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Expertise and interests:

My general research interests and expertise are grand strategy, European security, naval policy and strategic studies. Currently I am concentrating on the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea, with an emphasis on naval and strategic developments in both regions.

Professional Experience:

- February 2024 – present: **Advisor** – Romanian Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania;
- **February 2022 – February 2024: Advisor** to the Secretary of state for strategic affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania;
- **August 2020 – February 2022: Advisor** – Romanian Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania;
- **March 2019 – present: Program Coordinator** - Black Sea Security at Romania Energy Center.
- **July 2017 – March 2019: Analyst** at Romania Energy Center.
- **December 2013 – June 2017: Associate Researcher** at Romania Energy Center (project based).
- **September 2013 – July 2020: Media analyst and editor** at **ANP Agerpres**, Romania's public news agency.
- **February 2015 – October 2015: Qualitative analyst** for the project „Developing an NGO coalition for the opening up of the political market”. Project financed by Norway Grants – EEA Grants.
- **November 2012 – October 2014: senior partner** at Context Politic responsible for foreign policy and international security analysis.
- **January 2011 – March 2012: Political science researcher and adviser** at the Christian Democratic Foundation.
- **2012-2015 – Occasional contributor** to *Foreign Policy Romania*.
- **Since 2011 – Occasional contributor** on foreign and security policy issues to 22 magazine.
- **October 2009 – December 2009: Assistant to the Political Analyst** of the Limited Election Observation Mission of the OSCE for the Romanian Presidential Elections.
- **April 2007 – Editor and founder** of civitaspolitics.org.
- **September 2006 – September 2008: PR/Marketing Coordinator** for Civitas'99 NGO.

Education:

- 2009 – M. A. in International Relations at the Political Science Department, University of Bucharest.
- 2007 – Graduated from the University of Bucharest with a B.A. Political Science – International Relations from the English section of the Political Science Department.

Published Works & Projects

- Editor along with Șerban Cioculescu, Octavian Manea and Silviu Petre of the volume *Transformarea războiului*, Bucharest: Ed. Litera, 2023;
- Romanian Diplomatic Institute - Editor (along with Delia Voicu and Dragoș Mateescu) – „Studii de politică externă și relații internaționale” (Foreign Policy and Diplomatic Studies), June 2021;
- Romanian Diplomatic Institute – Policy Paper nr. 31/2022: [În pericol de a fi uitate: „Conflictele înghețate” din fostul spațiu sovietic și impactul lor asupra securității europene.](#)
- December 2021 – [Guardian of the Danube: Romania’s Mixed Progress in Implementing a Black Sea Strategy](#) – *The Jamestown Foundation*, [Black Sea Battleground.](#)
- Romanian Diplomatic Institute – Policy Paper 29/2021 – România, Franța și flancul maritim al NATO în Marea Neagră.
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- February 2021 – [The Romanian Corvette Saga \(Part Two\)](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor.*
- February 2021 – [The Romanian Corvette Saga \(Part One\)](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor.*
- December 2020 – [Mediterrana de Est: cauzele și mizele instabilității regionale](#), Policy Paper No. 27, Institutul Diplomatic Român;
- September 2020 – [Retragerea și relocarea unei părți a trupelor americane din Germania. Evaluare Strategică](#), Policy Brief No. 72, Institutul Diplomatic Român.
- June 2020 – [Romania’s New National Defense Strategy Irks Kremlin \(Part Two\)](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor.*
- June 2020 – [Romania’s New National Defense Strategy Irks Kremlin \(Part One\)](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor.*
- April 2020 – [Romania’s Danube Flotilla: An Unparalleled Capability on NATO’s Southeastern Flank \(Part Two\)](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor.*
- April 2020 – [Romania’s Danube Flotilla: An Unparalleled Capability on NATO’s Southeastern Flank \(Part One\)](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor.*
- March 2020 - [The Black Sea and COVID-19](#), Middle East Institute.
- February 2020 – [Bucharest: Everything Goes to Early Elections?](#), Center for Army, Conversion and Disarmament Studies, Ukraine.
- November 2019 – [Security in the Black Sea region: a view from Bucharest](#), Center for Army, Conversion and Disarmament Studies, Ukraine.

- November 2019 – [Romania's presidential race: is there a surprise?](#), Center for Army, Conversion and Disarmament Studies, Ukraine.
- October 2019 – *Romania and the Changing Dynamics in the Black Sea Region* (with Octavian Manea), Black Sea Security Analytical Journal, Vol. 35, No. 3 (October-November 2019), pp. 54-59, Centre for Global Studies Strategy XXI.
- October 2019 – [The long agony of a government coalition in Romania](#), Center for Army, Conversion and Disarmament Studies, Ukraine.
- September 2019 – [Romania's Military Procurement Hits Multiple Roadblocks](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor*.
- April 2019 – [Romania Faces Major Defense Hurdles in 2019](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor*.
- March 2019 – [The Known Unknowns of Romania's Defense Modernization Plans](#), Romania Energy Center.
- February 2019 – Contributor to the digital version of “The Military Balance” and to the Military Balance+ data base published by the *International Institute for Strategic Studies*.
- January 2019 – [Romania Undertakes Naval Modernization Program \(Part Two\)](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor*.
- November 2018 – [Romania Undertakes Naval Modernization Program](#) (Part One), *Eurasia Daily Monitor*.
- September 2018 – [Romania's Air Defenses Are Being Stretched to the Limit](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor*.
- July 2018 – [Romania at the Brussels Summit: A Less Than Expected Result](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor*.
- July 2018 – [Romania's Naval Ambitions – An analysis of current acquisition programs](#), Romania Energy Center.
- June 2018 - [Romania's Poor Infrastructure Undercuts Its Defense Efforts](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor*.
- March 2018 – [Romania and the Challenges of Spending 2 Percent of GDP on Defense](#), *Eurasia Daily Monitor*.
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- October 2016 – *NATO Missile Defense – Fundamentals, Vulnerabilities and Perceptions* with Ștefan Popescu in Eugenia Gușilov (ed.) [NATO Warsaw Summit and Beyond – Special Report](#), Romania Energy Center – Black Sea in Access Denial Age (Research Project financed by NATO).
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- July 2015 - [Crimea's transformation into an access-denial base](#) (with Octavian Manea), Romania Energy Center – Black Sea in Access Denial Age (Research Project financed by NATO).
- February 2015 - [Black Sea naval imbalance](#), special report, Romania Energy Center.
- June 2014 - ["Chinese" near-seas and regional energy security](#), (with Octavian Manea), Romania Energy Center.
- March 2014 - [Turmoil in Ukraine](#), Al Jazeera Center for Studies.
- October 2013 - [Shale gas public perception in Romania](#), Issue brief, Romania Energy Center.
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- February 2013 - *Noile riscuri globale de securitate vor mai afecta Romania* (The New Global Security Risks Will Affect Romania), Foreign Policy Romania.
- August 2012 - "The Hormuz Factor: Anti-access scenarios in the Persian Gulf and consequences for the energy markets" (with Octavian Manea) in *Petroleum Industry Review* pp. 80-84.
- June 2012 - "Realismul neoclasic un suflu nou pentru o teorie fundamentală" (*Neoclassical Realism: A New Boost for a Fundamental Theory*) book review – Steven E. Lobell, Norin M. Ripsman and Jeffrey W. Taliaferro: *Neoclassical Realism, the State and Foreign Policy*, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009, 310 pp, in Sfera Politicii, No. 169, May-June 2012, pp. 199-203.
- March 2012 - "Culisele unei achizitii: de ce au preferat indienii avionul Rafale" (The Innerworkings of an Acquisition: Why India Selected the Rafale), *Foreign Policy Romania*.
- September 2009 - "Cum trebuie America să acționeze într-o lume post americană?" (*How should America Act in a Post American World*), book review

Fareed Zakaria, *The Post-American World* New York, London: W.W. Norton and Company, 2008 ,292 pp, in Sfera Politicii, No. 138, August 2009 pp. 119-123.

- January 2009 - “Problema puterii americane la începutul secolului 21” (The Problem of American Power at the beginning of the Twenty-First Century), book review – Joseph Joffe, *Überpower: The Imperial Temptation of America* New York: W.W. Norton, 2006 in Sfera Politicii, No. 131-132, January February 2009, pp. 123-127.
- September, 2008: [*Romania’s Black Sea Offensive*](#), Center for European Policy Analysis.
- March, 2008: [*Kosovo’s Independence and US-Romanian Relations*](#), Center for European Policy Analysis.