

## **Statement regarding the candidature for Regional Representative of ESEH for Romania**

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Environmental history is an underdeveloped research area in Romania. Nevertheless, there seems to be a recent growth of interest in environmental studies in general in all Eastern Europe, Romania included.

I am a sociologist by training (with an anthropological twist) and I have been working on social history, political anthropology, nationalism, and history of science. The special characteristic of Romania, as an underdeveloped research and teaching area for environmental history, makes it particularly interesting for me, as I can orient myself better in and around these topics and, in the same time, help this area of research gain a firmer footing inside my country.

Some years ago I began interested in the ethnography and history of nature protected area in general and in Eastern Europe in special. I see these areas as historical knots of economic, political, cultural, and social fluxes and tensions that seem to coalesce lately on new politics of boundary drawing between nature and society/history. This is the context that made me more and more interested in environmental history.

I am part of the Sociology Department of the Faculty of Sociology from the University of Bucharest and I am coordinating the Master of Anthropology and Regional Development of the same Department. I plan to develop a research and teaching package on environmental history in this institutional setting.

I also plan to develop some inter-institutional and interdisciplinary links with the Romanian Academy Institute of Anthropology – where there is interest in environmental history – and to similar history and geography institutes. Even if marginal, for the moment, there is some kind of apprehension of the importance of bringing together history, social sciences, and environmental studies that might benefit from forging new connections and research areas.

In the last couple of years I have been coordinating student research teams from the Sociology Department on social and “nature” related topics, especially from nature protected areas but also involving urban nature, ornithological investigations etc.

Taking all these into consideration I think that as a Regional Representative of ESEH in Romania I would push towards a better informed and larger interest in this research and policy area and attempt to bring some institutionalization of this field.

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ***Education:***

Ph.D. in Philosophy/Anthropology (University of Bucharest)

Graduated in Sociology - University of Bucharest

Graduated in Medical Sciences – University “Iuliu Hatieganu”, Cluj Napoca

### ***Postdoctoral studies/ Fellowships:***

2017-19 New Europe College/ Center for Advanced Studies Sofia fellow in the ‘How to Teach Europe’ project.

2015-16 EURIAS fellow at Central European University – Institute for Advanced Study

2012 Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, Woodrow Wilson Institute, Washington, DC.

**2011** Modern European History Research Center, Faculty of History, Oxford University

**2008-9** Fellow of *Wissenschaft Kolleg zu Berlin*

**2006-7** Fellow of *New Europe College*, Bucharest

**2005-6** Junior Fellow at *Centre for Advanced Studies*, Sofia and *Collegium Budapest*

**2004** Fellow at Freiburg University, Institute d’Ethnologie, Switzerland.

### ***Professional experience:***

Lecturer at the University of Bucharest, Department of Sociology, 2003-2012

Assistant Professor at the University of Bucharest, Department of Sociology, since 2012

Honorary Research Fellow at University College London, Department of Anthropology, 2007-2009

Professor at the University of Bucharest, Department of Sociology, since 2015.

### ***Courses taught:***

(at the University of Bucharest, Department of Sociology)

Social History

Political Anthropology

Social Theory

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New Identities and The Production of the Local

### ***Selected bibliography/ Publications:***

#### *Books:*

Economie sociala, bunuri si proprietati comune in Romania [Social Economy and Commons in Romania] (with Oana Mateescu), Iasi: Polirom, 2013.

Introducere in antropologia politica [Introduction to Political Anthropology], Iasi: Polirom, 2009.

Primordialism cultural și geopolitică românească [Cultural Primordialism and Romanian Geopolitics], Bucharest: Mica Valahie Publishing House, 2007.

#### *Chapters in books:*

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#### *Studies and articles in academic journals:*

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“The Politics of Ethnography: Figures of Csangoness in *fin-de-siècle* and Twentieth Century Hungary and Romania”, *History and Anthropology*, 2013

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“Neoliberalism: A Foucauldian Perspective” , *International Review of Social Research*, (1)2, pp. 109-124, 2011.

“Jottings on the History of Romanian Sociology”, *Sociologia*, 1, 2011.

„The Anthropology of a Hard to Count Population. The Case of Moldavian Csangos” , *The Romanian Journal of Sociology*, No 1-2, pp. 55-65, 2010.

“Marxism si nationalism. O Noua intalnire ratata” [Marxism and Nationalism: A New Failed Encounter] in *Revista Romana de Sociologie*, nr 1-2, 2010.

“The imagining of National Spaces in Interwar Romania”, *Nationalities Affairs*, 32/2008.

“Closures and Museums”, *MARTOR. The Museum of the Romanian Peasant Anthropology Review*, 11/ 2006.

“Originea și vindecarea bolilor” [The Origin and Healing of Illnesses] (with Carmen Mocean), *Gândire, cultură și societate*, 2(1), 1997, pp. 75-82.