

# ION-ALEXANDRU LIȚĂ

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Aspiring researcher with **5 years of experience in research activities at various levels.** Demonstrated history of performing various positions in academia, with a track record of high-quality writings. Proficient in qualitative research with an extensive knowledge of the ethics implications of research activities and research risk mitigation. Excellent interpersonal skills in one on one interactions with potential respondents.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### WORLD VISION ROMANIA

*Field Research Expert*

January 2026 – PRESENT

- Developing qualitative research;
- Developing quantitative research;
- Qualitative and quantitative data analysis.

### NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

*Assistant Professor*

October 2025 – PRESENT

- Teaching fundamental concepts in sociology;
- Developing critical thinking;

### DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Project: Foreign Labour at the Periphery of Europe: The Case of Romania

*Research Assistant*

MARCH 2024 – PRESENT

- Drafting documents for Ethics Commission approval (Ethics Commission application; Script for oral consent; Interview guides);
- Desk research on Romanian policies related to migration for work;
- Data collection through conducting interviews with migrant workers in Romania and requesting information from Romanian authorities;
- Coding the data collected through interviews;
- Writing materials on the working conditions for migrant workers in Romania;
- Participating in international conferences.

Project: Romania: The proliferation of foreign labour in an emigration heavy country

*Research Assistant*

MAY 2023 – APRIL 2024

- Data collection through freedom of information request from the Romanian authorities in the field of labour migration;
- Developing an extensive research project that would explore labour migration in Romania.

Project: COVID-19 and Romanian Migrant Workers in Germany

*Research Assistant*

OCTOBER 2022 – JULY 2023

- Drafting documents for Ethics Commission approval (Ethics Commission application; Script for oral consent; Interview guides);
- Data collection through conducting interviews with Romanian seasonal workers in Germany;
- Coding the data collected through interviews;
- Writing materials on the working conditions for Romanian migrant workers in Germany;
- Participating in international conferences.

Project: Refugee Integration in South East Europe

*Research Assistant*

JULY 2022 – DECEMBER 2022

- Translating into English and transcribing interviews collected;

- Coding the collected data.

## **UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST**

Project: Access to Higher Education in Post-Communist Romania

*Research Assistant*

JULY 2023 – DECEMBER 2024

- Data collection from national archives;
- Designing the field research on student population of the University of Petroșani;
- Conducting interviews with students of the University of Petroșani;
- Writing materials on the topic of access to higher education.

## **CERe – THE RESOURCE CENTER FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Communication and Public Relations Assistant*

JULY 2018 – OCTOBER 2019

- Writing materials to present the organization and support advocacy efforts (brochures, social media posts, website content, etc);
- Represent the organization in face-to-face meetings to potential donors.

## **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICAL STUDIES & COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

Project: Political Clientelism in Romania

*Field Researcher*

October – December 2013; January – April 2014; July – December 2016

- Planning and coordination of questionnaires;
- Applying the questionnaires to various rural population samples.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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### **BABEȘ-BOLYAI UNIVERSITY**

Erasmus mobility for PhD Candidates

MARCH 2022 – SEPTEMBER 2022

*Magdeburg University*

### **BABEȘ-BOLYAI UNIVERSITY**

Scholarship

MAY 2021 – APRIL 2022

Project: Doctoral and post-doctoral research relevant for the labour market, innovative and qualitative

### **DESIRE FOUNDATION**

Research scholarship

OCTOBER 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2021

### **BABEȘ-BOLYAI UNIVERSITY**

Scholarship for PhD Candidates

OCTOBER 2019 – SEPTEMBER 2022

### **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICAL STUDIES**

Erasmus mobility for Labour Studies MA students

FEBRUARY 2017 – JULY 2017

*Bremen University*

## **CONFERENCES**

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### **VOICES AND SILENCES: 50 YEARS OF THE SOCIETY FOR ROMANIAN STUDIES 2025**

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

29-31 MAY 2025

PRESENTATION TITLE: *ROMANIA'S CAPTIVE LABOUR FORCE: UNEVEN DEVELOPMENT AND THE ALLURE OF SCHENGEN*

### **CAPITALIST TRANSFORMATIONS IN EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE**

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

19-22 MAY 2025

PRESENTATION TITLE: *THE OTHER SIDE OF DEVELOPMENT. DAILY WORK COMMUTING IN TETAROM III - JUCU INDUSTRIAL PARK*

### **HISTORICAL MATERIALISM ATHENS CONFERENCE 2025**

Athens, Greece

24-27 APRIL 2025

Presentation title: *Migrant Workers' Conditions in the Semi-Periphery: Romania as a Case Study.*

## **THE USES AND ABUSES OF HISTORY AND ACADEMIC RESEARCH CULTURE**

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

7-9 NOVEMBER 2024

Presentation title: *Case Study: the student population of an university in an economically distressed region.*

## **21ST IMISCOE ANNUAL CONFERENCE "MIGRATION AS A SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION: A REFLEXIVE TURN"**

Lisbon, Portugal

2-5 JULY 2024

Presentation title: *Who has the Right to Have Rights? Migrant workers as a captive labour force in the Romanian labour market.*

## **MOBILITIES, LAND USE AND ECOLOGICAL CRISES IN EUROPE'S PERIPHERIES**

Hosman, Romania

14-15 SEPTEMBER 2023

Presentation title: *Romanian migrant workers in the German agri-food industry facing Covid-19 lockdown measures as a tool of control and profit increasing.*

## **IDENTITY AND DIVERSITY IN EUROPE. HISTORY, SOCIETY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Oradea, Romania

22-27 MARCH 2022

Presentation title: *Building the infrastructure of exploitation. Benefits for companies and silencing for workers.*

## **EDUCATION**

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### **BABEȘ-BOLYAI UNIVERSITY**

PhD Candidate – Sociology

OCTOBER 2019 – PRESENT

Thesis title (provisional): *Commuting and development policies in contemporary Cluj-Napoca Metropolitan area*

### **UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST**

Post-graduate program

MARCH 2021 – JULY 2021

- Teaching module (II)

Post-graduate program

OCTOBER 2017 – FEBRUARY 2018

- Teaching module (I)

### **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICAL STUDIES**

Labour Studies MA

OCTOBER 2015 – JULY 2017

Thesis title: *Chronicle of a Death Foretold: the Decay of Romanian Labour Unions as an Effect of Labour Law Flexibilization*

Political Science BA

OCTOBER 2012 – JULY 2015

## **LANGUAGES**

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**Romanian:** native speaker

**English:** proficient (C1) across listening, reading, speaking and writing

**German:** basic learner (A2)

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

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- Proficient in Microsoft Office and Libre Office
- Proficient in NVivo
- Familiar with R and SPSS

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE**

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- In-depth information of qualitative research methods, especially interview:
  - Types of interviews (structured, unstructured, semi-structured)
  - Saturation point
  - Types of interviewing (telephone, online, face-to-face, etc)
  - Coding and analyzing interviews;
- Extensive knowledge on research ethics acquired through graduating the Course on Research Ethics based on the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (Canada, July 2022)