) in *School of Memory 2011*, ed. by Traina Călin Uba, Bucharest: Civic Academy Foundation (in Romanian). pp. 509-552.

2011: "Women and International Criminal Justice" (with Mangai Natarajan). Chapter 7 in *International Crime and Justice*, ed. by Mangai Natarajan, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 49-56.

2010: "Commentary on 'Legitimacy, Nation Building and Closure: Meanings and Consequences of the Romanian August of 1968'" in *The Prague Spring and the Warsaw Pact Invasion of Czechoslovakia. Forty Years Later*, ed. by Mark Stolarik, Illinois: Bolchazy-Carducci Publishers, Inc., pp. 261-269.

2010: Interview-essay in *The Incredible Adventure of Democracy after Communism*, ed. by Lavinia Stan & Lucian Turcescu, Iasi: Editura Institutul European (in Romanian), pp. 43-61.

August 2005: "Gender Issues in International Criminal Justice" (with Mangai Natarajan). Chapter 9 in *Introduction to International Criminal Justice*, ed. by Mangai Natarajan, New York: McGraw Hill, 2005, pp. 71-79.

Forthcoming, under review and in progress manuscripts:

"The Challenge of Competing Pasts", in *Post-Communist Transitional Justice: Lessons from 25 Years of Experience*, ed. by Lavinia Stan and Nadya Nedelsky, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (forthcoming in 2014).

"Reconstructing the History of Early Communism and Armed Resistance in Romania" (forthcoming in *Europe-Asia Studies*).

"East and Central Europe," in *Encyclopedia of World Democracy: From Ancient Times to the People's Revolution of the 21st Century*, ed. by James Ciment, New York: M.E. Sharpe (manuscript in progress).

Working papers and book reviews:

Essay-Review: The Reeducation Trials in Communist Romania (1952-1960), by Mircea Stănescu, New York: East European Monographs, Columbia University Press, 2011, 394 pages, in *Society for Romanian Studies Newsletter*, Fall 2012, vol. 35, no. 2, pp.7-8.

Book review: *Forgotten Genocides: Oblivion, Denial and Memory*, ed. by René Lemarchand, Philadelphia: Philadelphia University Press, 2011, 190 pages, for Historical Justice and Memory Network (www.historicaljusticeandmemorynetwork.net).

Book review: *From the Soviet Bloc to the European Union: The Economic and Social Transformation of Central and Eastern Europe since 1973*, by Ivan T. Berend, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009, 299 pages, in *Canadian Journal of History*, spring-summer 2011, pp. 175-177.

Book review: *Seduced by Secrets: Inside the Stasi's Spy-Tech World*, by Kristie Macrakis, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008, 370 pages, in *Canadian Journal of History*, winter 2009, pp. 551-552.

Book review: *Religion and Politics in Post-Communist Romania*, by Lavinia Stan & Lucian Turcescu, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007, 270 pages, in *Canadian Slavonic Papers*, March 2009, Vol. 16, number1, pp. 122-123

Book review: *The System Made Me Do It: Corruption in Post-Communist Societies*, by Rasma Karklins, New York and London: M.E. Sharpe, 2005, 219 pages, in *Saint Antony's International Review*, University of Oxford, February 2007, vol. 2, number 2, pp. 116-117.

Essay-Review: "The Myth Factory" (Review of Peter Siani-Davies, *The Romanian Revolution of December 1989*, Ithaca and London: Cornell University Press, 2005, 315 pages and Tom Gallagher, *Theft of a Nation: Romania since Communism*, Hurst and Company: London, 2005, 428 pages), *Transitions Online*, Prague, Czech Republic, December 2005, 5 pp.

Working paper: "*Legitimacy, Revolution and Consolidation in Eastern Europe*", in *New Perspectives on Foreign and International Conflict*, Fourth Compendium of the City University of New York Dispute Resolution Consortium at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2005, pp. 14-20.

Working paper: "*Obstacles to Democratic Consolidation in Post-Communist Romania after 1989*" (21 pp.), published by Kokkalis Program, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, February 2003 (www.ksg.harvard.edu/kokkalis/GSW5/ciobanu.pdf).

Book review: *Women's Words. The Feminist Practice of Oral History*, London, ed. by Sherna Berger Gluck and Daphne Patai, 1991, *Romanian Sociology*, no. 1/1994, pp. 105-106.

Book review: *Gender Politics and Post-Communism, Reflections from Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union*, ed. by Nanette Funk and Magda Muller, 1993, *Romanian Sociology*, no. 5/1994, pp. 538-540.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

April 2012: Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, "*The Armed Resistance in Communist Romania*".

April 2011: Sixteenth Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, "*Recent Restorative Justice Measure in Romania*".

April 2010: Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, "*Rewriting and Remembering Romanian Communism (2007-2009)*".

November 2008: Annual Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Philadelphia, PA, "*Revisiting the November 1987 Workers' Anti-Communist Revolt in Brasov, Romania*".

April 2008: Conference 1989 and Beyond: the Future of Democracy, New School for Social Research, New York, NY, "*The Politics of Memory and Justice in Post-Communism*".

October 2007: Dream Factory of Communism: Culture, Practices, and the Memory of the Cold War, Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University, Ohio, "*Criminalizing the Past and Re-constructing Collective Memory: the Romanian Truth Commission*".

May 2007 : Tenth International Conference organized by the European Union Studies Association Conference, Montreal, Canada, "*Radical Reforms or Continuity? Political Institutions and European Integration in Romania*".

April 2004: Ninth Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, "*Political Parties and Democratic Legitimacy in Romania: from Polarized Pluralism to Catch All Strategy*".

April 2003: Eight Annual Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, New York, "*Problems of Democratic Consolidation in Eastern Europe: the Case of Romania in Comparative Perspective*".

April 2001: Workshop, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School University, NY, *"Political Legitimacy in Soviet-Type Societies: the Cases of Romania and Hungary"*.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

December 2011: Northeastern Public Radio, WAMC, "Lessons from Romania".

October 2011: Rohatyn Center for International Affairs, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, "Between Amnesia and Memory: Romania after 1989."

July 2011: Invited panelist at the roundtable Memory, Lustration and Reconciliation, School of Memory organized by Sighet Memorial and the International Center for the Study of Communism, Sighet, Romania.

November 2009: West Coast Seminars, Department of Central and East European Studies, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland, "The 1989 Revolutions in East and Central Europe".

October 2009: Invited panelist at the roundtable Romanian Communism Online, organized by the National Archives and the Institute for the Investigation of Crimes of Communism, Bucharest, Romania.

February 2006: guest lecturer at the Center for International Relations and the Center for East European Studies at Pittsburgh University, *"Romania since 1989: Towards a Liberal Democracy?"*.

December 2001: Concluding conference, New Social Science Training, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School for Social Research, NY, *"Democratic Consolidation or One Party Domination? From Democratic Illusions to Democratic Survival in Post-1996 Romania"* (working paper published by TCDS).

November 1996: Workshop, Gender in Transition: Women in Europe, organized by New York University Center for European Studies, NY, *"Women in Post-Communist Romania"*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

August 2012: Participant in the Quebec Summer Seminar, organized by the Center for the Study of Canada at SUNY Plattsburgh (with funding).

Summer 2012: Served as grant evaluator for the Romanian National Council for Scientific Research.

July 2012: Served as moderator and discussant at the Society for Romanian Studies Congress, Sibiu, Romania for the panels: "Democratization and Transitional Justice", "Transitional Justice and the Impact of the Old Elites" and "Memory and Forgetting."

April 2012: Served as a consultant for the Law Office of Mark Schneider in Plattsburgh in a deportation case.

2011: Served as reviewer for the journals Problems of Post-Communism and Europe-Asia Studies.

2010: Served as reviewer for the journals Journal of Ethnicity and Nationalism, Europe-Asia Studies and Women's International Forum.

2009-present: Served on the board of the Society for Romanian Studies (served on the organizing committee of the Society for Romanian Studies Congress, July 2012 in Sibiu, Romania).

2009: Served as reviewer for the journals Sociology Quarterly and Europe-Asia Studies.

2009: Served as reviewer for the Czech National Science Foundation.

2008: Served as reviewer for the journals Open Political Science Review, Canadian Slavonic Papers and Sociology Quarterly.

October 2008: Served as discussant at the conference "The 'Prague Spring' and the Warsaw Pact Invasion of Czechoslovakia, 1968", University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada.

September 2008: Served as reviewer for McGraw Hill (textbook on political sociology).

August 2007: Served as reviewer for Mellen Press.

Spring and Fall 2006: Reviewer for the journals East European Politics and Societies and Nationalities Papers.

June 2004: Invited panelist at the conference "Romania and Bulgaria at a Critical Juncture", Washington DC, organized by US Department of State and Central Intelligence Agency.

September 2001-May 2003: Program Associate, Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School for Social Research, New York.

July-August 2001: Participant in the Summer Institute "Democracy and Diversity", Krakow, Poland, organized by Transregional Center for Democratic Studies, New School for Social Research, New York (with funding).

July 1999: Participant in the Summer school "The New Private Spheres in Eastern Europe", Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (with funding).

AWARDS/GRANTS

Spring/Summer 2013: Recipient of Redcay Research Award for conducting field research in Romania on the topic of historical memory (\$5,000).

Summer 2011: Recipient of International Researches & Exchanges Board (IREX) short-term travel grant to conduct field work in Romania funded through Title VIII by the US Department of State (\$8,200).

Fall 2009: Recipient of the Dr. Nuala Mc.Gann Affirmative Action/ Diversity Leave Program.

November 2009: Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Glasgow, Department of Central and East European Studies.

Fall 2007: Fellow in residence at the Center for the Study of Ethics in Public Life, SUNY Plattsburgh.

Summer 2007: Presidential Research Award from SUNY Plattsburgh for conducting field research in Romania towards the completion of a research project on *Memory and Justice in Post-Communist Romania* (\$1,500).