

Curriculum vitae

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Born 1980

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Higher education

Since 2007 PhD candidate in Social Anthropology UCL, London. Provisory title of the thesis: “Women married to beakers. Politics of marriage arrangements in a Romanian Romany Speaking Community”

2006 MA in Anthropology and Communitarian Development, SNSPA, Bucharest, Romania

2005 MA in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Ecole Doctorale Francophone en Sciences Sociales, University of Bucharest – AUF, Romania

Work experience

Since September 2011 – Teaching Assistant at University College London, UK

Since 2006 researcher at National Museum of Romanian Peasant, Bucharest, Romania (currently on leave for PhD studies)

October 2009 - May 2010 TOM Marie Curie fellow researcher at FIERI, Torino, Italy. Research on Romany migration from Romania to Italy

Scholarships and grants

2007 – 2011- Wadsworth International Fellowship (The Wenner Gren Foundation, USA) – for PhD studies

2010, with Radu Umbres, International Cognition and Culture Institute LSE / Institut Jean Nicod Paris, mini grant for the project “Blood, beakers and dowries. An inquiry into essentialist thinking about kinship and ethnicity among Cortorari Romanian Roma”

2007- 2008- Departmental Research Bursary Anthropology UCL
Ratiu Foundation Scholarship

Summer schools and workshops

July 22- August 10, 2008 Romany language summer course, Costinesti, Romania

11- 15 February 2008 Before you Go: Workshop Series on Digital Documentation and Filmmaking for Social Scientists, UCL, London

July 2 - August 20, 2007 Budapest, Hungary; 10 July - 21 July 2008 Cluj Napoca, Romania: CEU Summer University, "Multi-Disciplinary and Cross-National Approaches to Romany Studies – A Model for Europe"

Invited talks

"Maritisarde-la pal-o taxtaj": Women married to beakers. Representing kinship through material objects among Romanian Cortorari Gypsies, presented at the 8th Conference of the Society for Cultural Anthropology from Romania, Bucharest, Romania, 22-25 September 2011

Romanian Roma mobility to Italy. Different groups, different networks, different economic strategies: the same (media) perception, presented to "A different look: conference and exhibition", organised by the Hungarian Cultural Institute in London, European House, 27 April 2011

Becoming rom (male), becoming romni (female) among Cortorari Romanian Roma. En-gendering bodies: sex, hormones and procreation, to "Romani Communities in Romania. A Cross Disciplinary Approach" Workshop, organised by ISPMN / The University of Manchester/ Romani Project in Cluj Napoca, Romania, 11 June 2010

Rom and Romni: gendered bodies among Cortorari Romanian Romai, to "Emerging Social Structures and New Anthropologies" Marie Curie Doctoral Training School Closing Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 1-3 July 2010

Good 'traditional' Gypsies in Romania, de-ethnicized beggars abroad. Politics of representations and politics of work among Romanian Cortorari Roma, to "Romany Mobilities in Europe: Multidisciplinary Perspectives" Conference organised by Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford, UK, 12-15 January 2010

Making Gypsies with Gadge money. Begging as a culturally loaded economic practice, to "Two decades of scholarship: Romani Studies in Romania (1989 – 2009)" Conference organised by ISPMN, Cluj Napoca, Romania, 9-10 October 2009

Accumulation of Wealth, Politics of Kinship and Economy of Prestige in a "Traditional" Roma Community in Postsocialist Romania, to EASA Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 26-30 August 2008

With Bogdan Iancu, *The historical role of politics in the constitution of the present Romanian market of peasant artefacts*, to “Making and Consuming Traditions” Conference organised by Museum of the Romanian Peasant, Bucharest, Romania, 19-21 October 2007

“Non-places” and Images of “Re-created” Communities. *The Roma from the Town of Calarasi*, to “The New Frontiers of Europe: International, Inter-ethnic and Inter-confessional Relations” Conference, Cluj Napoca, Romania, 6-8 April 2006

Cultural goods and consumption places in Bucharest, to “Urban Life and Culture in Southeastern Europe” InASEA Conference , Belgrade, Serbia, 26-29 May 2005

Publications

2011 “Becoming rom (male), becoming romni (female) among Cortorari Romanian Roma. En-gendering bodies: sex, hormones and procreation”, reviewed and under press at *Romani Studies Journal*

2011 “Tigan bun traditional in Romania, cersetor de-etnicizat in strainatate. Politici ale re-prezentarii publice si etica muncii la romii Cortorari” (Good „traditional” Gypsies in Romania, de-ethnicized beggars abroad. Politics of representations and work ethics among Romanian Cortorari Roma), in Toma, S. and L. Fosztó (eds) *Spectrum. Cercetari sociale despre romi*. Ed ISPMN- Kriterion: Cluj Napoca, pp 281-313

2010 “Cigányok, romák és románok: a bűnözés etnicizálása a román és az olasz médiában” (Romanians, Roma and Gypsies in the Romanian media), in *Blokk - Social Science Review*, vol. 4, n. 3/ 2010, pp 83-86

2008 with Bogdan Iancu, “The historical role of politics in the constitution of the present Romanian market of peasant artefacts”, in *Martor*, no. 13/2008

2006 “Non-locuri și imagini ale comunității re-create. Romii din Călărași” (Non places and images of a re-created community. Roma from the town of Calarasi), in Popoiu P. and Larionescu S. (eds.), *Relații de vecinătate în localități urbane din sudul țării*, Paideea : București, pp. 181-203

Languages

English, French, Romany and Romanian (native)