

## Europass curriculum vitae

### Personal information

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### Work experience

Dates November 2007 – present

Occupation or position held Senior Researcher (C.S. I.)

Main activities and responsibilities Drafting research proposals, directing and carrying out data collection, writing research reports and articles. Consultation with stakeholders.

Name and address of employer Institutul pentru Studierea Problemelor Minorităților Naționale / Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities  
str. Gavril Muzicescu 5 , Cluj-Napoca 400697., Romania

Type of business or sector Academia, Research sector, Social research

Dates February 2003 – February 2006

Occupation or position held PhD Researcher

Main activities and responsibilities Carrying out fieldwork, gathering data, data analysis, writing the PhD thesis.

Name and address of employer Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology  
Advokatenweg 36, 06114 Halle/Saale, Germany

Type of business or sector Academia, Social Research

Dates October 2000 – July 2002

Occupation or position held Local Faculty Fellow

Main activities and responsibilities Teaching at the Babeş-Bolyai University, tutorial activities with students

Name and address of employer Civic Education Project,  
3557 N. 36th St., Arlington, VA 22207, USA

Type of business or sector Academia, Higher education

## Recent Projects

Dates	April 2013 – Sept 2017 ( <i>finalised</i> )
Title of the project	<b>MigRom</b> , The immigration of Romanian Roma to Western Europe: Causes, effects, and future engagement strategies <a href="http://romani.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/migrom/">http://romani.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/migrom/</a>
Position held	Coordinator of the Romanian Team
Main activities and responsibilities	Coordinating the work of the Romanian team members, participates in consultative meetings with other team coordinators and the annual Consortium Meeting. Carries out research activities, writes reports and scientific publications, and participates in the dissemination and valorisation of the research results.
Institutions involved	University of Manchester (Lead partner), Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, University of Verona, University of Granada, Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, European Roma and Traveller Forum, Manchester City Council
Funding	Funded by the European Commission FP7 scheme. Grant agreement no: 319901.
Type of business or sector	Academia, Research sector, Social research
Dates	November 2014 – October 2017 ( <i>finalised</i> )
Title of the project	<b>SocioRoMap</b> , Socio-graphic mapping of the Roma Communities in Romania for a community-level monitoring of changes with regard to Roma integration <a href="http://www.ispmn.gov.ro/eng/page/socioromap">http://www.ispmn.gov.ro/eng/page/socioromap</a>
Position held	Coordinator of the Community Studies
Main activities and responsibilities	Coordinating the work of 25 researchers who will carry out qualitative fieldwork in 25 selected localities all over Romania. Participates in project meetings and collaborates with the other research components (surveys, crowdsourcing, GIS mapping) and disseminates the results.
Institutions involved	The Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities (project promoter), the Foundation for an Open Society, and the Research Center on inter-ethnic Relations
Funding	Funded by the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 in the framework of "Poverty Alleviation in Romania" (RO25).
Type of business or sector	Academia, Research sector, Social research, Bridging Policy and Academia
Dates	June 2011 – May 2015 ( <i>finalised</i> )
Title of the project	<b>European Academic Network on Romani Studies</b> , <a href="http://romanistudies.eu/">http://romanistudies.eu/</a>
Position held	Network Secretary, continuing the work as a volunteer
Main activities and responsibilities	Coordinating the activities of the Network, facilitating the recruitment of Network members, elaborating reports and call for applications (early career grants, grants for supporting Roma in academia, support for events bridging the gap between academia and policy making). Managing and moderating the communication platforms of the Network (website, email discussion list, Facebook page). Facilitating the communication of academic community and political stakeholders (national and European levels).
Institutions involved	Council of Europe / European Commission
Funding	Joint Project funded by the Council of Europe and European Commission.
Type of business or sector	Academia, Research sector, Social research, Bridging Policy and Academia

## Education and training

Dates	September 2004 - July 2007
Title of qualification awarded	PhD in Social Anthropology / Ethnology (2010 – following publishing the monograph ‘Ritual Revitalisation after Socialism’ see publications below)
Name and type of organisation	Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg / Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
Title of thesis / Supervisor(s)	Born again in postsocialist Romania: Ritual, personhood, and conversion among the Roma in a Transylvanian village / Professor Christopher Hann, Professor Richard Rottenburg
Dates	November 2001 - October 2009
Title of qualification awarded	PhD (doctorate) in Philology
Name and type of organisation	Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Title of thesis / Supervisor(s)	The role of linguistic and cultural factors in the political movement among the Roma / Professor János Péntek
Dates	September 1999 – July 2000
Title of qualification awarded	MA in Nationalism Studies
Name and type of organisation	Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
Title of thesis / Supervisor(s)	The international Romany movement in the 90s / Professor Michael Stewart, Professor Mária Kovács
Dates	September 1992 – July 1996
Title of qualification awarded	BA in Hungarian Language and Literature – Ethnology
Name and type of organisation	Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
Title of thesis / Supervisor(s)	The process of formalisation within ethnic relations: A Roma –Hungarian case study / Professor Ferenc Pozsony

### Other relevant education:

Dates	October 2010 – March 2013
Title of qualification awarded	<i>Postdoctoral Studies in the Domain of Ethics for Health Policies</i> –Fellowship Certificate
Name and type of organisation	Medical and Pharmaceutical University of Iași “Gr. Popa”, Romania, course co-funded by the European Social Funds (POSDRU/89/1.5/S/61879)
Project Director	Professor Vasile Astărăstoie
Dates	December 2011
Title of qualification awarded	Training in project management – Course Certificate
Name and type of organisation	Medical and Pharmaceutical University of Iași “Gr. Popa”
Dates	20 June–1 July 2011
Title of qualification awarded	<i>CARIM East – VII Summer School on International Migration: Challenges and Opportunities for EU and its Neighbourhood</i> – Course Certificate
Name and type of organisation	Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
Institute Director	Professor Philippe Fargues
Dates	July 1999
Title of qualification awarded	<i>“The Plight of the Gypsies”</i> – Course Certificate
Name and type of organisation	Central European University, SUN, Budapest, Hungary, Hungary
Course director	Professor Michael Stewart

**Personal skills and competences**

Mother tongue(s)

**Hungarian**

Other language(s)

*Self-assessment*

*European level (\*)*

**Romanian**

**English**

**Romani**

**German**

Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
(C2) Proficient user	(C2) Proficient user	(C1) Proficient user	(C1) Proficient user	(C2) Proficient user
(C2) Proficient user	(C2) Proficient user	(C2) Proficient user	(C2) Proficient user	(C2) Proficient user
(B2) Independent user	(B1) Independent user	(B1) Independent user	(B1) Independent user	(A2) Basic user
(B1) Independent use	(B1) Independent use	(A1) Basic user	(A1) Basic user	(A1) Basic user

(\*) *Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) level*

Social skills and competences

- good communication skills acquired during work with different peoples and under difficult conditions
- strong competence to communicate in multilingual contexts
- ability to observe, interpret and describe social interaction and the environment

Technical skills and competences

- experience in handling video and photo camera and audiovisual equipment

Computer skills and competences

- good command of Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- experience with scientific (Atlas TI) and bibliographic software (EndNote, Mendeley)
- ability to work with statistical software (SPSS)
- ability to manage websites, including social media platforms

**Other professional activities**

Membership in professional associations

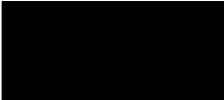
EANRS – European Academic Network on Romani Studies, Network Secretary since 2011  
 GLS – Gypsy Lore Society, member of the Board of Directors since 2014  
 SSR – Society of Sociologists from Romania (joined in 2009, in 2010 elected chair for the Section on Ethnicity and Minorities)  
 EASA – European Association of Social Anthropologists (since 2008)  
 MNT – Hungarian Association of Ethnographers  
 SACR – Romanian Society for Cultural Anthropology (since 2000)  
 MAKAT –Hungarian Society for Cultural Anthropology (since 1999)  
 KJNT –"Krizsa János" Ethnographical Association (since 1996)

Referee for academic journals

Romani Studies; Ethnic and Racial Studies; American Ethnologist; History and Anthropology; Ethnicities; Social Identity; Journal of Contemporary Religion; Social Compass; Contemporary Politics; COMPASSO - Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology; Revista Romana de Bioetica; and some others

**Annex:**

Publications



Publications:

**Books authored:**

- 2009 *Ritual Revitalisation after Socialism: Community, Personhood, and Conversion among the Roma in a Transylvanian Village*, Halle Studies in the Anthropology of Eurasia, Volume 21. Münster: LIT Verlag, 2009
- 2009 *Colecție de studii despre romii din România*, Editura Institutului pentru Studierea Problemelor Minorităților Naționale – Editura Kriterion, Cluj-Napoca 2009.

**Edited volumes:**

- 2011 Toma Stefánia – Fosztó László (eds.) *Spectrum. Studii sociale despre romii*. Editura Institutului pentru Studierea Problemelor Minorităților Naționale – Editura Kriterion, Cluj-Napoca, 2011.
- 2009 Kiss Tamás – Fleck Gábor – Fosztó László (coeditori) *Comunități fragmentate. Studii de caz asupra romilor din România*, Editura Institutului pentru Studierea Problemelor Minorităților Naționale – Editura Kriterion, Cluj-Napoca 2009.

**Book chapters:**

- 2022 *Beyond Blue Eyes? Xenophobia on the Eastern Margins of the European Union*, In *Anthropology of Transformation. From Europe to Asia and Back*, Edited by Juraj Buzalka and Agnieszka Pasieka, pp. 155–178, Open Book Publishers, Cambridge, UK, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.11647/OBP.0282.07>
- 2020 *Encyclopedia Entry: Romania (Pentecostalism)*, Brill's Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism Online, Leiden and Boston. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/2589-3807\\_EGPO\\_COM\\_033790](http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/2589-3807_EGPO_COM_033790)
- 2018 *Romanian Roma at home: mobility patterns, migration experiences, networks, and remittances* (co-authors Stefánia TOMA and Cătălina TESĂR) chapter in *Open Borders, Unlocked Cultures. Romanian Roma Migrants in Western Europe*, Edited by Yaron Matras, Daniele Viktor Leggio, London: Routledge. p. 57-82.
- 2018 *Encounters at the Margins: activism and research in Romani studies in postsocialist Romania*, In *Roma Activism: Reimagining Power and Knowledge*, Edited by Sam Beck, Ana Ivasiuc, Oxford; New York: Berghahn Books 2018. p. 65-87.
- 2008 *Taking the oath: Religious aspects of moral personhood among the Romungre* in Jacobs, Fabian / Ries, Johannes (eds.) *Roma/Zigeunerulturen in neuen Perspektiven // Roma/Gypsy Cultures in new perspectives*. Veröffentlichungen des Instituts für Ethnologie der Universität Leipzig/ Reihe: Tsiganologie – Band 1, Leipzig: Leipziger Universitätsverlag. 119-133 pp.
- 2007 *Beszéd és moralitás: az eskü egy kalotaszegi magyar cigány közösségben*. In: S. Ilyés and F. Pozsony (eds.). *Lokalítások, határok, találkozások. Tanulmányok erdélyi cigány közösségekről*. Kriza János Néprajzi Társaság Évkönyve 15. Kolozsvár: Kriza János Néprajzi Társaság, pp. 81–95.
- 2006 *Mono-ethnic Churches, the “Undertaker Parish”, and Rural Civility in Postsocialist Romania*. In: C. Hann and the “Civil Religion” Group (eds.). *The*

Postsocialist Religious Question: faith and power in Central Asia and East-Central Europe. *Halle Studies in the Anthropology of Eurasia* 11. Münster: LIT, pp. 269–292.

- 2003 Szorongás és megbélyegzés: a cigány-magyar kapcsolat gazdasági, demográfiai és szociokulturális dimenziói, In Bakó Boglárka (ed.), *Lokális világok. Együttélés a Kárpát-medencében*, MTA Társadalomkutató Központ, Budapest, p. 83-107. <http://adatbank.transindex.ro/vendeg/htmlk/pdf4607.pdf>
- 2002 Van-e cigány nemzettudat?, In Fedinec Csilla (ed.) *Társadalmi önismeret és nemzeti önazonosság Közép-Európában.*, Teleki László Alapítvány, Budapest p.207-224, <http://adatbank.transindex.ro/vendeg/htmlk/pdf4608.pdf>
- 2001 Romania: Representations, Public Policies and Political Projects (with Marian-Viorel Anastasoae), In Guy, Will (ed.) *Between past and future. the Roma of Central and Eastern Europe*, University of Hertfordshire Press, p. 351-369., <http://foszto.adatbank.transindex.ro/belso.php?k=59&p=4609>
- 1999 Csíksomlyó és Barát, In Pozsony Ferenc (ed.) *Csángósors. Moldvai csángók a változó időkben*, Teleki László Alapítvány, p. 103-111.
- 1998 Cigány - magyar egymás mellett élés Székelyszáldoboson, In Bari Károly (ed.) *Tanulmányok a cigányságról és hagyományos kultúrájáról*, Petőfi Sándor Művelődési Központ, Gödöllő, 1998, p. 91-110.
- 1997 Nyomtatott folklór. Mass média és népi kultúra, *Antropológiai Műhely* 1997/3-4, p. 75-84; reedited in Keszeg Vilmos (ed.) *Kriza János Néprajzi Társaság Évkönyve*, Vol. 7, 1999, p. 300-309.
- 1996 Interetnikus kapcsolat Székelyszáldoboson. Cigány - magyar egymás mellett élés, In *ACTA 1996* (Anuarul Muzeului Național Secuiesc); <http://www.mek.iif.hu/porta/szint/tarsad/muzeum/acta96/html/cikkek/hu/foszto.htm>

### Studies:

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- 2018 “Returnees and Their Neighbours: Migration of the Romanian Roma, Networks, Social Distance, and Local Development. (co-author Stefánia Toma)” *Review of Sociology* 24(4): 37–60.
- 2018 “Was there a ‘Gypsy Problem’ in Socialist Romania? From Suppressing ‘Nationalism’ to Recognition of a National Minority”, *Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai Sociologia*, vol. (63): 2, December 2018, pp. 117-140. DOI: 10.2478/subbs-2018-0014.
- 2018 “Roma within Obstructing and Transformative Spaces: Migration Process and Social Distance in Ethnically Mixed Localities in Romania.” (co-author Stefánia TOMA) *Intersections. East European Journal of Society and Politics* 4 (3): 57-80. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.17356/ieejsp.v4i3.396>
- 2013 Pentecostalism in Romania. The impact of Pentecostal Communities on the Life-style of the Members (co-author Dénes KISS). *La ricerca folklorica*. 65

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- 2010 Mobilising "culture" and "religion": Ritual practices and social relations among two minority groups in rural Transylvania, *Sociologie Românească* 01/2010, p. 132–145.
- 2009 De la practici de integrare la o filozofie a integrării romilor, *Sfera Politicii* 138, vol 27 issue 8. (August 2009), p. 69-73.
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- 2008 Bibliografie cu studiile și reprezentările despre romii din România – cu accentul pe perioada 1990–2007. WORKING PAPERS IN ROMANIAN MINORITY STUDIES Nr. 3,
- 2007 The Revitalization of Diverging Rituals: the case of Roma and Gadge in a Transylvanian village. *The Anthropology of East Europe Review* 25 (2): 121–131.
- 2007 A megtérés kommunikációja: gondolatok a vallási változsról pünkösdzimusra tért romák kapcsán. *Erdélyi Társadalom* 5 (1): 23– 49.
- 2007 Királyok, papok, újságírók és az angol baronó: romániai romák a poszt szocialista nyilvánosságban. *Regio* 18 (1): 25–50.
- 2005 Nina Glick Schiller, Boris Nieswand, Günther Schlee, Tsypylma Darieva, Lale Yalcin-Heckmann and László Foszto: "Pathways of Migrant Incorporation in Germany", TRANSIT: Vol. 1: No. 1, 2005, Article 50911.  
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- 2003 Diaspora and Nationalism: an Anthropological Approach to the International Romani Movement, *Regio* (English Issue), p. 102-120,  
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- 2003 The Tyrant, the Terrorists and Disruptive Elements: Aliens in the Romanian Revolution of December 1989. In Viorel Anăstăsoaie, Csilla Könczei, Enikő. Magyari-Vincze, and Ovidiu Pecican (eds.) *Breaking the Wall. Representing Anthropology and Anthropological Representations in Post-Communist Eastern Europe.*, p. 71-84. Cultural Analysis Series 6. Cluj-Napoca: EFES p. 71-84.
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- 1995 Egy alkalmi együttműködés elemzése, a blattolás példáján, *Antropológiai Műhely* 8. (reedited in *Korunk* 1995/8. p. 84-90);
- 1995 Mindennapi néprajz, *Kellék*, 1995/2. p. 37-39;  
<http://kellek.adatbank.transindex.ro/pdf/2/008Foszto.pdf>

1994 Az eltűnt társadalmi osztály emléke, Korunk 1994/9.

#### **Research reports:**

2015 Extended Survey Report, MigRom Project Consortium Meeting, Verona  
[http://migrom.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Yr2report\\_Cluj.pdf](http://migrom.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Yr2report_Cluj.pdf)

2014 Pilot Survey Report, MigRom Project Consortium Meeting, Cluj  
<http://migrom.humanities.manchester.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Cluj-Project-report-1.pdf>

2010 Department II Report: The Halle Focus Group 2003-2010 - Religion, Identity, Postsocialism  
[http://www.eth.mpg.de/cms/en/publications/reports/d2\\_report\\_religion.html](http://www.eth.mpg.de/cms/en/publications/reports/d2_report_religion.html)

2005 Charismatic Christianity among the Roma in Romania [Research Report], *Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Report 2004-2005*, pp.166-167, <http://adatbank.transindex.ro/vendeg/htmlk/pdf5617.pdf>

#### **Reviews:**

2006 Svinia in Black & White: Slovak Roma and their Neighbours. de David Z. Scheffel. Peterborough, Ontario: Broadview Press, 2005, *International Issues & Slovak Foreign Policy Affairs vol XV, nr. 3-4/2006*, p. 113-115  
<http://foszto.adatbank.transindex.ro/belso.php?k=59&p=5620>

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<http://adatbank.transindex.ro/vendeg/htmlk/pdf4610.pdf>

2000 Civil társadalom. Egy antropológiai perspektíva, *Közpolitika* 2000/2. p. 22-23.

1997 Fiatal Néprajzkutatók V. Országos Konferenciája: Egészség - Betegség - Kultúra (conference), *A Kriza János Néprajzi Társaság Értesítője* 1997/3-4.

1996 Helyzet Könyvek, *A Kriza János Néprajzi Társaság Értesítője* 1996/3-4.

#### **Other publications:**

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<http://adatbank.transindex.ro/vendeg/htmlk/pdf5618.pdf>

2005 *Conversions to Pentecostalism among the Roma in Romania*, presentation at the conference: „*Religious Conversion after Socialism*” Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germania (April 7-9 2005),  
<http://adatbank.transindex.ro/vendeg/htmlk/pdf5619.pdf>

#### **Public lecture Online:**

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