

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Personal Information

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Current Position

2020 - Present **Postdoctoral Fellow**, ZARAH: Women's labour activism in Eastern Europe and transnationally, from the age of empires to the late 20th century. (ERC Advanced Grant; project start date 1 February 2020; Project director: Susan Zimmermann)

- Project title: Women against Paternalism and Exploitation: Gendered Work and Entangled Organizing in the Tobacco Industry, in Greater Romania during the Twentieth Century.

Previous Position

August – December 2019 **Global Teaching Fellow**, Asian University for Women (Bangladesh)

Education

2020 PhD in Comparative Gender Studies Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

Thesis title: Loving Designs: Gendered Welfare Provision, Activism and Expertise in Interwar Bucharest.

Supervisor: Susan C. Zimmermann

2011 Master of Arts, Matilda Erasmus M.A. in Gender and Women's History Central European University (Hu) and University of Nottingham (UK)

Thesis: "Mobilizing Gender for Modernity: The Work of One Transylvanian Chapter of the Union of Anti-Fascist Women and the Democratic Union of Women in Romania Between 1945 and 1953." MA Thesis, Central European University, 2011. http://www.etd.ceu.hu/2011/ghit_alexandra-maria.pdf

2009 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, School of Political, Administrative and Communication Studies
Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania

Languages

Romanian native
English fluent
French advanced
German intermediate

Research Experience

2016 - 2018 **Researcher**, "Women and Trade Unions in Europe, 19th to 21st century"

- Bibliographic and archival research on historiography of women and trade unionism in Romania for preliminary Project Questionnaire
- Participation and presentation at Women and the Workplace: Activism and Politics in Central, East Central, and South Eastern Europe, and internationally, 1860s to 1990s. Workshop and Meeting, Oberstaad, 8–15 September 2017

April – May 2012 **Research Assistant**, Prof. Susan Zimmermann, Pasts Inc.

- Alexandra Ghit. Troubled waters. Potentials and realities, paradigms and trends in women's and gender history. Paper given at the Workshop/Conference "Twenty Years of Change: Post-Communist Historiography in/on Central, Eastern, and South-Eastern Europe," Budapest, 15–16 September 2011 (together with Susan Zimmermann)

Institutional Responsibilities and Professional Service

February 2020 – present **ZARAH Lead responsibility**: Database development; Team/IT (database) interface management

2015 - 2017 **Sub-Editor**, Habsburg Empire cluster, "Women and Social Movements in Modern Empires" digital database, *Alexander Street-ProQuest* <https://search.alexanderstreet.com/wasg>

- Identified, digitized and wrote detailed introductions for 50 archival and published sources on Romanian women's political organizing in Transylvania (circa 1860 to 1933);
- Contributed to the historiographical essay introducing the Habsburg Empire cluster of documents: Bader-Zaar, Birgitta, Susan Zimmermann, Michaela Königshofer, Alexandra Ghit, Jitka

Gelnarová, and Ágoston Berecz, *Women and Social Movements in the Habsburg Empire* (Alexandria, VA: Alexander Street, 2018), https://search.alexanderstreet.com/view/work/bibliographic_entity%7Cbibliographic_details%7C3890891.

- 2018 **Member**, Organizing Committee for the “Looking Forward through the Past” Conference of the Society of Romanian Studies, Bucharest, 26-30 June 2018.
- 2016-2018 **Graduate Student Representative**, Executive Board, Society for Romanian Studies (elected position)

Other Academic Experience

- August –
December
2019 **Global Teaching Fellow**, “Writing Global Textile Work: An Introduction to Working with Historical Sources”, “Radio-In our Histories: A Social History of Radio Broadcast and How to Write with Sound”, Asian University for Women
- January - April
2014 **Teaching Assistant**, “Communism and Gender: Historical and Global Perspectives”, Prof. Francisca de Haan, Department of Gender Studies, Central European University
- May 2014 **CTL Certificate for Excellence in Teaching in Higher Education**, Center for Teaching and Learning, Central European University

Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards

- 2022 – Fellow, Imre Kertész Kolleg Jena, January – June 2022;
- 2019 – Global Teaching Fellow at the Asian University for Women, CEU;
- 2017 – Doctoral Research Support Grant for study visit at University of Bucharest-Center for Equal Opportunity Policies, CEU;
- 2016 – Conference Travel Grant, Association of Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS);
- 2016 – Short-term Research Grant, CEU;
- 2015 – Travel Grant to attend Duke Feminist Theory Workshop, Duke University;
- 2014 – Research Grant for Doctoral Candidates and Young Academics and Scientists at Leipzig University 2014/2015, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD);
- 2013 – Short Research and Travel Grant, CEU;
- 2012 – Grant for Participation in the New School of Social Research Transnational Summer School Wroclaw, East West Women’s Network;
- 2011 – Study Grant at the University of Nottingham, Erasmus;
- 2010 – Academic Pro-Rector’s Excellence Award, CEU;

2007 – Undergraduate Exchange Program Fellowship at Duke University 2007/2008, Open Society Institute.

Other Academic Achievements

- 2020 Workshop presentation. Not So Humble: Women’s Work and Labour Activism Around Tobacco Growing in Interwar Romania. ZARAH First International Workshop, Vienna, 14 -17 October 2020.
- 2018 The Work of Crisis: Women’s and children’s work and impact on labour and social policy regimes in interwar Romania. Paper presented at the Society for Romanian Studies Conference. Bucharest, 27 June 2018.
- 2017 Workshop presentation. “Women and the Work-place: Activism and Politics in Central, East Central, and South Eastern Europe, and internationally, 1860s to 1990s”. Workshop and Meeting, Oberstaad, 8–15 September 2017
- 2016 ‘Years of struggle’: A reading of Romanian state socialist historiography on women and gender as gendered ‘new labor history’. Paper presented at the European Social Science History Conference. Valencia, 2016.
- 2015 Tangling Themes: Gender, Social Policy and the “Interwar Conjuncture” in the (Semi) Periphery. Paper presented at “Repositioning in a Globalizing World” International Summer School, GSGAS Leipzig University, 8-11 June 2015
- 2015 Stretching the Truth: Linking Transnationally Postwar Romania’s Discourses on the “Woman Question”. Presentation at the Society for Romanian Studies International Conference. Bucharest, 2015.
- 2014 “(Re)Constructing Work: Popular Discourses on Gender and Labour in Post-War Romania (1945-1953).” Paper presented at the “The Value of Women’s Work: Between the Subjective and the Economic” Workshop, European University Institute. Florence, 2014.
- 2013 “‘The Public Now Understands (...) by Grace of New Conceptions of Good Deeds’: Citizenship and the Education of Compassion in 1920s Romania.” Paper presented at the “State, Society and Citizen: Cross-disciplinary Perspectives on Welfare State Development” Nordwel and REASSESS International Summer School. Reykjavik, 2013.

- 2011 (With prof. Susan Zimmermann) "Troubled Waters. Institutionalization, Paradigms, and Trends in Women's and Gender History." Presentation at the 20 Years of Change: Post-Communist Historiography in/on Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, 1989-2009, Budapest, September 16, 2011.

Publications

Articles and book chapters

- January 2018 "Professionals' and Amateurs' Pasts: A Decolonizing Reading of Post-War Romanian Histories of Gendered Interwar Activism." *European Review of History: Revue Européenne d'histoire* 25, no. 1 (2018): 21–44.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13507486.2017.1376619>.
- December 2017 "'Emoții mecanice': Familia femeii muncitoare din urbanul românesc în anchetele sociale și sanitare interbelice (1924-1939) ['Mechanical emotions': The Urban working woman's family in interwar social and sanitary inquiries (1924-1939)]." In *Familia în România - O Incursiune diacronică pluridisciplinară [The Family in Romania- A Diacronic pluridisciplinary incursion]*, edited by Anca Dohotariu, 121–60. Editura Universității București, 2017.
- April 2016 "Partisan Potential: Researching Communist Women's Organizations in Eastern Europe." *Aspasia: The International Yearbook of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern European Women's and Gender History* 10.
<https://www.berghahnjournals.com/view/journals/aspasia/10/1/asp100107.xml>.

Book reviews

- April 2020 Book Review: Chiara Bonfiglioli, *Women and Industry in the Balkans: The Rise and Fall of the Yugoslav Textile Sector*. *Aspasia: The International Yearbook of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern European Women's and Gender History* 14, no. 1 (April 2020): 162–65.
<https://doi.org/10.3167/asp.2020.140113>
- April 2016 Book Review: Luciana Jinga, *Gen și reprezentare în România comunistă, 1944–1989* (Gender and representation in communist Romania, 1944–1989). *Aspasia: The International Yearbook of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern European Women's and Gender History* 10 (April 2016).
<https://www.berghahnjournals.com/abstract/journals/aspasia/10/1/asp100109.xml?rskey=YRqR3C&result=2>

Community Service

- 2018 Editor, LeftEast online publication, lefteast.org
- 2017 - 2018 European Voluntary Service, Redon, France