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Main research fields

Culture and history of medieval Eastern Europe, history of Muscovy, Slavonic manuscript culture, religious identities in medieval Eastern Europe, Church-state relations, cult of saints.

Education

- 2017 PhD in Philology, Russian and Slavic Studies, University of Bucharest.
- 2013 MA in Religious Studies – Texts and Traditions, University of Bucharest
- 2011 BA in Russian and Swedish Language and Literature, University of Bucharest

Professional experience

Researcher, Administrative assistant, ICUB Humanities - Research Institute of the University of Bucharest, Humanities Division (since May 2016)

Research projects and grants

Affiliated member, research project ORTHPOL: *Orthodoxies and Politics. The Religious Reforms of Mid-17th Century in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe* (ERC StG, grant agreement no. 950287), PI Ovidiu Olar, Austrian Academy of Sciences (2022-2026)

PI: *Saint-Making and Institutional Consolidation: the Veneration of Metropolitans in 14th-16th Century Muscovy*, Postdoctoral grant, Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitization, CNCS - UEFISCDI, project number PN-III-P1-1.1-PD-2021-0234 (2022-2024)

Fellowships

2021-2022 “Ștefan Odobleja” Fellowship, New Europe College, Bucharest, Project title: *How to Become the Orthodox Grand Princess of a Latin Kingdom: Defining Dynastic Religious Identity in Late 15th Century Muscovy*

2019-2020 Postdoctoral fellowship, Entrepreneurial Education and Professional Counseling for Social and Human Sciences PhD and Postdoctoral Researchers to ensure knowledge transfer from the field of Social Sciences and Humanities to the Labor Market” (ATRiUM, POCU/380/6/13/123343). Project title: *From the Union of Ferrara-Florence to the Patriarchate of Ukraine. Fundamentals of Religious Conflicts in Eastern Europe*

2019-2020 Postdoctoral fellowship, Interdisciplinary School of Doctoral Studies, University of Bucharest. Project title: *Negotiating Orthodoxy: Religious Disputes in 15th century Muscovy.*

Professional service (membership)

Member of the Romanian Society for Byzantine Studies

Member of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) - since 2023

Member of the Early Slavic Studies Association (ESSA) - since 2021

Since 2023 – Newsletter editor, Early Slavic Studies Association (ESSA)

Publications

Books (monographs, critical editions)

Mituri și simboluri politico-religioase ale statalității ruse [Political and Religious Myths and Symbols of the Russian State], Bucharest: University of Bucharest Press, 2018, 336 p.

Articles in journals

“Canon Law and Local Practice: The Resolutions of the 1551 Stoglav (Hundred Chapters) Church Council”, *RussianStudiesHu* 7 (1), 2025: 31–49.

<https://doi.org/10.38210/RUSTUDH.2025.7.2>

“From a Contested Metropolitan to a Sainly Protector: Shaping Metropolitan Kiprian’s Image in 15th – 16th Century Muscovy”, *Revue des Études Sud-Est Européennes*, LXII, 2024: 205-221 <https://doi.org/10.59277/RESEE.2024.09>

“Metropolitans of all Rus’, protectors of Moscow: the Veneration of Metropolitan Petr (14th – 16th century)”, *Russian History*, 51 (1), 2024: 28–55

<https://doi.org/10.30965/18763316-12340072>

“Biblical and Patristic References in the *Lives* of Muscovite Saints (14-15th Century)”, *Receptarea Sfintei Scripturi: între filologie, hermeneutică și traductologie*, 12 (1), 2023: 235-248 <https://www.ceeol.com/search/article-detail?id=1244808>

“Identity, Secrecy, and War: the Letters of Ivan III of Moscow to his Daughter, Elena of Lithuania” in *New Europe College Yearbook, "Ștefan Odobleja" Program 2021/ 2022*, 2022: 203-228 <https://nec.ro/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/IULIA-NITESCU.pdf>

“Late-Fifteenth-Century Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and the Emergence of a Muscovite Dynastic Consciousness”, *Slavonic and East European Review*, 99 (3), 2021: 464-483 <https://doi.org/10.5699/slaveasteurorev2.99.3.0464>

“Marrying an Orthodox *Tsarevna* from Rome: Sofia Palaiologina’s Religious Identity in Moscow”, *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, 55 (1), 2021: 1-23

<https://doi.org/10.30965/22102396-05501001>

„Formarea identității ortodoxe a familiei dinastice moscovite în timpul marelui cneaz Ivan al III-lea (1462-1505)”, [The Formation of an Orthodox Identity of the Muscovite Dynasty during the Reign of Ivan III (1462-1505)], *Revista Istorică*, 31 (5-6), 2020: 439-451.

„Figuri istorice în discursul public al Bisericii Ortodoxe Ruse în timpul celui de-Al Doilea Război Mondial” [Historical Figures in the Public Discourse of the Russian Orthodox Church during the Second World War], *Romanoslavica* 54 (2), 2018: 47-54.

„Modele ale *Vechiului Testament* în legitimarea puterii ruse” [Models of the Old Testament in the Legitimation of Russian Power], *Romanoslavica* 52 (4), 2016: 153-168.

„Concepte bizantine în interpretare rusă. *Translatio imperii* și simfonia” [Byzantine Concepts in Russian Interpretation. *Translatio Imperii* and the Symphony], *Romanoslavica* 51 (4), 2015: 251-268.

Articles in books

“From Individual Destinies to an Emergent Community: Latins in sixteenth century Moscow”, in *Foreigners in Muscovy. Western Immigrants in Sixteenth and Seventeenth Century Russia*, eds. Simon Dreher, Wolfgang Mueller, London: Routledge, 2023: 27-41 <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003318156-3>

„Etica în păgânismul contemporan rusesc. Identitate și biocentrism” [Ethics in the Contemporary Russian Paganism. Identity and Biocentrism]. In *Etica în știință, religie și societate* [Ethics in Science, Religion, and Society], eds. Marin Bălan, Valentin Mureșan. Bucharest: University of Bucharest Press, 2015: 411-429.

„Monoteism și asociaționism. Treimea creștină din perspectivă islamică” [Monotheism and Associationism. The Christian Trinity from a Muslim Perspective]. In *Despre Unu și ierarhie. Excurs de filosofia religiei* [One and Hierarchy. Excursus on the Philosophy of Religion], ed. Madeea Axinciuc. Bucharest: University of Bucharest Press, 2015: 211-224.

Works in print or forthcoming

“Brief tale about the Moldavian sovereigns, since the Moldavian land began”, in *Historiographies of Early Modern Southeast Europe. An Exemplary Handbook*, eds. Konrad Petrovsky, Ovidiu Olar, forthcoming.