

EDUCATION

- October 2023 - present** **National University of Political Studies and Public Administration** **Romania**
Ph.D. Student
- Thesis: Coaching and Lobbying Europeanization. Diplomatic training as a norm diffusion mechanism in Eastern Partnership countries
- June 2023** **Central European University (CEU)** **Vienna, Austria**
Master of Arts in Political Science (Distinction)
- Specialization: Comparative politics and democratization
 - Selected Coursework: Intermediate Quantitative Methods (RStudio), Democracy Promotion, Elections and Democracy, Social Media and Democracy
 - CEU Merit-based Scholarship (2020/2021)
- July 2020** **Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca (UBB)** **Cluj, Romania**
Master of Arts in International Development (Taught in English)
- Thesis on the EU's attitude adjustment towards Moldova's civil society organizations in the context of democratization
 - Selected Coursework: Transnational Migration, Conflict-ridden societies, Human Development, Quantitative Methods – SPSS, Theories of Migration & Development
- July 2020** *Master of Arts in Leadership and communication in International Organizations*
- Thesis on local elites, state capture and the discourse of Europeanization in the Republic of Moldova (*Distinction*)
 - Selected Coursework: EU and the civil society, Management of EU integration
 - Performance Scholarship (2018/2020)
- July 2018** *Bachelor of Arts in Political Science – Security Studies*
- Thesis on the Romanian soft power in the Republic of Moldova (*Distinction*)
 - Selected Coursework: EU's Multi-level governance, EU's institutions
 - 2018 Excellentia Prize for outstanding academic results by Babes-Bolyai University

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EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – present** **Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs** **Bucharest, Romania**
Foreign Policy Analyst – Romanian Diplomatic Institute
- Interim Head of Division (September – October 2023)
 - Provided expertise for the Ministry in the field of diplomacy and international relations (e.g. policy briefs, policy papers, memorandums, etc.)
 - Taught courses on international relations to Romanian Diplomatic Service personnel
- March 2023 – July 2023** **European External Action Service** **Brussels, Belgium**
Project Assistant – European Diplomatic Academy
- Event planning (e.g. Closing Ceremony of the first phase of the European Diplomatic Academy)
 - Drafting internal and external communication materials
 - Desk research and curricula implementation of the European Diplomatic Academy
- August 2021 – November 2021** **United Nations – International Organization for Migration** **Windhoek, Namibia**
Project Assistant – Programme Support Unit (Namibia)
- Assisted the office with project development-related issues (concept notes for funding, background research, etc.)
 - Issued press releases and other communicational materials
 - Assisted the office with training course preparation and evaluation part
- 2017 - 2020** **Babeş-Bolyai Univeristy – College for Advanced Studies** **Cluj, Romania**
Junior Fellow
- Researched democratic norms' diffusion in Eastern Europe area

- Conducted 20 interviews with civil society representatives from the Rep. of Moldova
- Three successful research grants applications from UBB (3 X 1.000 EUR)
- Published papers in international peer-reviewed academic journals
- Presented research outcomes in high-profile academic conferences (Tartu, Limerick)
- 2019 Babes-Bolyai University Special Research Fellowship & 2019 Yardi Romania Scholarship for exceptional academic results

OTHER

EXPERIENCE

UNLEASH Innovation Lab network

Alumnus

- Participated at the 2019 UNLEASH Innovation Lab, Shenzhen, China. On a merit-based competition, this event gathers every year over 1000 talents around the world. In front of a jury of distinguished CEOs and Nobel Prize Laureates, more than 200 teams design and showcase their innovative solutions to SDG-related issues
- Won 2nd Place in SDG11 category (Sustainable cities and communities) with a project which aimed to increase the level of inclusiveness among disabled-body children by implementing the concept of safe-spaces in Indonesian primary schools
- I master the 5-step Innovation Process developed by UNLEASH

February 2021 – November 2021 **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF – ASEM)**

Trainee/Young Leaders Program – 4th Edition

- SDGs-oriented activities and trainings
- Part of an international team that organizes the BEEP campaign in Cambodia

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Romanian (native), English (fluent – Cambridge Certificate)

IT Skills: MS Office, WordPress Platform, SPSS-Statistics, RStudio, and R programming language

Selected Publications:

Ionel, Bianca Anastasia & Constantinescu, George Mihai (2021), “South Africa’s Migration Dynamics. From Segregation to Integration” in *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs*, Vol. 7, No. 2, pp. 61-72.

Constantinescu George Mihai (2020), “The Soft Balancing of the Republic of Moldova: Between EU’s normative power and Eurasian Economic Union’s Expansion in the Eastern Europe” in *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs*, Vol. 5, No. 3, pp. 27-42;

Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=v5ntjxIAAAAJ&hl=ro>

Selected Conferences:

Presentation: “Echo-chambered populism. Analyzing the online presence of Romanian populist parties during the 2020 Parliamentary Elections”, Doha Institute – Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Doha, Qatar, Jan. 2022;

Presentation: “Controlled Europeanization or illiberal democracy: The case of electoral system adjustments in the Republic of Moldova”, Central and Eastern Europe: Past, Present, and Future, University of Limerick, Ireland, Feb. 2020;

Presentation: “The soft balancing of the Republic of Moldova: Between EU’s normative power and Eurasian Economic Union’s Expansion in the Eastern Europe”, 5th Tartu Seminar, University of Tartu, Estonia, May 2019;

Selected Training Courses:

“European Forum Alpbach”, scholarship holder, Alpbach, Austria, Aug. – Sept. 2023;

“IPSA Concept Analysis in the Web Environment”, University of Naples, Italy, Sept. 2019;

“Understanding EU-Russia Relations”, University of Tartu, Tartu, Estonia, Feb. – Mar. 2019;

“Aspen Junior Winter Seminar on Leadership”, Aspen Institute, Brasov, Romania, Dec. 2018;

“NATO and Security Studies” by KYATA, Prishtina, Kosovo, Feb. 2018;