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- **Professor** in Sociology at BBU, Romania.
- Member of the **Advisory group of the Pool of European Youth Researchers** of the EU-CoE Youth Partnership (2020-2025)
- Member of the **European Commission Expert Group on Quality Investment in Education and Training** (2021-2022)
- One of the two researchers contracted to support the **EU Youth Dialogue** as part of the German and the Portuguese EU Council Presidency (2020-2021).
- **Evaluator** of proposals/ tenders for: Horizon 2020 (evaluator, Vice Chair and monitoring), CoVE (evaluator, rapporteur and Vice Chair); Marie Curie, Erasmus+, EIT HEI Initiative, European Solidarity Corps (evaluator and Quality Checker), COST, European Science Foundation, the New European Bauhaus Prizes, DG-GROW etc and consultancy work on behalf of EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership, EACEA, DG-EMPL, DG-GROW, SALTO-YOUTH, USAid, UNIFEM etc.
- **Editorial board member:** *Journal of Youth Studies* (Q2; IF: 2.58)

Interests in the area of Youth Studies, civic participation, work and entrepreneurship. Author of Precurity and Vocational Education and Training. Craftsmanship and Employability in Romania (Palgrave, 2019). Research and evaluation work entailing over 600 interviews and surveys including more than 1000 respondents: young people, employers and policy stakeholders at different levels. Director of 3 research projects, with experience in:

- complex qualitative research design & analysis;
- large-scale qualitative surveys;
- evidence-based literature reviews;
- expert-interviewing;
- use of youth-friendly participatory methods (online & offline);
- research presentation to different audiences;
- evaluation of proposals submitted under various EU programmes.

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Sociology** (2004-2008). (Habilitated in 2016)  
BBU Cluj Napoca, Romania. Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

**MSc in Evidence Based Social Interventions** (2006-2007)  
Department of Social Policy and Intervention, Merton College, University of Oxford.

**MA with Merit in Gender and Culture** (2001-2002)  
Department of Gender Studies, Central European University

**BA in Education Sciences and Letters (1996-2000)**  
Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, BBU Cluj Napoca, Romania.

## EMPLOYMENT

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**2021 - Professor** at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, BBU (Romania)  
MA courses: Evaluation of public policy and Advocacy; Citizens' participation and volunteering; Research ethics and academic integrity.  
BA course: School counselling and social work;  
PhD supervision.

**2017 – 2021: Associate Professor** at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, BBU (Romania)

**2012-2017: Lecturer**  
Graduate courses: Computer-Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis, Child Labor.  
Undergraduate courses: School Social Work.  
Graduate and undergraduate thesis supervision, tutorials.

**2007-2012: Teaching Assistant**  
Undergraduate courses: Qualitative research methods (in English), Sociology of Education, School counselling, Introduction to Social Work, Academic writing.  
Scientific secretary of the Social Work Department (2007-09)

## RESEARCH

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**2024- present: COST Action CA23112 - Critical perspectives on career and career guidance (COCAG)**  
member

**2022-2024: Romanian Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research Development and Innovation,**  
PN-III-P4-PCE-2021-0366  
Project: Opportunities and constraints for career development of non-STEM graduates: A mixed method approach  
Project Director.

**2018-2020: Romanian Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research Development and Innovation, Projects for Young Research Teams (PN-III-DCD-RU-TE-2016-1)**  
Project: 'University-to-work transition. A qualitative inquiry on overqualification among Romanian youth'  
Project Director.

**2015-2017: Romanian Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research Development and Innovation, Projects for Young Research Teams (PN-II-RU-TE-2014-4-0011)**

Project: 'A youth-centered analysis of the changes in the nature and meaning of work'

Topic: sociological research on Vocational education and training (VET)

Project Director.

2013-2014: **BBU**, Individual Research Grant 34030/2013: *Social Enterprises: opportunities and risk factors*

**2010/ 2011: Local Government and Public Sector Service Initiative (OSI/ Budapest)**

Fellowship to undertake research on Reintegration Initiatives for Returning Roma Migrants

2007/ 2008: **Center for Advanced Study, Sofia**. Fellowship: Shaken Order: Authority and Social Trust

2006/ 2007: **Open Society Institute (OSI)**, *International Policy Fellowship*.

2004/ 2005: **Open Society Institute Europe, Higher Education Support Programme**, *Returning Scholar Fellowship*

2003/ 2004: **Civic Education Project**, *Local Faculty Fellowship for teaching at BBU, Romania*.

## **POLICY WORK**

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**2024: EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership**

Reviewing the content of a MOOC on youth research

**2024: EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership**

Elaborate the Quality writing guidelines for the publications of the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership (to be applied by the members of the Pool of European Youth Researchers and the European Knowledge Center Youth correspondents)

2023: **EUROFOUND**: write a policy review of the impact of the Reinforced Youth Guarantee

**2021-2022: member of the European Commission Expert Group on Quality Investment in Education and Training**

Assist the Commission in relation to the implementation of existing Union legislation, programmes and policies. (16 online meetings and several preparatory workshops)

Drafting the Report: [Investing in our future. Quality investment in education and training](#) together with 14 members of the EC Expert Group.

2021: EACEA: Evaluation of Youth Wiki National Descriptions (chapters: Youth work and *Youth and the world*)

**2020-2021: support the EU Youth Dialogue as part of the German and the Portuguese EU Council Presidency**

Since 2021: **Pool of European Youth Researchers of the EU-CoE youth partnership**, Advisory Group member

2021: **EU-Council of Europe youth partnership**: writing of conceptual notes on three topics to be addressed in a European statistical study, targeting a large sample of young people from Council of Europe members States.

**2020-2021: Council of Europe, Youth Department**

Review of literature and policy documents on young people's access to rights, including removing legal, administrative and practical obstacles to the right of young people to assemble peacefully and to freely form, join and be active in associations and trade unions (Article I.2. of the CM/Rec (2016)7)

2010-2020: **EU-CoE youth partnership, Strasbourg**, Member of the Pool of European Youth Researchers.

**2018- continuous: European Science Foundation (ESF)**

Member of ESF College of Expert Reviewers

- Provide scientific assessments and evaluations of proposals.

**2018 – 2021: European Training Foundation (ETF)**

Member of the editorial board

- Suggest potential themes for ETF publications and other communication products;
- Support ETF authors in developing and writing publications and other communication products
- Attend plenary meetings of the board to discuss ETF editorial and publication policy and plans.

2017: **Horizon 2020 EXCEPT project** (EXCEPT- Social Exclusion of Youth in Europe: Cumulative Disadvantage, Coping Strategies, Effective Policies and Transfer), coord. Tallinn University (prof. Marge Unt)  
Research expert to write the National Report for Romania (qualitative evaluation of youth employment policies)

2017-2018: **SALTO-Participation**

Evaluation of the impact of the Project 'Towards Collaborative Practice'

2015-2016: **The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)**

Expert to write a Guide for Contents to Chapter 1 of Youth Wiki (*Overview of Youth Policies*) and Chapter 2 (*Youth Volunteering*).

2015-2016: **Ecorys and PPMI (on behalf of DG EMPL)**

Consultant (provision of analytical support) for the analysis of the first results of the implementation of the 2014 2020 Operational Programmes supported by the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and related YEI and ESF youth employment actions in the Member States in 2015 and 2016 - VT/2015/022"

2015: **The Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services, Kent, UK (on behalf of EACEA)**

Independent expert for a study on the contribution of sport to regional development through the Structural Funds

2015: **The Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services, Kent, UK (on behalf of DG-ENTR)**

Country expert for the Study 'Mapping and performance check of the supply side of tourism education and training'

2013 – 2014 **The European Youth Forum**

Consultant for the creation of database of legislations and a narrative report on the national legislations related to young people, youth organizations and youth work

2013 – 2014 **European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy, Strasbourg**

Contracted expert for the preparation of a summary report of the EKCYC information templates on *Social Inclusion of Young People*.

2013 - **European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy, Strasbourg**

Contracted expert for the preparation of a EKCYC policy sheet on *Youth entrepreneurship*

2013 – **University of York and University of Salford (on behalf of FRA)**

Project: Mutual Action Targeting Racism, Intolerance and Xenophobia toward Roma  
Research consultant for Romania

2013 – **European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy (EKCYC), Strasbourg**

Expert on youth work and youth policy drafting a questionnaire on the topic *Social Inclusion* to be completed annually by national correspondents from 47 CoE member countries, as well as guidelines related to this for the section 'country information' of the EKCYC

2012- **The Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services, Kent, UK (on behalf of DG MARKT).**

Country expert for the Study on updating and clarifying the list of activities in Annex IV to the Professional Qualifications Directive 2005/36/EC.  
Interviews and case studies: Romania and Belgium.

2012 – 2013 **American Institutes for Research, Washington DC.**

Member of Advisory Board of Researchers for 3ie Systematic Review (on behalf of USAid).  
Provision of analytical support in cooperation with a team of researchers from American Institutes for Research, Yale University and Campbell Collaboration.

Title of Review: *Effectiveness of parental, familial and community support for student learning outcomes in developing countries.*

2012 – **EU-CoE youth partnership, Strasbourg**

Consultant to map the competences needed by youth workers to support young people in international learning mobility projects

2012 – **Directorate General - Education and Culture - European Commission**

Consultant to write a comparative review of National Youth Reports on Voluntary Activities submitted by Member States on the implementation of the first work cycle of the EU Youth Strategy 2010-2012.

2011: **The European Youth Foundation, Strasbourg**

Contracted evaluator of the Pilot Project Programme of the European Youth Foundation, with particular emphasis on the period 2007-2010.

Presentation of results at the 26th meeting of the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ).

2009 - 2010: **The Centre for Strategy & Evaluation Services, Kent, UK.**

Evaluator and country expert for the Evaluation of ESF Support for Enhancing Access to the Labour Market and the Social Inclusion of Migrants and Ethnic Minorities (*Provision of evaluation and evaluation related services to DG EMPL, including support for Impact Assessment Activities. VC/2008/481*).

2009: **UNDP and UNIFEM CEE, Bratislava**

Consultant for supporting UNDP Bratislava in completing a Gender Mainstreaming assessment of 10 National Action Plans for Decade for Roma Inclusion (areas of education, employment, health, and housing).

2008: **EU-CoE youth partnership, Strasbourg**

Evaluation study of the research and policy strand of the EU-CoE youth partnership (2005-08).

2008: **CoE: European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy (EKCYP), Strasbourg**

Follow-up report of the Quality group meeting of the EKCYP, Strasbourg.

**PROPOSAL EVALUATION/ PEER REVIEW**

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2025, 2026: **The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)**

Member of the expert panel "G&M4PHD - Media and Communication Studies, Political Science, Social Work, Social and Cultural Anthropology and Sociology (evaluation of PhD scholarship applications and interviews)

2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023: **Horizon 2020** (evaluator, rapporteur and evaluator of implemented projects – 2024/ 2025).

Since 2015, yearly: **Erasmus +** grant applications (reviewer, rapporteur, quality controller).

2023, 2024: **Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVe)** (evaluator, rapporteur, Vice Chair)

Since 2014: **Marie-Curie** Research grants (evaluator, rapporteur)

2024: The Research and Innovation Foundation Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation "RESTART 2016 – 2020" Cyprus (evaluator)

2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2025: Proposal evaluator for **European Science Foundation**

2022: Proposal evaluator and rapporteur for **European Institute of Innovation and Technology, HEI Initiative Innovation Capacity Building in Higher Education**

2022: University of Malta. **Member of the Board of Examiners** (non-visiting), MA in Creativity and Innovation.

2021, 2023: Proposal evaluator and rapporteur **DG JUST**

2014-2017, 2020: Expert reviewer and Rapporteur of **COST** grant proposals

2016, 2017, 2019 **European Commission, DG MARKT**

Clusters, Social Economy and Entrepreneurship Unit, EC

Rapporteur for the evaluation of tenders submitted in response to the calls “Entrepreneurial capacity building for young migrants” (225-G-GRO-PPA-16-9233) and “Reduction of youth unemployment and the setup of cooperatives” (GRO-PPA-16-9235 and 303-G-GRO-PPA-19-11225)

Since 2022: Editorial board member *Journal of Youth Studies* (Q2, IF: 2.589)

Since 2013: Editorial Board Member: *SAGE Open*.

2012-2014: Editorial Board Member for *Research on Social Work Practice* (5/ 41 in Social Work)

**Referee for international journals**, including: *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* (Springer), *American Journal of Sociology* (University of Chicago Press), *Journal of Adolescent Research* (SAGE); *Journal of Educational Change* (Springer); *Asian Journal of Social Psychology* (Wiley), *Emerging Adulthood* (SAGE) *Journal of Youth Studies* (Routledge), *Journal of Early Adolescence* (SAGE); *Journal of Gender Studies* (Taylor & Francis); *Women's Studies International Forum* (Elsevier); *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (Taylor & Francis); *Compare* (Taylor and Francis) *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice* (Taylor & Francis), *International Migration* (Wiley), *Anthropology & Education Quarterly* (Wiley), *Anthropology & Education Quarterly*, *Journal of Educational Change*, *Emerging Adulthood*, *Asian Journal of Social Psychology* (Wiley), *Sociological Forum* (Wiley) etc.

## CONFERENCES

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### Coordination roles, including membership in the steering committee and key note contributions

2024: Stream co-organiser at 42nd International Labour Process Conference, University of Göttingen.  
Stream ‘Workers’ Transitions throughout the Life Course’.

2024: **European Sociological Association**, Porto

Chair of the session: ‘Youth views, attitudes and perspectives’.

Presentation at the 15h Conference, RN30 - Youth and Generation

2023: Keynote speech “Current social-political context and its influence on shaping (youth) policies” at the Shaping youth policy in practice. A capacity-building project for strengthening youth policy. Chisinau. EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership (online).

2023: Guest Speaker at the roundtable ‘Proficient Eyes’, Public employment services. Track-in effectiveness in supporting rural NEETs’, organised by ISCTE Lisabon. [Online](#).

2022: Rapporteur for the EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership Symposium ‘Navigating Transitions: adapting policy to young people’s changing realities’, under the frame of the European Year of Youth. Tirana, Albania

2021: **Council of Europe, Youth Department** consultative meeting on the Review of the CM Recommendation on

Young people’s access to rights

Presentation of the 2021 Review findings (desk research and survey) together with D. Potoknic

2021: **European Sociological Association**, Barcelona

Chair of the session: ‘School to Work Transitions’.

Presentation at the 14h Conference, RN30 - Youth and Generation

2021: **European Union Youth Conference, part of the Portuguese EU Council Presidency**

Plenary Presentation of the Qualitative Report findings on Youth Goal #9 *Space and Participation for All*

**2021: Meeting of Directors General for Youth, part of the Portuguese EU Council Presidency**

Presentation of the Report resulting from the qualitative consultations carried out with International Non Governmental Youth Organisations and by the 27 national working groups on the implementation of Objective no. 9 of the European Union Youth Strategy 2019-2027.

**2021: EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership.** European Knowledge Centre for Youth Policy – 17th Annual Meeting of Correspondents and Pool of European Youth Researchers – 11th Annual Meeting  
Co-facilitator of the workshop ,The impact of Covid-19 on the youth sector in Eastern Europe and South Caucasus’.

**2020: Europe for YOUth – YOUth for Europe. EU Youth Conference: Space for Democracy and Participation. Conference part of the German EU Council Presidency**

**2019: European Sociological Association, Manchester**

Presentation at the 14th Conference, RN30 - Youth and Generation  
Chair of the session: Housing transitions.

**2019: Youth@Work Strategic Partnership, Istanbul.**

Kick off conference on Youth Employability & Entrepreneurship  
Invited speaker

**2018: Towards Collaborative Practice (TCP) 2018 - Forum on the environmental dimension of social entrepreneurship. European Youth Center, Budapest.**

Presentation of the assessment of TCP events.

**2017: European Sociological Association, Athens**

Presentation at the 13th Conference, RN30 - Youth and Generation  
Chair of the session: "Employment, Unemployment and Underemployment".

**2017: EU-CoE Youth Partnership**

Symposium 'Youth Policy Responses to the Contemporary Challenges Faced by Young People' in the framework of the Czech Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe. Prague  
Rapporteur for the Thematic group 'Learning and training'

**2016: EU-CoE Youth Partnership, joint PEYR and EKCYP meeting, EYC Budapest**

Rapporteur of the thematic group: *Bridges with formal education, Vocational Education and Training and unemployment*

**2015: Swedish Agency for Youth and Civic Society, Salto-Youth Participation, Erasmus+**

Keynote speaker at the conference: "Towards collaborative practice- European conference on youth work, social innovation and enterprise", Malmo, Sweden.

**2015: European Commission and Council of Europe**

Rapporteur for lab. 'Education' at the Symposium on youth participation in a digitalized world.

**2014: European Commission DG EAC**

Rapporteur at the 3rd European Education, Training and Youth Forum 2014. Brussels.

**2013: European Youth Center, Budapest**

Invited speaker at the seminar '*Link Me In: Youth Policy and Practice*', section Employment and Entrepreneurship

**2011: EU-CoE Youth Partnership, EYC Strasbourg**

Convener for the Research seminar "Mobility of young people – Opportunities and obstacles for cross-border volunteering for young people, particularly with fewer opportunities".

**2011: Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. European University Institute.**

Workshop Co-Director: *Transnational family making: children, young people and migration* at the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Mediterranean Research Meeting.

### Proposal reviewer for:

- International Labour Process Conference 2024. Stream ‚Workers’ transitions throughout the life course’. Convenors: Jason Heyes, Maria-Carmen Pantea, Mark Tomlinson, Bert Van Landeghem, Stefanie Williamson, Peter Wright, Edward Yates.
- The European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction Conference (EARLI) (2023, 2024)
- The International Conference of Europeanists, Council for European Studies, Columbia University (2015, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24)
- The European Conference for Social Work Research (Bucharest, 2019; Amsterdam, 2022, Oxford, 2023).
- The Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development, Royal Dublin Society (Dublin, 2018).

### PARTICIPATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/ EVENTS

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#### 2025: **American Sociological Association. Chicago**

Presentation at the 120th meeting ‚Re-imagining the future of work’

#### 2025: **The International Labor Process Conference, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago de Chile**

Presentation at the 42nd International Labour Process Conference ‚Labour Process and Environmental Crisis in a Multipolar World’

2024: Presentation at the annual conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. Limerick.

2024: Presentation at the workshop on Occupational Change, Deprofessionalisation, and Labour Markets. Sheffield University. Online

2023: Presentation at the **XX ISA World Congress of Sociology** (Melbourne Convention Centre).

Session: Youth Transitions in a Post-Pandemic World: Challenges and Opportunities for Youth and Young Adults in the Sphere of Work

2023: Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University.

Presentation at the International Social Policy Conference ‚Social policy responses: from old issues to new challenges’, Online.

2023: **International Labour Process Conference. University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK.**

Presentation at the 41st International Labour Process Conference ‚Fair and decent work in a Global Economy?’

2022: **European Sociological Association, Research Network 19: Sociology of Professions**

Presentation at the Interim meeting ‚Dynamics of Professions and Professionalism: Work, Quality and Expertise’, Utrecht University.

2022: 17th Biennial Conference of The European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)

**EASA2022: Transformation, Hope and the Commons**

School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics at Queen’s University Belfast (online)

2020-2021: **Consultative Meetings on the Review of the Committee of Minister’s Recommendation on Young People’s Access to Rights (CoE)**

Contributions on behalf of the EU-CoE Pool of European Youth Researchers; member of the Monitoring Group for the review of the CM/Rec(2016)7.

2020: **Youth in Europe: Offenburg Talks 2020 (online)**

2021, 2022: **EU-CoE Youth Partnership. (online)**

Participation at the meeting of the Advisory group of the Pool of European Youth Researchers.

2020: **EU-CoE Youth Partnership. Youth Knowledge Forum. (online).**

- 2020: **The European Commission (DG EAC) webinar** "Impact of COVID-19 on young people: what can we learn from evidence?" in the frame of the EU Youth Strategy stakeholders' platform.
- 2019: presentation at **The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Regional Conference - Europe, Mediterranean and Arab States**, Cluj-Napoca.
- 2018: **European Training Foundation, Torino**  
Participation at the conference **'Skills for the future: managing transition.**
- 2018: **The Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood**  
Presentation at the Thematic conference: Self and identity in emerging adulthood. Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 2017: **Journal of Vocational Education and Training.**  
Presentation at the 12th JNET Conference, Worcester College, Oxford,
- 2016: **ADAPT and Middlesex University Business School**  
Presentation at the Fifth International Conference on Precarious Work and Vulnerable Workers
- 2015: **EU-CoE Youth Partnership - The European Platform for Learning Mobility, Istanbul**  
Presentation at the 3rd international Conference: Learning Mobility in the Youth Field: Towards Opportunities for all Evidence, experience, discourse
- 2013: **EU-CoE: European Platform on Learning Mobility in the Youth Field, Berlin.**  
Presentation at the 2nd international Conference on Learning Mobility
- 2010: **World Forum Convention Centre, The Hague**  
Participation at 15th International Metropolis Conference: Justice and Migration: Paradoxes of Belonging
- 2009: **Center for Ethics and Poverty Research University of Salzburg.**  
Presentation at the 'Decent Work and Unemployment International Conference', Salzburg, May
- 2009: **Department of Language and Cultural Sciences, Modena**  
Presentation at the Seminar "Research on peace education in multilingual and intercultural contexts: the CISV case".
- 2008: **First ISA Forum of Sociology, Barcelona, Spain.**  
Presentation at the Research Committee on Sociology of Childhood.
- 2007: **Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP), Oslo, Norway.**  
Presentation at the Conference: 'Rethinking Poverty and Children in the New Millennium'
- 2007: **Nuffield College, Oxford University**  
Presentation at the Graduate Research in Progress Seminar.
- 2006: **School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London**  
Presentation at 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Postgraduate Conference "Inclusion/ Exclusion".
- 2006: **Human Rights Centre, Ghent, Belgium**  
Presentation at "International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children's Rights. An appraisal of the Children's Rights Convention. Theory meets practice".
- 2005: **European Consortium of Sociological Research and Interuniversity Center for Social Science Theory and Methodology, Nijmegen, Netherlands**  
Presenter and discussant at Summer school: „Solidarity and Inequality: Markets, State and Communities”.
- 2005: **Cultural Analysis Summer Academy, Amsterdam, Netherlands**  
Presentation at Cultural Analysis Summer Academy meeting on Borders, Markets, Movement/s.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the Advisory group of the Pool of European Youth researchers of the EU-CoE Youth Partnership (2020-2025)
- Member of the Review College of Research Foundation Flanders (Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek) (2025-2027)
- Member of European Commission Expert Group on Quality Investment in Education and Training (2021-2022)
- Member of the Pool of European Youth Researchers (2010-2020)
- European Training Foundation. Member of the editorial board (2018- 2021)
- European Science Foundation. Member of the College of Expert Reviewers (2018-2021)
- Member of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), Anthropology of Labour Network
- Member of the national CNATDCU commission (Sociology panel) of the Romanian Government for accreditation of university-level titles and diplomas (2016-2018)
- Member of the Romanian Research Council (Social Sciences Commission): 2018-2025
- Member of the ESA (RN 34-Youth and Generation; RN17- Work, Employment and Industrial Relations and RN 19- Sociology of Professions)
- CEDEFOP Skillsnet Forecast Member (since 2016)
- Member of Advisory Board of Researchers for 3ie Systematic Review (American Institutes for Research, Washington DC) (2012-2014)
- Oxford University Society.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books:

- Pantea, M.C, Roberts, K. and Dabija, C. (Eds.) (2025) [Higher education and work in the knowledge economy. Power, Prestige and Precarity](#). London: Palgrave.
- Pantea, M.C. (2019) [Precarity and Vocational Education and Training. Craftsmanship and Employability in Romania](#). London: Palgrave.
- Pantea, M.C. and Potočník, D. (2019) [Employability revisited. Mapping the role of youth work in the field of youth employability and entrepreneurship](#). Madrid: Erasmus+.
- Pantea, M.C. , Diroescu, R. and Podlasek-Ziegler, M. (Eds) (2014) [Young people, entrepreneurship and non-formal learning. A work in progress](#). Brussels: SALTO Participation.
- Pantea, M.C. (2008) Copiii care muncesc in Romania (Engl. *Working Children in Romania*). Cluj: Cluj University Press.

### Articles in peer-reviewed journals:

- Pantea, M.C. (2025) "The Best Time to Be Young? A Retrospective Study of Graduates' Transition to Employment in Romania" in *The Economic and Labour Relations Review*. Published online 2025:1-20. doi:10.1017/elr.2025.5
- Pantea, M.C. (2025) "Degrees of doubt: Overqualification as a blind spot at the base of the knowledge economy" *Minerva*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11024-024-09564-w>
- Pantea, M.C. (2025) 'The Politics of Work: Young Employees' Awareness of Industrial Relations in Romania's Call

Centres'. *East European Politics and Societies*, 39(3), 585-607. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08883254251321178>

- Pantea, M. C. (2023). Crafting professional identities at the bottom of the knowledge economy a critical analysis of managerial discourses. *Globalizations*, 21(5), 912–930. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14747731.2023.2297460>
- Pantea, M. C. (2022). Precarity and the social mobility nexus for young Roma in vocational education and training. *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education*, Special issue ,Minority mobility trajectories, and the costs of education-driven social mobility in disadvantaged minority groups' 54(3), 536–554. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03057925.2022.2149239>
- Pantea, M.C. (2021) ,A new elite? Higher education as seen through the lens of young people working in innovative technologies'. *Innovation: The European Journal of Social Science Research*. 34(3): 340 – 355.
- Pantea, M.C. (2019) "Perceived reasons for pursuing vocational education and training among young people in Romania'. *Journal of Vocational Education & Training* 72(1): 136-156.
- Pantea, M.C. (2019) "Parents as gatekeepers? An indirect account on the image of vocational education in historical context" *Journal of Family History*. 45(4): 411-428.
- Xie, Y. and Pantea, M.C. (2019) 'The de-professionalization of social work? A qualitative analysis of dispatched social workers in Shenzhen, China.' *International Journal of China Studies* 199 (2): 199-217.
- Hu, T. and Pantea, MC (2019) 'From factory workers to talented migrants. The management of social services for new residents in Dongguan, China' in *Humanities and Social Sciences* No. 4/2019.
- Pantea, M.C. (2018) ,Employment-to-Entrepreneurship Interface in the Context of Tech Innovation. A Qualitative Analysis in Romania' *Journal of East European Management Studies* 1(23): 124- 143.
- Pantea, M.C. (2018) 'You can change the world'. Young people, youth organizations and social entrepreneurship. *YOUNG*. 26(3): 232 – 249.
- Pantea, M.C. (2015) ,On entrepreneurial education: dilemmas and tensions in nonformal learning' in *Studies in Continuing Education* 38(1): 86 – 99.
- Pantea, M.C. (2015). 'Persuading others. Young Roma women negotiating access to university'. *Education as Change*. 19(3): 91-112.
- Pantea, M.C. (2015). 'Affirmative action in Romania's higher education. Roma students' perceived meanings and dilemmas'. *British Journal of Sociology of Education* 36(6): 896 - 914.
- Pantea, M.C. (2014). 'On pride, shame, passing and avoidance: an inquiry into Roma Young people's relationship with their ethnicity'. *IDENTITIES* 21(5): 604-622.
- Pantea, M.C. (2013). 'Meanings, principles and competencies'. *A Journal of Youth Work*. 11: 29-41.
- Pantea, M.C. (2013) ,Social ties at work: Roma migrants and the community dynamics" in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 36(11): 1726-1744.
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