# Liliana Popescu-Bîrlan

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Professor**

National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) [ 2019 – Current ]

City: Bucuresti | Country: Romania

# **Courses Currently Taught**

- Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (Undergraduate course, Faculty of Political Science, FSP)
- Theory of International Relations (Master's course, FSP)
- Regional Studies: Russia and the EU's Eastern Neighborhood (Undergraduate course, FSP)
- European Construction (Undergraduate course, FSP)
- Mindful Research in Political Sciences (Doctoral course, taught in English, Doctoral School)

# **Head of Strategic Reform Component**

*European Union Advisory Mission (EUAM)* [10/03/2025 – 10/08/2025]

City: Kyiv | Country: Ukraine

#### **General Director**

Romanian Diplomatic Institute [ 01/08/2022 – Current ]

City: Bucuresti | Country: Romania

## **Vice-Rector for International Relations**

National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) [ 2012 – 31/07/2022 ]

City: Bucuresti | Country: Romania

#### **Lecturer/ Associate Professor**

National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) [ 1996 – 2018 ]

City: Bucuresti | Country: Romania

# **Project Manager**

*United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)* [ 10/2004 – 12/2005 ]

City: Bucuresti | Country: Romania

Project "An Integrated Approach to Gender Balance in Political Participation and Representation".

#### **Director**

Center for Political Analysis and Studies (CASP) [ 08/2004 – 02/2005 ]

City: Bucuresti | Country: Romania

# Director, Romania & Bulgaria Program

Civic Education Project (CEP) – International Non-profit Non-governmental Organization [05/1999 – 06/2004]

City: Bucuresti | Country: Romania

#### **Advisor to the Minister**

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)* [02/1998 – 04/1999]

City: Bucuresti | Country: Romania

# **Director of the Political Planning Directorate**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) [ 09/1998 – 04/1999 ]

# Researcher

 $\textbf{Institute of Social Theory, Romanian Academy} \ [\ 09/1990-06/1992\ ]$ 

City: Bucuresti | Country: Romania

#### Assistant/PhD Candidate

*University of Manchester* [ 10/1993 – 06/1996 ]

Running seminars on:

- Comparative European Politics
- · History of Political Thought
- · Feminism & Politics

#### **Teacher**

**Sălcuța-Titu School** [ 09/1986 – 08/1989 ]

City: Titu, Dambovita | Country: Romania

# **Computer Operator**

Lugoj Computing Center [ 09/1981 – 03/1982 ]

City: Lugoj, Timis | Country: Romania

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

#### Ph.D.

Department of Government, University of Manchester, UK [ 1996 ]

**Country:** United Kingdom | **Final grade:** gradul A, cel mai înalt în sistemul britanic | **Thesis:** Individual Freedom and Political Manipulation

# M.A. (Econ)

*M.A.* (*Econ*)[1992]

Thesis: Political Participation in Romania after 1989

# Merit Diploma - Top of the 1986 generation Nationwide

Faculty of History and Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and History, University of Bucharest [ 1986 ]

# **Baccalaureate**

Mathematics-Physics High School No. 1 (Informatics), Timisoara [1981]

Country: Romania

# **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): Romanian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2 LISTENING B2 READING B2 WRITING B2

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2 SPOKEN PRODUCTION B2 SPOKEN INTERACTION B2** 

**French** 

**German** Russian

LISTENING A1 READING A1 WRITING A1 LISTENING A1 READING A1 WRITING A1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A1 SPOKEN INTERACTION A1 SPOKEN PRODUCTION A1 SPOKEN INTERACTION A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user

#### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **Recent Professional Development**

- Pre-deployment Training for CSDP Missions and Operations, ESDC course, Brussels [February 2025]
- Hostile Environment Awareness Training, Hammelburg Germany, ZIF certificate [February 2025]
- **Bar-Cohen Fellow.** Brandeis University, USA. Schusterman Institute for Israeli Studies. June July 2018. Israeli Studies.
- Coaching Course. One2Coach, Bucharest. October 2017 June 2018. Coaching Diploma, ANC Accreditation (2018).

# Other Courses Taught in the Last 25 Years

- Public Diplomacy (in English M.A. in Security and Diplomacy, DRIIE, SNSPA)
- Theories of Democracy (postgraduate level, SNSPA)
- Theory and Practice of Democracy (postgraduate level, SNSPA)
- **Gender and Development** (Master's in International Development Studies, West University of Timişoara, 2010–2012)
- **Gender Equality Policies** (Master's in Gender and Minorities, SNSPA)
- Latin America: Development and Democratization (undergraduate level, SNSPA)
- History of Political Thought (undergraduate level, SNSPA)
- Political Psychology (postgraduate level, SNSPA)
- Political Ethics (undergraduate and postgraduate levels, SNSPA)

## **Additional Courses Taught**

**Public Diplomacy.** Summer School on Diplomacy and International Negotiations, co-organized by UN Youth Romania and the University of Bucharest (several editions).

**Romania–Moldova Relations** as part of the program "Foreign Policy Strategies and Implementation Tools," organized by the Center for Advanced Strategies (December 2013 – January 2014).

**Eastern Partnership and the Eurasian Union: A Public Diplomacy Challenge,** taught during the "Nicolae Titulescu International Courses for Young Diplomats" (October 2013).

# **Professional Affiliations**

President, Board of Eastern And South-Eastern Fanel Network (since 2020)

Member, Western Balkans Forum (since 2021).

Member of the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF), since 2021.

Member of Aspen Institute Romania (since 2006).

Member of CEE Her (Globsec) (since 2020).

Senior Fellow, Board Member of the Institute for National and International Security Studies, University of Belgrade, Serbia (since 2018).

Member of Women in International Security (WIIS Romania) (since 2010).

Co-founder of the Romanian Society of Political Science (SRSP) and Vice President (2000–2005).

Member of the Society for Feminist Studies AnA (since 1997).

#### **LIST OF MAIN PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Author Books**

The Construction of the European Union. Bucharest: C.H. Beck Publishing House, 2009.

Gender politics. Bucharest: Ed. Maiko, 2004.

Individual Freedom and Political Manipulation. Bucharest: Politeia-SNSPA, 2003.

#### **Co-Author**

The Republic of Moldova in Romanian Public Awareness. Co-authors: Cristian Ghinea, István Horváth, Liliana Popescu, Victoria Stoiciu. Bucharest: Soros Foundation Romania, 2011. Study: "Informing Romanian Citizens about the Republic of Moldova and Attitudes towards Unification."

#### **Edited Volumes**

(In)tolerance and (Co)operation in Europe and the Euroatlantic Area. Cluj-Napoca: Foundation for European Studies Publishing House, 2000 (co-editor).

Gender and Politics. Women in Public Life in Romania. Bucharest: AnA Society. Published with the support of UNDP Romania, 1999.

#### **Edited Journal**

**The Romanian Journal of Society and Politics**. Co-founder and editor-in-chief of this biannual Romanian academic journal in English (2001–2005; 2010–present). <a href="https://www.rjsp.politice.ro">www.rjsp.politice.ro</a>

## **Chapters in Volumes**

"Russia's Soft Power in Romania" in *Romania, Great Powers, and the European Order: 1918–2018*, edited by Valentin Naumescu. Iași: Polirom, 2018.

"Orderism: A New Ideology Promoted by Russia. Its Functions and Pitfalls," in *Russia and the Former Soviet Space:*Instrumentalizing Security, Legitimizing Intervention, edited by Vasile Rotaru and Miruna Troncotă. Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017.

"Europeanization of Romanian Foreign Policy," in *Challenges of European Governance in the Age of Economic Stagnation, Immigration, and Refugees*, edited by Henry Carey. Lanham, Boulder, New York, London: Lexington Books, 2017.

"Romanian Perspectives on Romanian-Ukrainian Relations after the 2012 Elections" in *Ukraine and Romania after the 2012 Parliamentary Elections: Dialogue and Development of Relations* (co-author). Published by the Strategic Studies and Security Group, Kyiv, 2013.

"Moldovan Identity and the European Aspiration/Orientation of the Republic of Moldova" in *Individual Identity in the Context of Globalization: Studies and Interviews*, edited by Lorena Stuparu. Craiova: Aius Publishing House, 2012.

"Consequences of the Collapse of the USSR on EU-Russia Relations (1991–2011)" in *The Fall of the Soviet Empire:* Retrospective 'Lessons,' Târgovişte: Cetatea de Scaun Publishing House, 2012, pp. 223–234.

"Post-Totalitarian Pre-Feminism," co-authored with Mihaela Miroiu, in *Romania Since 1989: Politics, Economics, and Society*, edited by Henry F. Carey. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Rowman & Littlefield, 2004.

"European Institutions Promoting Gender Equality: A Comparative Perspective" in *Gender and Integration*, edited by Laura Grünberg. Published with the support of FSD, 2002.

"Romanian-Hungarian Relations: A Perspective for the Next Decade" (co-authored with Oana Popa) in *Democracy in Central and Southeast Europe: Endeavour and Reality (19th–20th Centuries)*. Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Satu Mare: Satu Mare Museum Publishing House, 2001.

"Redefining Romanian-Russian Relations in the Context of a Changed World Power Balance" in Russia and Central

Europe in the New Geopolitical Reality, edited by Lyuba Shishelina (in Russian). Moscow: Institute of International Economic and Political Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, 2000.

#### **Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

"They All Are the Red Plague: Anti-Communism and the Romanian Radical Right Populists," Liliana Popescu & Lucian Vesalon (2022), *East European Politics*. DOI: 10.1080/21599165.2022.2086862

"The Dragonbear and the Grey Rhinos: The European Union Faced with the Rise of the China-Russia Partnership" (coauthored with Răzvan Tudose), *The Romanian Journal of European Affairs*, vol. 21, no. 2, December 2021. Read online.

"Women and Security: Contemporary Approaches and Issues," *Security Science Journal* (Belgrade), vol. 2, no. 1. Issue on National Security and Gender. Read online.

"Romania-China Relations: Political and Economic Challenges in the BRI Era," co-authored with Andreea Brînză, *The Romanian Journal of European Affairs*, vol. 18, no. 2, December 2018. Read online.

"Illiberal Democracy, Color Revolutions Theory, and Romania's Vulnerability," Geopolitical Pulse, no. 235, 2017.

"Russia's Game in the New International Context," Geostrategic Pulse, no. 203, 2015.

"The Hybrid War in Ukraine: Vulnerabilities and Risks for Romania," Geostrategic Pulse, no. 172, 2014.

"The Futility of the Transnistrian Negotiations," *European Journal of Science and Theology*, June 2013, vol. 9, supplement 2.

"The Eurozone Crisis Process: Any Patterns of European Integration?" *European Journal of Science and Theology*, vol. 8, supplement 1, 2012. Read online.

"Challenges at the EU's New Eastern Frontier Twenty Years after the USSR's Fall," *Romanian Journal of Political Science*, vol. 11, no. 2, 2011. Read online.

"Europeanization of Romanian Foreign Policy," Romanian Journal of European Affairs, vol. 10, no. 4, 2010.

"Power Change in Romania: Facts and Meanings (the November 1996 Elections)," *Government & Opposition* (London), Spring 1997.

"Television and Politics: Myths and Realities," Sfera Politicii (Bucharest), March 1995.

"Corruption and Privatization in Romania," Crime, Law & Social Change (Kluwer, Netherlands), no. 21, 1994.

"The European Parliament Elections in the UK," Sfera Politicii (Bucharest), June 1994.

## **Other Specialized Publications**

# "Gender Ideology" and the Illiberal Turn in Romania

Published in AWSS Women East West, USA, October 2020.

Read the article here.

# $\textbf{Rightists} \, \textbf{Are} \, \textbf{Taking} \, \textbf{Romania} \, \textbf{Backtothe} \, \textbf{Dark} \, \textbf{Ages}$

Balkan Insight, 14 July 2020.

Read the article here.

## Romania's Referendum Failure Curbs Church's Political Ambitions

Balkan Insight, 15 October 2018.

Read the article here.

#### Contributions to Romanian-Ukrainian Dialogue

Newsletters of the Romanian-Ukrainian Experts Consortium.

Explore the newsletters here.

# Two Perspectives on Ukraine (Două discursuri despre Ucraina)

Foreign Policy Romania, March-April 2014 (part of a compilation of articles).

Where is Ukraine Heading? (Încotro Ucraina?)

Foreign Policy Romania, November-December 2013.

On a Multi-Speed European Union (Despre o Uniune Europeană cu mai multe viteze)

Foreign Policy Romania, July-August 2012.

# Optimizing Moldova's Practices and Policies for Constructive Use of EU Assistance

Policy paper published by *Expert Grup*, Chişinău, 2006, as part of the project *EU-Moldova Action Plan: Public Accessibility*, supported by DFID.

# **Articles Published in Cultural and Information Journals (Selection)**

#### Political Correctness - From Neoconservatives to Neo-Legionnaires

Dilema Veche, Issue 888, April 15-21, 2021.

## Read the article here.

# Various Articles (Since Fall 2017)

Published on Adevarul Blog.

# Visit the blog here.

# Contributions to the Online Magazine www.acum.tv

(2011-2013).

## Collaboration with Foreign Policy Romania and Adevarul

Occasional contributions since 2009.

## **European Negotiations** (Negocieri europene)

Revista 22, Year XV (864), September 29 - October 5, 2006.

# The USA Five Years After 9/11

Orizont, Issue 9 (1488), Year XVIII, September 2006.

#### The USA, Romania, and the Transatlantic Relationship

Revista 22, Year XV (856), August 4-10, 2006.

# **Women in Politics and Balanced Policies**

Revista 22, Year XIII, Issue 182, November 14, 2005.

#### **Romanians on Both Banks of the Prut**

Observator Cultural, May 8, 2002.

#### Romanian Women in Political Life - A Decade After the Fall of the Dictatorship

Published in Fairplay, Regional Journal, Karat Coalition, Issue 3/2001.

# Romania's European Integration—Women's Political Participation

Published in Analize, Issue 7, March 2000.

#### Participation in international conferences with papers-abroad

**"Challenges of post-Soviet space in the Europeanization process"** presented at the international conference "Ro manian-Serbian Relations in the Context of European and Regional Challenges", hybrid format, organized by the Center for Foreign Policy and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Serbia (September 14, 2021).

**"Dimensions of women security in Afghanistan"** presented at the *International Round Table: Afghanistan Crisis* 2021, INIS, Belgrade, online (September 10, 2021).

**"Romania's experience and resistance against illiberal tendencies"** presented at the conference "Pushback, Backsliding and Resistance: Global Challenges to Gender Studies", organized by the University of Bristol, UK, online (February 22, 2021).

**"Women and Security. Contemporary Approaches"** presented at the international conference "European Security and Intelligence: Gender and National Security", hosted by INIS, Belgrade, online (February 3, 2021).

**"Women in the field of Security and Defence: The Romanian chapter and some reflections"** presented at the South Eastern Defence Ministerial Process: Female Leaders in Security and Defence (FLSD). International conference "Ge nder Equality 20 years after the adoption of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325: The impact on the security and defence sector", online (November 5, 2020).

"Dimensions of the Romania-China Political and Economic Relations in the Belt and Road Initiative Era" presented at the conference of the National and International Security Institute (INIS), Serbian Parliament, Belgrade (December 3, 2018).

"Romania–China relations: Political and economic challenges in the BRI era" presented at the *Shanghai Forum* (Shanghai, May 2018).

"The EU enlargement and its societal effects on EU's neighbours in the east" presented at the conference *Develo ping Relations between Israel and the EU* (Beit Berl College, Israel, December 2014).

"Romanian perspectives on Romanian-Ukrainian relations after the 2012 elections" presented at the conference *Ukraine and Romania after Parliamentary Elections 2012: New Challenges and New Opportunities for the Development of Relations*, organized by the Strategic and Security Studies Group (November 29-30, 2013, Kyiv).

**"The European Union Enlargement: Benefits for Members and Neighbours"** presented at the conference *Neighboring NATO and the EU: Policy implications for Moldova's security and European aspirations*, organized by the Pro-Marshall Center Chişinău, in collaboration with the Romanian Embassy in Chişinău and NATO Public Diplomacy Division (Chişinău, November 14-15, 2005).

"Premises for the Democratic Evolution of the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, and Romania" presented at the conference *Regional Cooperation and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, and Romania*, organized by Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Center for Information, Training, and Social Analysis (CAPTES), Chişinău (June 24-25, 2005).

**"NATO and EU enlargement: implications for Moldova's security strategy. A viewpoint from Romania"** presented at the conference *Tools and Reform and Decision-Making in Defence and Security*, organized by the Center for European Security Studies (CESS), Netherlands, and the Public Policy Institute, Moldova (March 29-31, 2005).

"The frozen conflict in Transnistria and the ENP. A viewpoint from Romania" presented at the conference Chanc en Einer Neuen EU-Nachbarschaft: Moldau und Ukraine, organized by IDM and the Diplomatic Academy (Vienna, November 29-30, 2004).

"Barriers to 'Brain Gain': The Case of Highly Qualified Romanian and Bulgarian Researchers in Social Sciences" presented at Early Stage Researcher Mobility in Europe: Meeting the Challenges and Promoting Best Practice,

organized by the Marie Curie Foundation and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (Lisbon, February 25-28, 2004).

**"Redefining Romanian-Russian Relations in the Context of a Changed World Power Balance"** presented at the conference *Russia and Central Europe in the Context of the New Geopolitical Realities*, organized by the Institute for Economic and International Political Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow, September 10-11, 1999).

**"Political Challenges and Economic Opportunities: A Romanian Approach"** presented at the conference *Black Sea Region: Priorities and Perspectives for the 21st Century*, organized by IREX (Tbilisi, April 13-15, 1999).

"Challenges for the Security of Central Europe: A View from Romania" presented at the conference Central Europe and the Transatlantic Security System, organized by the Hungarian Atlantic Council (Budapest, March 5-7, 1999).

"Manipulation and Democracy" presented at the graduate conference 'Brave New World' (Manchester, June 1996).

**"Contradictory Aspects of Implementing Rawls' Principle of Fair Opportunities"** presented at the conference *So cial Justice: For and Against*, organized by the University of Geneva (Geneva, February 13-16, 1992).

# Participation in International Conferences with Papers - Romania

#### "Women in Security and Defence. Contemporary Issues"

Paper presented at *Defense Resources Management in the 21st Century*, held online (December 12–13, 2020), organized by the Ministry of National Defence and NATO Education and Training Center.

# "Women's Participation in International Security: Classical and Recent Approaches"

Lecture delivered during SNSPA International Days, held online (December 2020).

# "Europe's Future: Between Political (In)stability and Defence Challenges. A Strategic Foresight Approach"

Paper presented at the Bucharest Security Conference, held online (October 2020).

# "The Importance of Women's Participation in Defence and Security Areas"

Paper presented at the hybrid conference *Defense Resources Management in the 21st Century*, organized by *Carol I National Defence University*, November 12–13, 2020, Braşov.

#### "Orderism: A New Ideology Promoted by Russia. Its Functions and Pitfalls"

Paper presented at the international conference *Russia and the Former Soviet Space: Instrumentalizing Security, Legitimizing Intervention*, 2017, SNSPA, Bucharest.

#### "Romania in the Context of a Possible War"

Paper presented at the international conference *Diaspora and its Friends*, April 25–27, 2015, West University, Timisoara.

#### "Communicating Divergent Perspectives on Events in Ukraine in the Region. A Viewpoint"

Paper presented at the *Black Sea–Caspian Sea Security Symposium IX: Building Bridges among Regional Nations*, May 21–22, 2014, Bucharest, organized by the Military Intelligence Directorate.

## "The Futility of the Negotiations on Transnistria"

Paper presented at the international scientific conference *Challenges of the Knowledge Society*, Bucharest, May 17–18, 2013. The paper was later published in an ISI-indexed volume.

# "The Eurozone Crisis Process: Any Patterns of European Integration?"

Paper presented at the international conference Welfare State and Social Capital, SNSPA, Bucharest, June 7–9, 2012.

# "The Consequences of the Collapse of the USSR on the Evolution of Relations Between the European Union and Russia"

Paper presented at a symposium organized by Lumina University, Bucharest, November 21, 2011.

#### **Keynote Speaker at International Conferences/Forums**

# "The Struggle for Representation and Inclusion in East-Central Europe: An Overview (1991–2021)"

Keynote address delivered at the European university consortium CIVICA conference, held online (November 4, 2021).

# "The Strategic Partnership Between China and Russia: Its Impact on the EU"

Keynote lecture presented at the *UN Youth Association of Romania*, 11th edition of the *Summer School on Diplomacy*, themed *Shaping the Future Through the 2030 Agenda* (July 2021).

## "Mind and Mindfulness"

Lecture presented in the *SCIRI Conference Series*, organized by the Faculty of Philosophy and History and the Faculty of Political Science, Babeṣ-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, held online (May 12, 2021).

## **Diversity & Inclusion Business Forum**

Keynote speaker at the event held at Hilton Hotel, Bucharest (June 4, 2018).

# "The Public Diplomacy Dimension of the Hybrid War in Ukraine"

Keynote address delivered at the UN Youth Conference (2016).

# "The Role of Romanian State Scholarship Recipients from Moldova and Ukraine in the Historic Romanian Community and Their National Societies"

Keynote speaker at the *Third Meeting of Romanians Everywhere*, organized by the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (December 14, 2015).

#### Source

## "The Dilemmas of the European Union"

Keynote address delivered at the *Jewish Community Center (JCC)* event, *Keshet VI – Bucharest, Day of Jewish Studies* (November 15, 2015, Bucharest).

#### **Source**

#### Dialogue with Renowned Russian Scholar Lilia Shevtsova on the EU-Russia Relations Outlook

Keynote speaker at the *Aspen Bucharest Forum*, organized by the Aspen Institute Romania (October 16, 2015). The event featured ambassadors, international guests, and NATO Deputy Secretary General Alexander Vershbow.

#### Keynote Speaker at the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Event

• Department for Romanians Abroad conference (September 2014).

#### **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

September 2021 - May 2022

Project Manager for "Developing the Wider Black Sea and ESE Europe Fanel Network of Women Experts in International Relations," a project funded by the Black Sea Trust of GMFUS. Budget: \$24,700.

January - June 2020

Project Manager for "Romania, Eastern and South Eastern Europe in the New World (Dis)Order," co-funded by the Black Sea Trust, GMFUS, and SNSPA. Budget: \$10,000.

May 2014 - June 2015

Project Manager for "Youth Building a Civic Romania," implemented under the ECDA initiative, funded by the NGO Fund, EEA Grants, managed through FDSC. Budget: €59,000. Project link.

September 2009 - March 2011

Project Manager for POSDRU/40/3.2/G/36881. Project Title: "Strategies for Innovation in Workforce Organization in the Medical Field in the Bucharest-Ilfov Region - STAR-MED." Major intervention area 3.2 "Professional training and support for enterprises and employees with the aim of promoting adaptability." Priority Axis 3 "Increasing adaptability of workers and enterprises." Non-reimbursable financing: RON 1,603,348.

November 2004 - December 2005

Project Manager, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Project: "An Integrated Approach to Gender-Balanced Political Participation and Empowerment."

Details: UNDP Project #40878.

Designated Institution: Romanian Parliament.

August 2004 – February 2005

Director of the Center for Political Analysis and Studies (CASP), a project of the Romanian Society of Political Science (SRSP).

May 1999 - June 2004

Director of the Civic Education Project, Romania–Bulgaria Program (an international non-profit organization operating in Central and Eastern Europe and the former USSR). Managing activity in Romania for four years and regionally (Romania–Bulgaria) in the final year. Annual budgets up to \$300,000.

September 1997 – January 1998

Project Manager, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bucharest, for "Developing Local Gender Capacity" in collaboration with the Ministry of Labor. Project budget: \$250,000.

# **CIVIC ENGAGEMENT (SELECTION)**

- 2020: Campaign against amendments to the National Education Law, which were aimed at banning gender studies in Romanian educational institutions.
- July 2004 2020: President of the Foundation for Civic Education and Academic Development (ECDA) www.ecda.ro
- 2014: Co-authored an open letter in solidarity with protesters on Maidan Square in Ukraine, calling for a common front with Polish and other Central European allies. Signed by 75 academics and public figures, including Andrei Pleşu, Cristian Pîrvulescu, Mihaela Miroiu, and Gabriel Andreescu. The facebook page reflects the initiative and its continuation https://www.facebook.com/pages/Solidaritate-cu-fortele-prodemocratice-si-proeuropene-din-Ucraina/2474156721006552010 Present: Member of the board of the European Center for Public Initiatives (ECPI) http://www.ecpi.ro/2002–2004: Co-founder and board member of the Invisible College, Bucharest (project funded by the U.S. Embassy).
- April 24, 2000: Initiated and co-organized a protest against domestic violence in Bucharest, representing over 50 NGOs, covered by international media outlets (BBC, CNN, ABC, Euronews, The New York Times) and Romanian media. Co-founded Romania's first NGO coalition aimed at eliminating violence against women.
- 21 December 1989 15 January 1990: Member of the first Council of National Salvation in Lugoj (Timiș), without a "Revolutionary" certificate.

#### Prezente în mass media

- January 31, 2021: Gueston TVR's Referendum program.
- November 22, 2015: Guest on TVR's La Taifas cu Europa with Gabriel Giurgiu.
- TVR Interview: Following the conference at Lumina University.
- October 24, 2012: Participant in the TVR program Prim Plan.
- **2013:** Participation in the *Prim Plan* program, TVR, discussing violence against women in the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- **December 9, 2012:** Participation in a post-electoral program, TVR.
- 2011: Guest on Angela Avram's program.
- **September 1998:** Guest on the foreign policy program *Europa Încotro?* discussing Romanian-British relations.

#### **Radio Interviews**

- January 2014: Several editions of Orizont deschis program, Radio lasi.
- 2010: Guest on Radio Chisinău.
- May 6, 2009: Main guest on Sensurile și contrasensurile democrației, Radio România Cultural, discussing recent developments in the Republic of Moldova and the Eastern Partnership.
- December 2006: Discussion on Romania's policy in the Black Sea region on Radio România Cultural.
- March 2005: Interview on Elections in the Republic of Moldova on Radio România Cultural.
- June 2002: Discussion on The study of the Holocaust in Romania on Radio România Cultural.

#### **Collaborations with Media Outlets**

- · Interviews cited in Bloomberg articles.
- Naţional TV, Antena C, Radio Free Europe, Europa TV (Chişinău): Interviews regarding the development of Romanian-Moldovan relations in 2005.
- TVR3 (February 2014): Discussion on multiculturalism, minorities, and related topics.
- Revista Femeia (May 2006, April 2002) and Capital (December 2001, Issue 49): Portraits of career and activities.
- TV Romania International (March 2002, October 2000): Interviews on brain-drain and brain-gain phenomena.
- BBC Radio (May 2000): Interview on trafficking of women in Southeast Europe.
- ABC News (USA) (April 2000): Interview included in a documentary on the demonstration against domestic violence in Piata Revolutiei.
- April 1999: Guest on the Tucă Show, discussing the oil embargo imposed on Yugoslavia.

#### **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

#### "Excellence Award for Promoting Inclusion and Diversity"

Received at the *Gala of Women's Excellence*, organized by the Ministry of Culture and the Department for Sustainable Development (March 7, 2023).

# "RDCC Knowledge Ambassador"

Title awarded by the Romanian Diversity Chamber of Commerce (2023).

# "Women Who Change Romania" Award

Honored at the Women Who Change Romania Gala (September 2024).