

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

01.2011-05.2014 **Doctoral Program in Roma Studies**  
National University of Administrative and Political Studies, Bucharest Romania  
Research topic: Participation of Roma in Higher Education

09.2012-05.2013 **PhD Guest Student**  
Mannheim University, Germany  
Mannheimer Centre for European Social Research / Faculty of Sociology and Societal Comparisons/ Center for Doctoral Studies in Social and Behavioral Sciences

09.2010-02.2011 **Eötvös Loránd University Budapest, Hungary**  
Exchange Program Scholarship, Social Sciences

10. 2009–03.2012 **Master Politics. Gender. Minorities**  
National University of Administrative and Political Studies, Bucharest Romania

10.2004 – 07.2009 **Faculty of Political Sciences**  
National University of Administrative and Political Studies, Bucharest Romania  
Diploma Degree, **Major in Sociology**

10.2004 – 06.2009 **Faculty of Communication and Public Relations**  
National University of Administrative and Political Studies, Bucharest Romania

10.2007 – 03.2008 **University of Stuttgart**  
Exchange Student: Intekulturelle Kommunikativ Kompetenzen Seminar

04.2006– 03.2007 **Technical University Ilmenau, Germany**  
Institute for Media and Communication  
Department: **Applied media sciences**

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

01.2015–present **Council of Europe**, Facilitator in ROMACT Program

06.2015–present **Roma Cultural Center O Del America (Bucharest)**  
Sociology Researcher - 'Parents' involvement in school educational process of vulnerable children' Project

12.2014 – present **National Authority of Quality Management in Healthcare (Bucharest)**  
Counselor in Research and International Relations - Department of External Relations

06.2014 – present **Centre of Resources, Documentation and Research in Romani Studies (Bucharest)**  
National University of Administrative and Political Studies, Bucharest Romania

10.2012 – present **PLURAL ASSOCIATION (Bucharest)**  
President, Coordinator and Facilitator in International Political Education Projects with Youths, Teachers and Facilitators

04.2011 – 08.2012 **Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Bucharest**  
Collaborator in Political Education Projects

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|---------------------|---|
| 09.2011 – 06.2012   | <b>German Federal Agency for Civic Education and Robert Bosch Foundation</b><br><b>Shaping Europe - Civic Education in Action Fellowship Program</b><br>Fellow at Academy for Social and Political Academy Haus am Maiberg (Heppenheim) |
| 10.2008 – 05.2009   | <b>IPSOS Interactive Services (Bucharest)</b><br>Data Analyst   |
| 09. 2007 – 03. 2008 | <b>MANN+HUMMEL (Ludwigsburg)</b><br>Internship - International Affairs  |

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#### **PUBLICATIONS IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS**

Ilisei, Irina. 2014. *Upward social mobility of individuals from minority groups. Study case: Roma women who entered high level education*; Romanian Journal of Society and Politics; National University of Political and Administrative Studies.

Ilisei, Irina. 2013. *Education of Roma Women between Feminism and Multiculturalism. Study case: Roma Women in Romania*; Journal of Social Science Education; Bielefeld University.

Ilisei, Irina. 2012. *A feminist perspective on the Romanian Governmental Strategy for Roma Inclusion*; Perspective Politice seria V/ nr.2.

Ilisei, Irina; Mezincescu, Carmen; Panait, Delia; Vrăbescu, Ioana (2010) Situația femeilor din comunități aromâne din România; New magazine of Human Rights, nr.2/2010; C.H. BECK.

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#### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS IN ACADEMIC CONFERENCES (selection)**

|          |  |
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| 10.2015  | <b>Networking European Citizenship Education: 'Us' and 'Them': Citizenship Education in an Interdependent World (Thessaloniki)</b><br><i>Participation of Roma to Education. Strategies for Inclusion Roma in Europe</i>   |
| 02.2015  | <b>Roma as a Political Subject: Between Citizenship Status, National Minority and Vulnerable Group</b><br><i>Perspectives on the development of educational policies</i>   |
| 10.2014  | <b>Workshop on the Work of Nicolae Gheorghe (Bucharest)</b><br><i>Participation of Roma to education. Needs and challenges in the vision of Nicolae Gheorghe</i>   |
| 05.2013  | <b>Ethnographies of higher education: researching and reflecting at home (Prague)</b><br><i>Analysis of factors that influence access of Roma women to higher education system</i>   |
| 04.2013  | <b>Compelling Diversities, Educational Intersections: Policy, Practice, Parity (London)</b><br><i>Do affirmative educational measures overcome gender ethnic and social inequalities?</i>  |
| 04.2013  | <b>The cost of Roma Integration (Naples)</b><br><i>What makes higher education a choice? Study case of Roma in Romania</i>   |
| 05. 2012 | <b>National Conference on Accounting Public Policies for Roma (Bucharest):</b><br><i>Policies for Roma Women. A feminist perspective on the Romanian Governmental strategy for Roma inclusion</i>  |
| 05. 2012 | <b>The 8th European Feminist Conference (Budapest)</b><br><i>Upward social mobility of individuals from minority groups. Study case: Roma women who entered high level education</i><br><i>Access to higher education reshapes the identity of women inside the minority group</i> |
| 05. 2012 | <b>Gender and politics under communism. New perspectives on Central and Eastern Europe</b><br><i>State's Propaganda in Women's Magazine. The celebration of International Woman's Day in the first years of communism (between 1948 and 1953) in Romania</i>                       |

06. 2011

### Thriving on the Edge of Cuts: Inspirations and Innovations in Gender Studies (Leeds)

*Feminism versus Multiculturalism Individual rights versus Group rights. Education of Roma Women in Romania*

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#### INTERNATIONAL EVENTS PARTICIPATION (selection)

|           |   |
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| 10. 2015  | Networking European Citizenship Education: 'Us' and 'Them': Citizenship Education in an Interdependent World  |
| 03. 2014  | Policies for Inclusion of Roma: University of Barcelona (Barcelona, Spain)  |
| 11. 2013  | Networking European Citizenship Education: The European Union and the Promise of Democracy: What can Citizenship Education and Civil Society contribute? (Hague, Holland) |
| 05.2013   | Roma Participation Empowerment and Emancipation, Corvinus University (Budapest)   |
| 11. 2012  | Networking European Citizenship Education: Participation Now! Citizenship Education and Democracy in Times of Change (Cordoba, Spain)                                     |
| 10.2012   | More than Culture - Seminar for International Youth Workers (Berlin, Germany)   |
| 06.2012   | Professional Congress International Youth Work (Ludwigshafen, Germany)  |
| 07. 2011  | Centre for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture Summer School of Ethnicity and Migration Studies (Bratislava, Slovakia)  |
| 07. 2011  | Gender, State and Welfare in a Global - CEU Summer University (Budapest, Hungary)   |
| 09. 2010  | Human Behaviour in Social & Economic Change- Summer School of Jena Graduate School GSBC, Friedrich Schiller University Jena (Germany)                                     |
| 06 . 2010 | Gender and Politics, Gendered Politics - Summer School (Bern, Switzerland)  |
| 09. 2008  | Strength in Diversity or a Clash of Interests? European Summer Academy (Bonn& Bruxelles)  |
| 07. 2008  | European Institutions, Identity and Cultural Heritage- Summer University (Mitrovica , Kosovo)   |
| 06.2008   | European cultural heritage – the basis of intercultural dialogue -Summer Courses (Weimar)   |

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#### MEMBERSHIPS

European Academic Network on Romani Studies  
Networking European Citizenship Education  
Hard to Reach Learners Focus Group  
CoNnEcT – Non-Formal Civic and Peace Education Network  
Coalition for Gender Equality (Romania)  
ATGENDER The European Association for Gender Research, Education and Documentation

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#### ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

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| 06.2012– present  | Freelancer in Intercultural Trainings for Expats                     |
| 06.2010 – present | FRONT ASSOCIATION, founding member, content writer (Bucharest)       |
| 01.2010 – 09.2010 | ARCA ONG, The Forum for Migrants and Refugees, volunteer (Bucharest) |

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#### LANGUAGES

|          |  |
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| English  | Fluent (written and spoken) – <i>Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)</i> by Cambridge ESOL |
| German   | Very good (written and spoken) – <i>Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache</i> by Goethe Institute    |
| Romanian | Native   |

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#### SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

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| Computer skills | Office software: MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)<br>SPSS – advanced   |
| Qualifications  | Qualified Trainer, Facilitator (since July 2010)   |
| Driving License | B Category   |
| Other           | Social Research, Cross Cultural Understanding, Team Building and Team Management, Project Planning and Management, Presentation Skills |

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