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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Intellectual history, *Begriffsgeschichte*, and the history of political thought in twentieth-century Central and Eastern Europe
- Sociology of knowledge and the history of the social sciences in the interwar period and during the Cold War
- Global and transnational history of state socialism; entanglements and encounters within the Eastern Bloc and across the East-West divide
- Cultural history and the sociology of culture and intellectuals; countercultural movement and dissidence

EDUCATION

2013–2018 PhD in Comparative History of Central, Southeastern, and Eastern Europe, Central European University, Department of History

Title of PhD dissertation: *Accounting for “the Social” in State Socialist Romania, 1960s–1980s: Contexts and Genealogies*

Supervisor: Prof. Balázs Trencsényi

2011–2013 M.A. in Comparative History of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, Central European University, Department of History

Title of Master’s thesis: *Children of the Cultural Revolution “Gone Astray”: The Forlorn 1970s Generation of German Writers from Socialist Romania*

Thesis supervisor: Prof. Balázs Trencsényi

Second reader: Prof. Marsha Siefert

2007–2010 B.A. in World and Comparative Literature (major) and German Language and Literature (minor), University of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters

Title of Bachelor’s thesis: *Representations of Identity in Eighteenth-Century Epistolary Novels: Individuality and Power Relations*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- June 2018** “Future Studies in Socialist Romania: Sketch for an Intellectual History,” Society for Romanian Studies Conference, Bucharest
- November 2017** “Socialist Mass Culture and Expert Knowledge in the Long 1960s: A Comparison of Poland and Romania” (with Agata Zysiak), paper presented at the ASEEEES Convention, Chicago
- November 2015** “The Office for Studies and Polls of the Romanian Radiotelevision and the Sociology of Mass Communications in Socialist Romania, 1960–80,” paper presented at the National Conference of the Romanian Sociologists’ Society, Braşov
- June 2015** “A ‘Common Front’?: Social Structure Research in 1970s Socialist Romania,” paper presented at the Fourth Annual Europe and the World Conference, European University Institute, Florence
- May 2015** “Managing Culture, Locating Consent: The Sociology of Mass Culture in Socialist Romania, 1960s–1970s,” paper presented at the Second Annual Conference of the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg
- May 2014** “Sociologists and the State: Negotiating Interwar Expert Knowledge in Communist Romania,” paper presented at the 8th Gradual Conference in European History, European University Institute, Florence, May 8–10, 2014
- February 2014** “The Cultural Politics of the 1970s Generation of German Writers from the Banat,” paper presented at the 13th International Postgraduate Conference on Central and Eastern Europe, SSEES, UCL, London, February 19–21, 2014

WORKSHOPS

- June 2017** Participation at the second workshop “The Many Faces of Late Socialism: The Individual in the ‘Eastern Bloc,’ 1953–1988,” Department for Eastern European History, University of Cologne
- May 2017** Participation at the workshop “Texts and Contexts from the History of Feminism and Women’s Rights in East Central Europe”
- November 2016** Participation at the workshop “From Technocratic Socialism to Neoliberal Rule: Expert Cultures, Technocracy, and Governance in East Central Europe, 1960s–1990s,” Institute for Contemporary History and Faculty of Arts, Charles University, Prague
Paper presented: “The Making of Social Policy Expertize: Quality of Life Research in Late-Socialist and Postsocialist Romania”
- May 2016** Participation at the first workshop “The Many Faces of Late Socialism: The Individual in the ‘Eastern Bloc,’ 1953–1988,” Department for Eastern European History, University of

Cologne

Paper presented: “Narrowing Down on the Individual in Late-Socialist Romania: Transnational Analytical Concerns in the Sociological Sciences”

February 2016 Participation at the Max Weber Program multidisciplinary research workshop “Feminist Thought and Socialism in Eastern Europe between 1945–1989: A Global Perspective,” European University Institute, Florence

Paper presented: “Reading Feminism in Socialist Romania: Labor, Power, and the Global in *The Condition of Women*”

February 2015 Participation at the Winter School “Circulation and Collaboration: Perspectives for/in Interdisciplinarity,” University of Tartu

September 2014 Participation at the Summer School “Concepts, Language, and Beyond: Emotions between Values and Bodies,” IMPRS Moral Economies, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin

PUBLICATIONS

“Introduction: “Peripheral Observations” and Their Observers.” In *Social Sciences in the “Other Europe” since 1945*, edited by Adela Hîncu and Victor Karady, 1–25. Budapest: Pasts, Inc., Central European University, 2018.

““A Common Front?”: Social Structure Research in 1970s Socialist Romania.” In *Social Sciences in the “Other Europe” since 1945*, edited by Adela Hîncu and Victor Karady, 209–23. Budapest: Pasts, Inc., Central European University, 2018.

“Managing Culture, Locating Consent: The Sociology of Mass Culture in Socialist Romania, 1960s–1970s.” *Revista română de sociologie* 28, nos. 1–2 (2017): 3–14.

“Review of *Erinnerungen an die ‘Nicht-Zeit’: Das sozialistische Rumänien im biographisch-zeitgeschichtlichen Gedächtnis* by Valeska Bopp-Filimonov.” *WerkstattGeschichte*, 70 (January 2016): 119–121.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Winter 2018 Teaching assistant for the graduate course “Labor History in Global Perspective, 19th and 20th Centuries” (Prof. Susan Zimmermann)

Spring 2017 Co-instructor (with Lena Radauer) of the 2-credits graduate course “Languages of Criticism in the Eastern Bloc: The Intellectual History of Late Socialism,” Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University

2015–2017 Graduate of the Program for Excellence in Teaching in Higher Education, Center for Teaching and Learning, Central European University

Fall 2015 Teaching assistant for the graduate course “Historiography: Themes in Its History and Approaches to Its Theory” (Prof. István Rév and Prof. Ioana Macrea-Toma), Central European University

WORK EXPERIENCE

**October 2016–
February 2018** Assistant editor, *Journal of East Central Europe*

**March 2017–
June 2017** Student assistant, Institute of Advanced Studies, Budapest

**October 2016–
February 2017** Recruitment assistant, Department of History, Central European University

April 2016 Co-organizer of the 10th Graduate Conference in European History (GRACEH), Central European University, Budapest

February 2016 Convener and organizer of the workshop “Cold War Epistemics, Revisited: Resistance and Legitimation in the Social Sciences,” Pasts Inc. Center for Historical Studies, Central European University, Budapest

August 2015 Panel chair and student assistant for the Undergraduate Conference “Empire and Nation,” Central European University, Budapest

2014–2015 Co-organizer of the History Department Research Seminars at Central European University, Budapest

2014–2016 Copy editor, Central European University Press

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

**February–
April 2018** Visiting fellow, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna

2017 CEU Award for Advanced Doctoral Students

- 2013–2016** Doctoral Fellowship, History Department, Central European University
- 2013** Péter Hanák Prize for best MA thesis
- 2013** CEU Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for highest GPA in the program
- 2011–2013** Partial MA Fellowship, History Department, Central European University

LANGUAGES

- Romanian: Native speaker
- English: Proficient user, C2
- German: Independent user, B2
- Hungarian: Independent user, B1
- French: Independent user, B1