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### Main research fields

Trinitarian and Christological controversies, the Cappadocian Fathers, Gregory of Nyssa and his Byzantine *Nachleben*

### Education

- 2010 PhD, École Pratique des Hautes Études-Sorbonne
- 2005 MA, École Pratique des Hautes Études-Sorbonne
- 2004 BA in Philosophy, Université Paris IV – Sorbonne
- 2003 BA in Ancient Greek and Latin, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca
- 2001 BA in Orthodox Theology, University of Oradea

### Professional experience

- 2020–present: Assistant Professor, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Oradea
- 2008–2020: Lecturer at the University of Oradea (*Patrology and Church History*)
- 2005–2008: Moniteur at *École Normale Supérieure*, Paris (*Ancient Greek for beginners*)

### Research projects and grants

- 2019–2020: The Mental Imagery of Eastern Christianity and Islam According to Western Travel Descriptions during the Second Half of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, University of Bucharest
- 2010–2011: Editing the Romanian Bible of 1688, *Monumenta Linguae Dacoromanorum*, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași

### Fellowships

- 2014–2015: Postdoctoral Scholarship, *New Europe College, Institute for Advanced Studies*, Bucharest
- 2005–2008: Doctoral Scholarship, *Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes* and *Ecole Normale Supérieure*, Paris
- 2002–2005: International Scholarship, *École Normale Supérieure*, Paris

### Professional service (membership)

- Romanian Society for Byzantine Studies (since 2021)
- Association Internationale d'Études Patristiques (since 2013)
- Ecumenical Patristic Society (since 2013)
- Advisory board, *Christian Tradition* Series, Polirom Press, Iași (since 2011)
- Romanian Society of Biblical Philology and Hermeneutics, Iași (since 2010)
- Associate member of the Patristic Committee of the Romanian Orthodox Patriarchate, Bucharest (since 2010)

## Publications

### Books (monographs, critical editions)

- Gregory of Nyssa, *Against Eunomius I*, translation from Ancient Greek and notes. *Christian Tradition Series*. Iași: Polirom, 2010.
- The Infinity of God in Gregory of Nyssa: the Theological Use of a Concept*. Iași: Alexandru-Ioan Cuza University Press, 2015.
- Gregory of Nyssa, *Against Eunomius II*, introduction, translation from Ancient Greek and notes. *Christian Tradition Series*. Iași: Polirom, 2020.

### Edited Books

- Confession and Eucharist, Divine Mysteries for the Transfiguration of Human Person*, together with D. Meghesan and E. Cioara. Oradea: Oradea University Press, 2014.

### Articles in journals

- “‘Not my will, but yours be done’: Luke 22, 42 in the Apollinarian Controversy.” *Sobornost incorporating Eastern Churches Review* 41.2 (2019): 8–21.
- “La dynamique de la vie spirituelle chez saint Jean Climaque: un regard comparatif avec saint Grégoire de Nysse.” *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* 110.1 (2017): 149–168.
- “Le titre *Theotokos* dans les controverses christologiques du IV<sup>e</sup> siècle.” *Laval théologique et philosophique* 72.2 (2016): 491–511.
- “Réception de la théorie du progrès perpétuel au XIV<sup>e</sup> siècle byzantin: Grégoire Palamas et Calliste Angelikoudes.” *New Europe College Yearbook* 21 (2015): 117–141.
- “On the Interpretation of the Theory of Perpetual Progress (*epektasis*): taking into Account the Testimony of Eastern Monastic Tradition.” *Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique* 110.3-4 (2014): 564–587.
- “Interpretation and Reception of the theory of *epektasis* in Fr Dumitru Stăniloae.” *Studii Teologice* 3 (2014): 137–151.
- “À propos d’une ‘théologie de l’Infini incarné’ chez Grégoire de Nysse.” *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* 90.3 (2014): 453–483.
- “Emily or Emmelia? An Inquiry on the Fate of St Basil the Great Mother’s Name in Romanian Patristic Scholarship.” *Studii Teologice* 3 (2013): 169–178.
- “L’infinité divine chez Grégoire de Nysse: de l’anthropologie à la polémique trinitaire.” *Vigiliae Christianae* 67.2 (2013): 137–168.
- “Syméon le Nouveau Théologien comme témoin de la tradition spirituelle de Grégoire de Nysse.” *Studia Monastica* 54.2 (2012): 235–251.
- “Philippians 2.6-7a in the Romanian Versions of the Holy Scripture, with a Brief Look at the Fourth Century Theological Controversies.” *Studia Universitatis Babeș-Bolyai Theologia Orthodoxa* 56.2 (2011): 15–24.

### Articles in books

- “Grégoire de Nysse sur l’infinité divine.” In *Anthologie des théologiens de l’Antiquité*, ed. by E. Junod and A. Le Boulluec. Paris: Les Editions du Cerf, 2016, p. 259–265.

- “Philosophical Arguments and Christian Worship in St. Basil’s Debate with Eunomius.” In *The Ecumenical Legacy of the Cappadocians*, ed. by N. Dumitrascu. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015, p. 93–104.
- “L’infinité divine dans le débat trinitaire du CE III: le noyau de l’argumentation est-il philosophique ou bien scripturaire?” In *Gregory of Nyssa: Contra Eunomium III. An English Translation with Commentary and Supporting Studies. Proceedings of the 12<sup>th</sup> International Colloquium on Gregory of Nyssa*, ed. by J. Leemans and M. Cassin. Leiden: Brill, 2014, p. 675–685.
- “Emperor Constantine and his Mediation in the Arian Crisis.” In *Sf. Constantin cel Mare și Creștinismul: teologie, politică și hagiografie în Bizanțul timpuriu*, ed. by D. Lemeni. Craiova: Mitropolia Olteniei, 2013, p. 190–200.
- “Rev. Fr Isidor Todoran, Professor at the Orthodox Theological Academy of Oradea (1936-1937).” In *90 de ani de la înființarea Învățământului academic teologic ortodox în Oradea (1923-2013). Actele simpozionului național de la Oradea, 16-18 octombrie 2013*, ed. by D. Megheșan et alii. Oradea: Oradea University Press, 2013, p. 282–286.

### **Works in print or forthcoming**

- History of the Egyptian Monks* (Historia monachorum), translation from Ancient Greek. Iași: Doxologia, 2021 (forthcoming).
- “Antonio Possevino, un jésuite en voyage missionnaire en Transylvanie (1583).” *Revue de l’histoire des religions* (submitted).