



Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

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Nationality Romanian
Date of birth 12 May 1966
Gender male

Work experience

Dates April 2009 onwards
Occupation or position held President
Main activities and responsibilities Coordinating research, applications, fundraising. Projects:
Name and address of employer FRONTAL Association, sos Berceni 13, sector 4, Bucharest
Type of business or sector NGO

Dates 2007-2008
Occupation or position held Programme Director (since then, member of the Board)
Main activities and responsibilities Coordinating research, publications and exhibition programmes, fundraising.
Name and address of employer ATU – Association for Urban Transition, 126 Calea Victoriei, sector 1, Bucharest
Type of business or sector NGO

Dates February 2002 – September 2008
Occupation or position held Assistant professor, since then invited professor
Main activities and responsibilities Teaching optional courses: Housing and Extreme Poverty (2006-2010) Digital Imaging (2002-2005), various seminars and workshops, coordinating research projects, events and exhibitions.
Name and address of employer Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urbanism, 18-20 Academiei str., sector 1, Bucharest
Type of business or sector Education

Education and training

Dates 2011
Title of qualification awarded PhD in architecture and urban planning (cum laude)
Principal subjects covered Housing and Poverty
Name and type of organisation Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urbanism Bucharest

Dates 1997-1998
Title of qualification awarded Master of Science in architecture and urban planning
Principal subjects covered Marketing in Architecture
Name and type of organisation Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urbanism Bucharest, School of Advanced Studies

Dates 1990-1996
Title of qualification awarded Bachelor of Science in architecture and urban planning
Principal subjects covered Architecture and urbanism
Name and type of organisation Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urbanism Bucharest

Mother tongue(s) **Romanian**

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level (*)

English

French

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user
B1	Independent user	B2	Proficient user	A1	Basic user		-	A1	Basic user

Publications *Editor*

- *Housing and Extreme Poverty. The Roma Communities Case*, Ion Mincu Architectural Press, Bucharest 2006, ISBN 973-7999-57-8 (also in Romanian *Locuirea și sărăcia extremă. Cazul romilor*).
- *LUT/ADOBE 2010*, Ion Mincu University Press 2010.
- *Roma Preview Pavilion* – catalogue for the Biannual of Architecture of Venice, Open Society Institute Budapest, 2008.
- *Shack and the City. New Poverty in and out of Eastern Europe*, publication for the Order of Romanian Architects at UIA Congress, Torino, 2008.
- *LUT/ADOBE 2009* – Frontal 2009.
- *Virtualia* – editor, International Center for Contemporary Art, 2000.

Contributions in volumes

- *Housing the Exclusion of Roma*, (with Nora Teller and Mina Petrovic) in *Social Housing in Transition Countries*, Routledge, London 2012 (under publication).
- *Earth Architecture in Romania* in *Terra Incognita*, Florence 2011 (under publication).
- *The Shadows of the Future; Roma Preview Pavilion; Miercurea Ciuc; Băneasa-Tg. Mureș; în Mapping the Invisible. Eu-Roma Gypsies*. Blackdog Publishers, London 2010.
- *New Housing for the New Poor* – în *Volume 3*, Institute für Vergleichende Architekturforchung, Vienna, 2010.
- *Cîte ceva despre arta evacuării în România anilor 2000*, in *Evicting the Ghost*, CIV, București 2010.
- *Regime d'urgence in Attention Tsiganes, Histoire d'un malentendu*, Musee d'Histoire de la Ville de Luxembourg, 2007.
- *Some experts we are, arent we?* in *REMIX-Fragments of a Country*, Vennice Biannual 2006.
- *Wood Churches*, monographies series of Grămești, Ciungetu, Mălaia, Marița, Copăceni, Pietreni-Anghelești – HAR Foundation 2000-2001.

Articles

- Around 80 articles published in cultural and architectural magazines (*Urban Research and Practice, Wonderland, Observator Cultural, Dilema, Arhitectura, Octogon, Arhitect, Janus, A&B, Constructiv, 22, Vineri*).

Editorial work

- *Urban Research & Practice* – peered review journal published by EURA – European Urban Research Association, member of the advisory board, 2008 and onward
- *A&B* – monthly bulletin of the Order of Romanian Architects, editor in chief, 2004-2007
- *Octogon* – architecture&design – Romanian edition of *Octogon* – editor in chief 2001
- *Arhitectura* – review of the Union of Romanian Architects, member of the editorial board 2002
- *Janus* – <http://inoe.inoe.ro/ianus/> member of the editorial board
- *Virtualia* architectural e-zine – founder, director 1998-2000

Research

- *Mapping Poverty Areas of Southern Bucharest* – Urban Observatory – UAR 2011 – coordinator
- *Fakulteta, Sofia* – Exploratory workshop – with Archis Interventions 2009.
- *LUT 2009/ ADOBE 2009* – workshop and publication, Romanian experiments in adobe housing
- *DEGRACO – vectors of degradation in condominiums* – URBACT research project – researcher and coordinator of the publication and website
- *EUROMA* - <http://www.eu-roma.net/dblog/project.asp> - European research project on Roma housing 2007-2009 – project coordinator for partner ATU and scientific director of the consortium
- *ReSitus* – Digital Heritage – 2006-2008, project responsible
- *Art, Communities, Mobilization* – ACUM - research project on public space – (UAUIM) - project responsible for ATU
- *RAXEN* – EUMC (Rasism and Xenofobia Report 2006) – rapporteur for the housing section
- *Housing Typologies of Roma – Research on housing conditions of Roma*. National level study. Client: Ministry of Constructions 2004-2005. Project coordinator.
- *Transition Spaces* – research in Brezoi, Vilcea with Sheffield University, teaching assistant

Architecture & Urbanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Methodology for improving housing conditions in areas affected by social exclusion and physical degradation</i>, 2007-2008, client: Ministry of Regional Development, project coordinator - <i>Participatory planning in a segregated Roma neighbourhood, Valea Rece, Tirgu Mures</i> – 2008, client: City Hall Tirgu Mures, Ministry of Development, project coordinator - <i>“Communautes roms et extreme pauvreté. Projet d’amélioration des conditions de vie”</i> ATU-VeT (Villes en Transition Lyon) – FSD (Open Society Fondation Bucharest), project coordinator ATU - Social housing for Roma – Dorohoi 2005 - Community Centre in a Roma neighbourhood Mimiui – Ploiesti 2008 (under construction) - Adobe houses at Dolosman (collective) – 2005-2010 - Emergency house Rimnicu Vilcea (collective) – 2001 - Various current works: individual houses, low standard collective housing, shops, a hotel, etc.
Conferences & exhibitions (selection)	<p>International conferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Urban Hovels & Earth Luxury Architecture</i> – Romanian Cultural Center, London, Nov 2010; <i>Roma Housing Conditions in Europe</i> – Sofia Architecture Week, Nov 2010; <i>The New Roma Ghetto and its conceptual framework</i> – FEANTSA, Budapest, Sept 2010; <i>The Rise of the New Roma Ghettos in Europe</i> – DG Regio, Bruxelles, June 2010; <i>A Glimpse of a Less Visible Urbanism</i> – Poznan, January 2010; <i>Segregation in Housing</i> – Social Polis, Ministry of Development, Budapest, May 2009; <i>From the Invisible to the Exotic, on the public perception of the new roma/gypsy ghetto</i> – Romanian Cultural Center, London, June 2009; <i>Valea Rece Rehabilitation Programe</i>, EUKN (European Urban Knowledge Network) Rotterdam, Sept 2008; <i>Dorohoi Social Housing</i>, Roma Decade Belgrad, Sept 2008; <i>Elements of Integrated Development Planning</i> – International Symposium on Poverty, Istanbul, Feb 2008; <i>Bucharest & other pieces</i> – Urban Representation Conference – The symbolic City?, Maison de l’Europe Paris, Jan 2008; <i>Extreme Poverty Housing</i> – Recyclopolis - Lyon – VeT, Robins de Ville, Oct 2007; <i>Emergency Policy for sub standard housing</i> - Paris, peer-review meeting, Ministry for Development, Oct 2007; <i>Difference and Diversity in Les cultures de l’Europe - Pour la diversité</i> – Institutul Pierre Werner, Luxembourg, May 2007; <i>Beyond Stereotypes</i> – Pierre Werner Institute, Luxembourg – March 2007; <i>Legalizing Informal Settlements</i> – Human dimension implementation meeting – Warsaw – OSCE – 2006; <i>“Extreme poverty housing in Romania. Roma communities typologies.”</i> – ENHR Conference (European Network for Housing Research), Ljubiana, 2006; <i>“On demolition”</i> – ECPR Conference (European Consortium for Political Research), Marburg 2003 <p>Art & architecture exhibitions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roma Preview Pavilion – Venice Biennale of Architecture 2008; International Biennale of Contemporary Art Lyon 2009; Recyclopolys Lyon 2007; Civitas Solis, Annual exhibition of the International Center for Contemporary Art Bucharest 1997; Peisaj minim garantat – Romanian Peasant Museum 2005
Other	<p>scholarships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ERSTE Foundation Fellowship for Social Research 2011. - Jean Monnet Summer School on Social Integration and the Romany Minority in Europe Today: Linking Policy and Research to Work against Poverty, Discrimination and Ethnic Conflict. - New Europe College Fellowship, Odobleja Programme, 2009. <p>awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urbanism Award of the Bucharest Biannual of Architecture 2006 - Urbanism Award of the Bucharest Annual of Architecture 2007 - Honorary Mention for Roma image in the press CRCR 2006 <p>memberships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member of the National Council of the Order of Romanian Architects 2000-2009 - Member of the workgroup Cities of Tomorrow – DG Regio 2010 - Member of the workgroups on Roma issues and the Housing Act – Ministry of Development - Member of The Romanian Society of Cultural Anthropology