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**Education**

10/2016 – 03/2019	<b>Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany</b> M.A., Geographies of Globalization <b>Subjects:</b> economic geography, urban geography, internal EU migration, post-industrial/post-socialist transformations, neoliberal urban governance and the creative economy, postcolonial studies
09/2017 – 02/2018	<b>Eötvös-Loránd-Universität, Budapest, Hungary</b> ERASMUS exchange programme <b>Subjects:</b> cultural geography, environmental geography, spatial disparities, post-socialist urban development, Hungarian language
10/2010 – 03/2014	<b>Justus-Liebig-University, Gießen</b> M.A., Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe <b>Subjects:</b> East European History (major), constitutional law, political science, Russian language
10/2007 - 07/2010	<b>West University, Timișoara, Romania</b> B.A., International Relations and Europe Studies, German Language Department <b>Subjects:</b> geopolitics, EU politics, international law, regional development
09/2003 - 06/2007	<b>Mihai Eminescu High School, Petroșani, Romania</b> Higher Education Entrance Qualification

**Internships**

01/2017 – 07/2017	<b>European Migrant Workers Union, Frankfurt am Main, Germany</b> Activity part of the labour union-linked project „Faire Mobility Hessen“ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Background research on legal aspects concerning labor and social law</li> <li>▪ Participation in project-related seminars and workshops</li> <li>▪ Preparation of and participation in counseling and informational initiatives in the agricultural and construction sectors</li> </ul>
04/2012 - 06/2012	<b>A.N.T.I.M. (The National Association of Young Historians of Moldova), Chișinău, Republic of Moldova</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Archival research for my master thesis</li> <li>▪ Assistance in the organization of academic events</li> <li>▪ Creation of an online database for the ANTIM library</li> <li>▪ Delegate at an international academic conference</li> <li>▪ Support on the creation of the ANTIM website</li> </ul>

## Work experience

<b>10/2025 – currently</b>	<p><b>Georg-August-University, Göttingen (part-time PhD 75%)</b></p> <p>Researcher in the Research Training Group “Mobility Rights in the Global Context of Multiple Crises”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Empirical research on questions of European labour migration in relation to its legislative characteristics</li> <li>▪ Qualitative interviews with relevant stakeholders and employment of a socio-legal research approach</li> <li>▪ Research focus on industrial relations and state actors against the theoretical background set around the concepts of multiple precarity and social sustainability</li> </ul>
<b>10/2021 – 09/2025</b>	<p><b>Peco Institut, Frankfurt am Main (full-time 100%)</b></p> <p>Outreach advisor/researcher for Romanian construction workers in collective accommodations in Frankfurt am Main, Nürnberg and München</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Outreach informational work on the topics of labour law and labour unions</li> <li>▪ Empirical field research and publishing work</li> <li>▪ Initial advisory in labour law, mediation of work- and employer-related problems</li> <li>▪ Advisory in social law and language support in case of precarity-related emergencies</li> <li>▪ Media and press relations</li> <li>▪ Planning and management of vocational training classes and German courses</li> <li>▪ Conception and implementation of information campaigns (labour law, health and occupational safety, social entitlements)</li> <li>▪ Data collection on the work and living conditions of migrant construction workers</li> <li>▪ Constant reporting to project partners and relevant institutions concerning individual cases of workers' exploitation</li> <li>▪ Facilitation of stakeholder exchanges (workers, union, civil society, politics, academia)</li> </ul>
<b>04/2021 – 09/2021</b>	<p><b>German Trade Union Confederation (DGB) – counseling network Fair Mobility, Frankfurt am Main (part-time 75%)</b></p> <p>Advisor for labour and social law in the field of labour migration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Counselling in Romanian, German and English and case processing respectively mediation in matters of labour and social law</li> <li>▪ Close cooperation as well as common planning bzw. conduct of action campaigns with several labour unions (IG BAU, NGG, Verdi)</li> <li>▪ Participation at over 30 internal and external events and conduct of action campaigns in regard to labour and social law and overall aspects of labour mobility</li> <li>▪ Emphasis on the construction sector and broad capacity in communicating with different stakeholders (workers, labour union, social and holiday fund – SOKA Bau, the Romanian labour union confederation – BNS)</li> </ul>
<b>01/2021 – 03/2021</b>	<p><b>Internationaler Bund – IB Südwest gGmbH, Frankfurt am Main (part-time 25 %)</b></p> <p>Social worker in migration work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Participation in an innovative gardening and social integration project as part of the neighborhood management run by the IB in the city district of Frankfurt-Griesheim</li> <li>▪ Creation of the „participatory concept for a common garden usage in regard to the East-European (Romanian) inhabitants of the city-district“</li> <li>▪ Initial advisory and support towards labour migrants in the communication with authorities and institutions</li> </ul>
<b>09/2020 – 12/2021</b>	<p><b>European Migrant Workers Union., Frankfurt am Main (part-time 25%)</b></p> <p>Freelance project partner within the project „Fair Mobility Hessen“ in organizing workers and exploring the construction sector by means of outreach work in a large collective accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Outreach informational work about labour union initiatives among around 1000 construction workers</li> <li>▪ Support in the creation of a workers' council and main contact person for Romanian workers</li> <li>▪ Initial advisory and mediation of problematic cases</li> <li>▪ Preparation of a German-language class for Romanian construction workers</li> <li>▪ Research and media relation as well close cooperation with academics</li> <li>▪ Steady reporting to project partners about newly discovered cases of workers' exploitation and other forms of abuse</li> </ul>

<b>01/2020 – 04/2020</b> (cancelled due to international travel restrictions)	<b>Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main (freelance)</b> Lecturer at the seminar „Czech-in: Tracing urban transformations in Prague and Ostrava”, addressed to the B.A. students of geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Preparation of teaching material</li> <li>▪ Organization of a topic-related class trip to the Czech Republic</li> <li>▪ Assessment and grading of study results</li> </ul>
<b>08/2019 – 03/2021</b>	<b>Caritas Association, Frankfurt am Main (part-time 50%)</b> Social helper in the project „Multinationale Informations- und Anlaufstelle für EU- Migrant*innen“ (MIA)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Language support and interpreting work</li> <li>▪ Mediation between help-seeking individuals and state institutions</li> <li>▪ Overall formal support for homeless and other underprivileged groups from EU countries</li> <li>▪ Street work with homeless people</li> </ul>
<b>02/2019 – 09/2019</b>	<b>Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main (freelance)</b> Teaching assistant and co-organizer of the seminar and field trip „Romania: Timișoara and the Carpathians“, addressed to B.A. students of geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Co-work in the preparation of teaching content</li> <li>▪ Organization of a topic-related class trip to Romania</li> <li>▪ Assessment and grading of study results</li> </ul>
<b>02/2015 – 07/2015</b>	<b>Justus Liebig University, Gießen</b> Graduate assistant in the interuniversity research project SFB/TRR 138 – “Dynamics of Security” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Research assistance in the sub-project A07 of the SFB/TRR 138: “Between Minority Protection and Securitization: Roma Minority Formation and Transformation in Modern European History”</li> <li>▪ Support in the organization of academic events</li> <li>▪ Support in the organization of university courses</li> </ul>
<b>09/2014 – 10/2016</b>	<b>Accenture Services GmbH, Frankfurt am Main</b> Customer support at the Frankfurt Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Language and technical support for exhibitors and visitors</li> <li>▪ Software-based informational service for customers</li> </ul>

## Skills

<b>Languages</b>	<b>Romanian:</b> native speaker <b>German:</b> language proficient (Goethe-Zertifikat C2 - Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom) <b>English:</b> language proficient (Cambridge C1 Advanced certificate) <b>Spanish:</b> basic skills <b>French:</b> basic skills <b>Russian:</b> basic skills
<b>IT knowledge</b>	<b>ECDL- European Computer Driving Licence (2009)</b> <b>MS Office package:</b> advanced <b>Social media:</b> advanced <b>Qualitative data analysis software (MAXQDA, QDA Miner):</b> advanced <b>Hardware:</b> basic
<b>Interests and hobbies</b>	Literature, team sports, gym, video games, board games, outdoor trips, traveling, gastronomy