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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Comparative historical sociology, economic sociology, peasant economies and financial markets, anthropology of finance, political economy and economic history of Eastern Europe, anthropology of state socialism, labour studies, history of Eastern European Roma

EDUCATION

- 2011 - Central European University, Department of History: Ph.D. in Comparative History
Title of the proposed Ph.D. dissertation: *Peasant Indebtedness and Credit Relations in the aftermath of the Great Depression: Reinventing the State by Governing Economic Life in Post-liberal Romania (1929-1944)*
- 2009 - 2011 Central European University, Department of History: M.A. in Comparative History
- 2006-2009 University of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters: Romanian Studies and English Literature

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2015-2016: Fulbright Grant: Visiting Researcher at New York University, Department of History (advisor: Yanni Kotsonis)
- 2014-2015: CEU Research Grant for organizing the workshop “Assembling the Post-Liberal Order: Central and Eastern European Societies in the aftermath of the Great Depression (1929-1956)”
- 2012: CEU Academic Achievement Award for First-Year Doctoral Students
- 2012: Roma Professional Development Grant offered by the Roma Education Fund
- 2011-2014 : Full CEU Doctoral Fellowship
- 2010: The CEU Academic Pro-Rector's Excellence Award
- 2009-2011: Roma Interregional Scholarship offered by the Roma Education Fund
- 2009-2011: CEU Master's Fellowship
- 2008-2009 Dinu Patriciu Scholarship offered by the Dinu Patriciu Foundation

- 2007- 2009: Scholarship for Academic Excellence offered by the University of Bucharest
- 2006-2007: Social Scholarship offered by the University of Bucharest (need and merit based award)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles:

- “[Plaintiffs, Historians and Pensioners inside the Archives- Scaring Up some Notions for a Critical Historiography](#)” *Studia Sociologica*, 1 (2014).
- (In Romanian) “Marxism Strategic si Social-Democratie Interbelica: Serban Voinea/Lotar Radaceanu”[Strategic Marxism and Interwar Social-Democracy: Serban Voinea/Lotar Radaceanu], with Adrian Grama in *Plante Exotice: Teoria si Practica Marxistilor Romania [Exotic Transplants: The Theory and the Praxis of Romanian Marxists]* (Cluj: Tact, 2015), 43-125.

Review essays:

- Review: Cornel Micu, "From Peasants to Farmers? Agrarian Reforms and Modernisation in Twentieth Century Romania", *Martor Anthropology Review* (2014), 192-198.

Book reviews:

- Review of Ekaterina Pravilova, *A Public Empire: Property and the Quest for the Common Good in Imperial Russia*, Princeton University Press, 2014, in *English Historical Review* (forthcoming)
- Review of Charles R. Geisst, *Beggar Thy Neighbor: A History of Usury and Debt*, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013 in *European Review of History* 22.6 (2016)
- Review of Stefan Ionescu, *Jewish Resistance to 'Romanianization', 1940-44*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015 in *European Review of History* (forthcoming)
- Review of Kristen Ghodsee, *The Left Side of History: World War II and the Unfulfilled Promise of Communism in Eastern Europe*, Duke University Press, 2015, in *European Review of History* 20.1 (2015)

Other writings

I have also published occasional pieces on historical and current issues in the Romanian *Observatorul Cultural*, *CriticAtac* (<http://www.criticatac.ro/author/dancarjan/>), its Eastern European sister project *LeftEast* (<http://www.criticatac.ro/lefteast/author/dan-cirjan/>), the Hungarian blog *Kettős Mércse*, or in *The Brooklyn Rail*.

TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Producing Economic Subjects through Debt and Credit: The Romanian Credit Cooperatives and the Politics of Development”, *Romanian Studies Association Conference*: Bucharest, June 2015
- “Reimagining the State after the Crisis: Psychotechnics and the Evaluation of Labour in Post-Depression Romania”, *Europe and the World Workshop*, SciencesPo: Reims, June 2014. A revised version was also presented at Columbia University’s *Science, Knowledge and Technology Workshop*: April 2016
- “Evaluating Labor, Evaluating Workers: Statistics, Psychotechnics and the Ethics of Labor in 1930s Romania”, *British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies*: Cambridge UK, April 2014
- “The External Limits of the Peasantist State: The Romanian Agrarian Movement and the Financial Crisis of an Eastern European State”, paper presented at the conference *Agrarianism in Central and Eastern Europe in the 19th and 20th Centuries*, Masaryk Institute: Prague, October 2013
- “Managing Dependency, Managing the Crisis: Europe and Interwar Romania through the Eyes of Financial Institutions (1929-1934)”, paper presented at the *Europe and the World* workshop organized by Princeton University, CEU, EUI and SciencesPo: Budapest, June 2013)
- “Models of Economic Modernity among Romanian Intellectuals: the Debate on Economic Planning”, paper presented at the conference *Catastrophe and Utopia Central and Eastern European Intellectual Horizons, 1933 – 1958*, organized by Imre Kertezs Jena Kolleg: Budapest, June 2013
- “Organizing the ‘Wide Participation of the Working Class’ in Socialist Romania” paper presented at the workshop *Labor and State Socialism in Eastern Europe* (Budapest, November 2012)
- “Thee Politics of Debt at the European Periphery: The Peasants and the State as Debtors” paper presented at the GRACEH 2010: Vienna, April 2012
- “Bourdieu’s Illusion: Local Autobiographical Practices and Scientific Rationality”, paper presented at the GRACEH 2010: Budapest, May 2010

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- Co-organizing the workshop [“Assembling the Post-Liberal Order in Central and Eastern Europe \(1929-1956\)”](#): Budapest, June 2015
- Co-organizing the [7th Graduate Conference in European History](#): Budapest, April 2013
- Co-organizing the workshop on [“Labor and State Socialism in East Central Europe”](#): Budapest, November 2012
- Co-organizing the panel on late state socialism for the workshop [“Neoliberalism and its Counter-movements”](#): Budapest, July 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

- Tutor, “Historical Research Methods - The Eastern European Historian's Craft: An Introduction” Course (April-June 2014) for the Roma Graduate Preparation Program – CEU; syllabus [here](#)
- Tutor, “Social History of Eastern European State Socialism” (January-April 2014) for the Roma Graduate Preparation Program – CEU; syllabus [here](#)
- Teaching Assistant, “The Political Languages of Antimodernism” (January-April 2014) taught by Prof. Balázs Trencsényi, Central European University
- Three year pedagogical training at the University of Bucharest, including coursework (pedagogy, curriculum development, assessment training, class management, etc.) and teaching practice (2006-2009)

ARCHIVAL PRACTICE

- Paid internship at the Open Society Archives-Budapest: digital management of archival records (October 2011-September 2012)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- [“\(Neo\)liberalisation of Socialism and Crises of Capital”](#) summer school, Budapest, July 2011; faculty members: Johanna K. Bockman, Judit Bodnar, Jacek Kochanowicz, Ivan Szélenyi, David Harvey

AFFILIATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies, *Member*
- Association for Romanian Studies, *Member*
- Karl Polanyi Research Center for Global Social Studies, *Member*

LANGUAGES

- Romanian: Native Speaker
- English: Academic Level
- French: Fluent
- Spanish: Reading Skills
- Italian: Reading Skills
- Bosnian-Serbo-Croatian: Beginner