

## **1. Areas of interest**

Sociology, Social Psychology, Multiculturalism, Communitarianism, Cybercultures, Digital Studies, Social Communication, Ethnic Relations, Apocalypticism, Utopianism, Cyberconflicts, Social Research, Content Analysis

## **2. Selected research experience**

September 2012-present **Researcher**

Institute for Global Studies, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

September-November 2013 **Transnational Research Fellow**

CENDARI, Trinity College Dublin, Republic of Ireland

2012 **Principal researcher** Schloer Consulting Group

2010-2012 **Researcher** Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

2011 **Visiting researcher**

The Research Institute for Cosmopolitan Cultures at the University of Manchester, United Kingdom

2009 **Researcher**

The Association Assistance and Programs for Sustainable Development – Agenda 21, Bucharest, Romania

2004-2006 **Researcher**

Metro Media Transilvania, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

## **3. Selected teaching experience**

2012-present **Assistant Professor**

The Journalism Department, Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University

Media research methods, Introduction in Social Sciences

2009-2012 **Teaching Assistant**

The Sociology Department, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, Babes-Bolyai University

Social communication, Introduction to sociology, Sociology and anthropology of the family, Research design

## **4. Education**

2015 **Thematic Workshop**

Editing Texts in a Digital World: Text Encoding and Visualization, NeDiMAH – Network for Digital Methods in the Arts and Humanities

2008-2012 **PhD in sociology**

Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Dissertation title: *Apocalyptic narratives in the Romanian mediascape*

2010 Biennial **Summer School** “Social Psychology Across Borders”, The European Association of Social Psychology

2007-2008 **Master's Degree in social communication and public relations**

Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

2003-2007 **Bachelor's Degree in sociology**

Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

## **5. Selected conferences**

→ *"The Apocalyptic Fears of 1914 in Romanian Print Media from Transylvania"*

The international conference The Long Shots of Sarajevo, 1914-2014: Events – Narratives – Memories

24-28 June, Sarajevo, Bosnia i Herzegovina

→ *A first assessment of Yoshikoder and the LIWC dictionary for interethnic studies*

Computational Models for Interethnic Studies in Transylvania and Banat

27-29 September 2012, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

→ *"Losing my religion in an Islamic Europe." The violent imaginary of the Romanian New Right and the uncertainty of globalized religions*

10<sup>th</sup> ISORECEA conference: Religion and power relations in Central and Eastern Europe

19-21 April 2012, Iasi, Romania

→ *The Extreme National Idea on the Internet in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Romania: an Apocalyptic View Over Democratic Ideas*

Cha(lle)nging Democracy at the Beginning of 21<sup>st</sup> Century

27-29 October 2011, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

→ *The voice of white supremacy on-line: How the story of the white apocalypse is told and heard on the Internet*

1<sup>st</sup> Global Conference Images of Whiteness: Exploring Critical Issues

12-14 July 2011, Oxford, United Kingdom

→ *"Europe in 2029": Group Reactions to the Angst of a White Apocalypse*

Westminster English Colloquium #16: Apocalypse and Its Discontents

11-12 December 2010, London, United Kingdom

→ *Social Representations of the Difference in Online Hate Groups and Hate Sites*

5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference Cybercultures: Exploring Critical Issues

12-14 March 2010, Salzburg, Austria

## **6. Selected publications**

### **Books**

→ 2013, *Apocalypse on the net. Extreme Threat and the Majority-Minority Relationship on the Romanian Internet*, Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main

### **Articles, book chapters**

→ 2014, *Stories of a White Apocalypse on the Romanian Internet*, in Veronica Watson, Deirdre Howard-Wagner, Lisa Spanierman, eds., 2014, *Unveiling Whiteness in the Twenty-First Century: Global Manifestations, Transdisciplinary Interventions*, Lexington Books, Lanham, MD

→ 2014, *Research notes: Utopian horizons of downshifting in Romania. Some mediated stories*, *Compaso - Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology*, vol. 5, nr. 1

→ 2012, *Extremist Manipulations of Apocalyptic Fears: A Case Study of de-Christianisation and Islamisation Discourses on the Romanian New Right Blog*, *Religion and Society in Central and Eastern Europe (RASCEE)*, vol. 5, issue 1

→ 2011, *Apocalyptic recounts on the Romanian internet: the New Right warnings on the end of Romania*, *Studia UBB Sociologia*, vol.56, issue 1

→ 2011, *Europe might exist no more. The story of Europe's apocalypse as told on-line by the Romanian New Right*, *Europolis, Journal of Political Analysis and Theory*, vol.5, issue 1

## **7. Membership**

- The Society of Sociologists from Romania (SSR)
- The International Study of Religion in Eastern and Central Europe Association (ISORECEA)
- The Institute for Global Studies, UBB
- DigiHUBB – The Transylvania Centre for Digital Humanities

## **8. Contact - fofiu [a] fspac.ro**