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Main research fields

History of Eastern Christianity, Byzantine and Early Modern Greek Intellectual
History, Christian-Muslim Polemics

Education

- 2017–2020 PhD in Theology, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Bucharest. Title: *The Anti-Islamic Discourse as Reflected in the Early Modern Greek Apologetic and Polemical Literature on Islam (16th–18th Centuries)* – in Romanian.
- 2015–2017 MA in Comparative History: Late Antique, Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Department of Medieval Studies, Central European University, Budapest (also awarded with the Advanced Certificate in Eastern Mediterranean Studies by the Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, CEU). Title: *“Orthodoxy” and “Heterodoxy” in the Polemical Works of Pachomios Rousanos (1508–1553) against Greeks and Muslims.*
- 2013–2015 MA in Interdisciplinary Medieval Studies: History and Philology, Faculty of History and Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Bucharest. Title: *The “Düzme Mustafa” Affair (1415–1422) and the Succession of Power in the Early Ottoman Empire* – in Romanian.
- 2012–2015 BA in Classical Philology: Ancient and Medieval Greek and Latin, Department of Classical Philology and Modern Greek, Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Bucharest. Title: *Ioannis Canani. De Constantinopolis obsidione. Introduction, translation into Romanian and commentaries* – in Romanian.
- 2009–2013 BA in Pastoral Theology, Department of Historical, Biblical and Philological Theology, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Bucharest. Title: *The Status of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Orthodox Dhimmi under the Ottoman Rule (1453-1456)* – in Romanian.

Professional experience

- Dec 2020–present: *Postdoc fellow* at the Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen. Research project: *The European Qur’an. Islamic Scripture in European Culture and Religion 1150–1850 (EuQu)*, EU Horizon 2020 – ERC Synergy Grant, Project ID: 810141.
- Nov 2020–present: *CS – Scientific Researcher* at the Institute for the History of Religions, Romanian Academy of Sciences, Bucharest.
- Apr 2019–Aug 2020: *Research Assistant* at Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Central European University, Budapest. Research Project: *The Fashioning of a Sunni Orthodoxy and the Entangled Histories of Confession-*

Building in the Ottoman Empire, 15th–17th Centuries, EU Horizon 2020 – ERC Consolidator Grant, Project ID: 648498.

Jan 2018–Dec 2019: *Research Assistant* at the Institute for Research in the Humanities: A Research Division of the Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (IRH–ICUB). Research Project: *The Mental Imagery of Eastern Christianity and Islam According to Western Travel Descriptions during the Second Half of the 16th Century*. Contract (25/2017) PN–III–P4–ID–PCE–2016–0628.

Jan–June 2018: *Substitute Teacher* for Ancient and Medieval Greek and Latin at the Orthodox Theological High School “Nifon Mitropolitul”, Bucharest.

Research projects and grants

Oct–Nov 2018: *Principal investigator* of the research project: *The Status of the Orthodox Greek Communities of the Ottoman Empire during the Age of Confessionalization (16th–17th Centuries)*. Contract: PN–III–P1–1.1–MC2018–0930. Financed by UEFISCDI – Romanian Government.

Feb–March 2018: *Principal investigator* of the research project: *The Anti-Islamic Discourse as Reflected in the Greek Apologetic and Polemical Treatises against Islam (16th–18th Centuries)*. Contract: PN–III–P1–1.1–MC2017–2525. Financed by UEFISCDI – Romanian Government.

Fellowships

June–Nov 2019: *Doctoral Fellow* at Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte, Mainz. Mentor: Prof. Mihai-D. Grigore.

Professional service (membership)

Feb 2020–present: Romanian Society for Byzantine Studies, Romanian Academy of Sciences, Bucharest

Nov 2018–present: Center for Medieval Studies, Faculty of History, University of Bucharest

Aug 2017–present: Member/Secondary proposer of COST Action Proposal *Islamic Legacy: Narratives East, West, South, North of the Mediterranean (1350–1750)*. Proposal: OC-2017-1-22157.

Sept 2015–June 2017: Junior Fellow, Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, CEU, Budapest (Oct 2016–June 2017: Junior Member Representative).

Publications

Edited books

Vasile Grecu, *Byzantinische und neugriechische Forschungen*, ed. Octavian-Adrian Negoită, coll. *Bibliothèque de l’Institut d’Études Sud-Est Européennes* 9. Brăila: Editura Istros, 2020, 345 p.

Articles in journals

“A Very Good and Dear Friend: Is Panagiotis Nikousios the Author of the Mournful Story concerning the Unjust Death of the Grand Postelnic Constantine Cantacuzenus?” *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies* 44.2 (2020): 276–288.

“Magister Studiorum Byzantinorum, Arabicorum atque Orientis Christiani: Irfan Arif Shahîd (1926–2016) and His Contribution to the Field of Byzantine and Arabic Studies.” *ARAM: Journal of Syriac Studies* 32.1-2 (2020): 293–308.

Articles in books

“Sub îndrumarea muzei Klio: Arhiereul Ghenadie Enăceanu (1835–1898) și contribuția sa în domeniul istoriei bisericești” (Under the Guidance of Muse Klio: Bishop Ghenadie Enăceanu (1835–1898) and His Contribution to the Field of Church History), in Ioan Moldoveanu (ed.), *Profesorii noștri, învățătorii noștri*, Vol. 1: *Departamentul de Teologie Istorică, Biblică și Filologie al Facultății de Teologie Ortodoxă „Patriarhul Justinian”*, *Universitatea din București*. Bucharest: Ed. Basilica, 2020, p. 25–39.

Works in print or forthcoming

“Magister Studiorum Byzantinorum, Arabicorum atque Orientis Christiani: Irfan Arif Shahîd (1926–2016) și contribuția sa în domeniul studiilor bizantine.” *Glasul Bisericii* 79.1-3 (2020), in print. (It includes a translation into Romanian of Shahîd’s study “Arab Christianity in Byzantine Palestine”).

“Împotriva forței stelelor și artei astronomilor: O narațiune bizantină despre atacul otoman împotriva Constantinopolului din 1422” (Against the Force of the Stars and the Art of the Astronomers: A Byzantine Narration on the Ottoman Attack against Constantinople of 1422). *Glasul Bisericii* 79.7-9 (2020), forthcoming.

“Prea-bun și scumpu priiatnic al său: Este Panagiotis Nikousios autorul Povestirii despre moartea nedreaptă a marelui postelnic Constantin Cantacuzino?” *Revista istorică* (2020), forthcoming.

“Toma G. I Bulat”, “Pavel Chihaiia”, “Gheorghe Cronț”, “Aurel I. Decei”, “Ghenadie Enăceanu (Craioveanul)”, “Vasile (Greciuc) Grecu”, “Niculae M. Popescu”, “Teodor M. Popescu”, “Niculae Șerbănescu”, in *Enciclopedia istoricilor români* (The Encyclopedia of the Romanian Historians). Bucharest: Romanian Academy of Sciences, forthcoming.

“Pachomios Rousanos”, “Gerasimos Blachos”, “Nicholas Karatzas”, in D. Thomas and J. Chesworth (eds.), *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History* (Online database). Leiden and Boston: Brill, forthcoming.

Riccolando da Monte di Croce, *Contra legem saracenorum*, introduction, translation into Romanian and annotations by Octavian-Adrian Negoită, coll. *Biblioteca medievală*, Iași: Polirom, forthcoming.

George Florovsky, *Scrierile esențiale ale lui George Florovsky și moștenirea sa patristică* (The Essential Writings of George Florovsky and His Patristic Legacy), translation into Romanian by Dragoș Dâscă and Octavian-Adrian Negoită, Iași: Doxologia, forthcoming.