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## **Professional Experience**

### **Workplaces**

2008 onwards: ISPMN, the Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, researcher

2003-2007: full-time PHD student at Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies

2003 February – 2005 July: Partium Christian University, Oradea teaching assistant

2003 January-September: editor, Krónika daily newspaper, Cluj-Napoca

2000-2002: research coordinator at Max Weber College of Sociology, Cluj-Napoca

### **Studies**

2011: PHD, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

2000-2002: MA in anthropology, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies

1996- 2000: BA in Sociology, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of Sociology

1992-1996: BA in Hungarian Language and Literature – English Language and Literature, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Faculty of Letters

1988-1992: Ady Endre High School, Oradea

### **Grants:**

**2011** NECSOC, New Europe College-Sociology Department of the University of Bucharest

**2008-2009:** New Europe College, Bucharest

**2007-2009:** Multi-Disciplinary and Cross-National Approaches to Romany Studies CEU and Marie Curie Actions Training Program

### **Fieldworks and researches:**

**2009** onwards, researches for analyzing “The Second Chance” joining-up programme for Roma in Romania

**2007-2009** research on the Roma communities in Iris, Cluj-Napoca

**2007:** PHARE 2004 project „Consolidation of Institutional Capacities and Improvement of Roma Perception and Condition”: Three Roma Communities from Iris, Cluj-Napoca

**2004-2005:** Gender-roles and controlling reproductive health in Hunedoara County. Research supervisor: Magyari-Vincze Enikő

**2004:** End of Funar Era in Cluj. Research supervisors: Feischmidt Margit (JPTE Pécs) and Rogers Brubaker (UCLA Los Angeles)

**2003** onwards: researches on the state-communist censorship and its minority aspects  
**2001-2002, 2002-2003:** The Hungarian political elite from Romania. Research coordinator: Kántor Zoltán, Teleki László Intézet Budapest  
**1999-2000:** Civil courage – quantitative analysis of student political culture  
**1999:** National or generational integration? Fellow researcher.  
**1998:** Commemorating 15th of March in Oradea; The events of March 1990 in Târgu Mureş. Research supervisors: Feischmidt Margit (JPTE Pécs) and Rogers Brubaker (UCLA Los Angeles)  
**1997:** modernization and religiosity in Vaidacămăraş

#### **Teaching experience:**

**2003/2004:** Introduction to Sociology; course and seminar, Partium Christian University, Oradea, Romania Oradea

**2004/2005:** Communication, Mass-media, Commercials; course and seminar, Partium Christian University, Oradea, Romania, Oradea Introduction to Cultural Anthropology; seminar Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies. Transylvanian ethnic groups; special seminar, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies, MA program on cultural anthropology

**2005/2006:** Anthropology of Eastern Europe; seminar, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies. Introduction to cultural anthropology, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of Sociology. Anthropology of ethnicity; seminar, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies, MA program on cultural anthropology

**2006/2007:** Political anthropology, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies, seminar. Politics of identity, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies, seminar. Anthropology of ethnicity; seminar, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies, MA program on cultural anthropology

**2007/2008:** Political anthropology, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies, seminar. Politics of identity, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies, seminar. Anthropology of ethnicity; seminar, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies, MA program on cultural anthropology. Practical courses on research methods, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of European Studies, MA program on cultural anthropology. Introduction to Sociology; course and seminar, Partium Christian University, Oradea, Romania.

#### **Conferences:**

##### **In Romania**

**1997:** Transylvanian Student Conference (ETDK), first prize: *Modernization and religiosity at Vaidacămăraş* (co-author)

**2000:** ETDK second prize, *Commemorating the 15th of March in Oradea 1998*

**2004:** V. RODOSZ konferencia (National Organization of Romanian PHD Student's Conference, 5th edition): *Who awaken the ladies in the coffee shop: role of the Hungarian cultural elite in redefining the interwar minority society*

**2005:** Globalism, Globality, Globalization. Ten Years of European Studies in Cluj. Babes-Bolyai University, Department of European Studies: *Discourses of Europe at the Hungarian Democratic Alliance's 7th Congress*

**2006:** The New Frontiers of Europe. Babes – Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Department of European Studies: *Beyond the Gates–ethnicity, class, gender and local identity in a life-story from Baciú*

**2008:** The intercultural challenge. Contemporary issues and perspectives, Cluj-Napoca: *Three Roma Communities from Byron Street, Iris – a fragmented ethnography*

**2008:** Research Institute of Ethnic and National Minorities – Hungarian Academy of Sciences from Budapest (MTA Kisebbségkutató Intézet) – RIRNM (the Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities): 140 Years of Minority Legislation in Central and Eastern Europe: *Descendency of post 89 politics: culture and nation-building at the Hungarian Theater from Oradea during the 80ies*

#### **Abroad:**

**2005:** Warsaw East European Conference. Polish „Solidarnosc” Opposition in the Communist Countries and the Collapse of Communism, international conference. *Class Power Lost? The capital-conversion of the Hungarian intellectuals from Romania, late 80-ies to 1993*

**2009** Redefining Modernity and Postmodernity, EGE University 12th International Cultural Studies Symposium, Redefining Modernity and Postmodernity, Izmir, Turkey. Paper: *Deconstructing National Myths – putting postmodernity in an East European Place. Duplicity of the 80ies cultural resistance in a Romanian town.*

**2010** Romanian Studies Conference 2010, Russian and East European Institute, University of Indiana, Indianapolis, the USA. Paper: *Culture and nation-building at the Hungarian Theater from Oradea during the 80ies*, 11th EASA Biannual Conference: Crisis and Imagination, Maynooth, Ireland. Paper: *What to Give in Return? – handling suspicion and mistrust in a Roma shanty-town from Romania*

**2011** SIEF (International Society for Ethnography and Folklore) Conference 2011, Lisbon: People Make Places. Paper: *Ougly outside but beautiful when youc come closer – internal differences and territorial stigma in a Roma ghetto from Romania.* Conference on Critical Education, University of Athens. Paper: *Is „The Second Chance” a Second Chance? – analyzing a joining-up educational programme for Roma in Romania.*

#### **List of publications:**

*1848 emlékezete egy helyi társadalomban. Nagyvárad, 1998 márcus 15 [Commemorating of 1848 in a local society Nagyvárad-Oradea, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 1998].* In.: Regio, 2001/, pp. 92-111

*Beyond the Gates–ethnicity, class, gender and local identity in a life-story from Baciú.* Studia Europea, 2007/2, p. 127-149

*Class Power Lost? Founding Political Institutions and Converting Social Capital of the Hungarian Intellectuals from Romania in the early 1990s.* Studia Europaea, 2007/1, p. 33-45

*Sörárosok, cukrászok, nemzetépítők. A romániai albánok vázlatos története.* [Beer-sellers, Confectioners, Nation-builders. A Short History of the Albanians from Romania] *Korunk*, 2009/5, 45-54

*“El e român, eu-s țigancă” [“He is Romanian, I’m Gypsy] [“Vo si gajio, me sim romni”].* Nevi Sara Kali - *Roma Women’s Journal, Revista Femeilor Rome, Romane 3uvleange 3urnalo*, 2009/1, 106-115

*Szent kötelesség vagy lépcsőházi felirat? A Csipkerózsika-vita elemzése [Sacred Duty of Graffiti on the Wall of a Block? – analyzing the Sleeping Beauty-controversy].* In: Harbula Hajnalka – Magyar Vincze Enikő (eds.): *Anthropo. Lenyomatok-Amprente-Imprints. EFES, Cluj-Napoca*, 2008, p. 233-247

*Three Roma Groups from Iris – a fragmented ethnography,* *Studia Europea*, 2009/4, p. 157-185

*Színarabból diskurzus. A nyolcvanas évek szimbolikus politizálása egy erdélyi magyar társadalomban* [From Theatrical Play to Discourse. Simbolical Politics in a local society from Transylvania in the 1980ies]. In: *Korunk*, 2009 noiembrie, 24-33

*“Irregularly but full of hope” – High culture and minority nation-building in the Hungarian theatre of Oradea during the 1980s.* *New Europe College Yearbook*, 2008-2009, p. 141-165