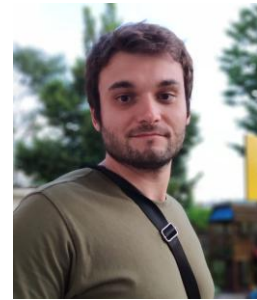


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Education

10/2016 – 03/2019	<p>Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany M.A., Geographies of Globalization Subjects: economic geography, urban geography, internal EU migration, post-industrial/post-socialist transformations, neoliberal urban governance and the creative economy, postcolonial studies</p>
09/2017 – 02/2018	<p>Eötvös-Loránd-Universität, Budapest, Hungary ERASMUS exchange programme Subjects: cultural geography, environmental geography, spatial disparities, post-socialist urban development, Hungarian language</p>
10/2010 – 03/2014	<p>Justus-Liebig-University, Gießen M.A., Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe Subjects: East European History (major), constitutional law, political science, Russian language</p>
10/2007 - 07/2010	<p>West University, Timișoara, Romania B.A., International Relations and Europe Studies, German Language Department Subjects: geopolitics, EU politics, international law, regional development</p>
09/2003 - 06/2007	<p>Mihai Eminescu High School, Petroșani, Romania Higher Education Entrance Qualification</p>

Internships

01/2017 – 07/2017	<p>European Migrant Workers Union, Frankfurt am Main, Germany <i>Activity part of the labour union-linked project „Faire Mobility Hessen“</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Background research on legal aspects concerning labor and social law ▪ Participation in project-related seminars and workshops ▪ Preparation of and participation in counseling and informational initiatives in the agricultural and construction sectors
04/2012 - 06/2012	<p>A.N.T.I.M. (The National Association of Young Historians of Moldova), Chișinău, Republic of Moldova</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Archival research for my master thesis ▪ Assistance in the organization of academic events ▪ Creation of an online database for the ANTIM library ▪ Delegate at an international academic conference ▪ Support on the creation of the ANTIM website

Work experience

10/2025 – currently	<p>Georg-August-University, Göttingen (part-time PhD 75%) <i>Researcher in the Research Training Group “Mobility Rights in the Global Context of Multiple Crises”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Empirical research on questions of European labour migration in relation to its legislative characteristics ▪ Qualitative interviews with relevant stakeholders and employment of a socio-legal research approach ▪ Research focus on industrial relations and state actors against the theoretical background set around the concepts of multiple precarity and social sustainability
10/2021 – 09/2025	<p>Peco Institut, Frankfurt am Main (full-time 100%) <i>Outreach advisor/researcher for Romanian construction workers in collective accommodations in Frankfurt am Main, Nürnberg and München</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outreach informational work on the topics of labour law and labour unions ▪ Empirical field research and publishing work ▪ Initial advisory in labour law, mediation of work- and employer-related problems ▪ Advisory in social law and language support in case of precarity-related emergencies ▪ Media and press relations ▪ Planning and management of vocational training classes and German courses ▪ Conception and implementation of information campaigns (labour law, health and occupational safety, social entitlements) ▪ Data collection on the work and living conditions of migrant construction workers ▪ Constant reporting to project partners and relevant institutions concerning individual cases of workers’ exploitation ▪ Facilitation of stakeholder exchanges (workers, union, civil society, politics, academia)
04/2021 – 09/2021	<p>German Trade Union Confederation (DGB) – counseling network Fair Mobility, Frankfurt am Main (part-time 75%) <i>Advisor for labour and social law in the field of labour migration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Counselling in Romanian, German and English and case processing respectively mediation in matters of labour and social law ▪ Close cooperation as well as common planning bzw. conduct of action campaigns with several labour unions (IG BAU, NGG, Verdi) ▪ Participation at over 30 internal and external events and conduct of action campaigns in regard to labour and social law and overall aspects of labour mobility ▪ Emphasis on the construction sector and broad capacity in communicating with different stakeholders (workers, labour union, social and holiday fund – SOKA Bau, the Romanian labour union confederation – BNS)
01/2021 – 03/2021	<p>Internationaler Bund – IB Südwest gGmbH, Frankfurt am Main (part-time 25%) <i>Social worker in migration work</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Participation in an innovative gardening and social integration project as part of the neighborhood management run by the IB in the city district of Frankfurt-Griesheim ▪ Creation of the „participatory concept for a common garden usage in regard to the East-European (Romanian) inhabitants of the city-district” ▪ Initial advisory and support towards labour migrants in the communication with authorities and institutions
09/2020 – 12/2021	<p>European Migrant Workers Union., Frankfurt am Main (part-time 25%) <i>Freelance project partner within the project „Fair Mobility Hessen“ in organizing workers and exploring the construction sector by means of outreach work in a large collective accommodation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outreach informational work about labour union initiatives among around 1000 construction workers ▪ Support in the creation of a workers’ council and main contact person for Romanian workers ▪ Initial advisory and mediation of problematic cases ▪ Preparation of a German-language class for Romanian construction workers ▪ Research and media relation as well close cooperation with academics ▪ Steady reporting to project partners about newly discovered cases of workers’ exploitation and other forms of abuse

<p>01/2020 – 04/2020 (cancelled due to international travel restrictions)</p>	<p>Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main (freelance) Lecturer at the seminar „Czech-in: Tracing urban transformations in Prague and Ostrava”, addressed to the B.A. students of geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparation of teaching material ▪ Organization of a topic-related class trip to the Czech Republic ▪ Assessment and grading of study results
<p>08/2019 – 03/2021</p>	<p>Caritas Association, Frankfurt am Main (part-time 50%) Social helper in the project „Multinationale Informations- und Anlaufstelle für EU- Migrant*innen“(MIA))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Language support and interpreting work ▪ Mediation between help-seeking individuals and state institutions ▪ Overall formal support for homeless and other underprivileged groups from EU countries ▪ Street work with homeless people
<p>02/2019 – 09/2019</p>	<p>Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main (freelance) Teaching assistant and co-organizer of the seminar and field trip „Romania: Timișoara and the Carpathians”, addressed to B.A. students of geography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-work in the preparation of teaching content ▪ Organization of a topic-related class trip to Romania ▪ Assessment and grading of study results
<p>02/2015 – 07/2015</p>	<p>Justus Liebig University, Gießen Graduate assistant in the interuniversity research project SFB/TRR 138 – “Dynamics of Security”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research assistance in the sub-project A07 of the SFB/TRR 138: “Between Minority Protection and Securitization: Roma Minority Formation and Transformation in Modern European History” ▪ Support in the organization of academic events ▪ Support in the organization of university courses
<p>09/2014 – 10/2016</p>	<p>Accente Services GmbH, Frankfurt am Main Customer support at the Frankfurt Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Language and technical support for exhibitors and visitors ▪ Software-based informational service for customers

Skills

<p>Languages</p>	<p>Romanian: native speaker German: language proficient (Goethe-Zertifikat C2 - Großes Deutsches Sprachdiplom) English: language proficient (Cambridge C1 Advanced certificate) Spanish: basic skills French: basic skills Russian: basic skills</p>
<p>IT knowledge</p>	<p>ECDL- European Computer Driving Licence (2009) MS Office package: advanced Social media: advanced Qualitative data analysis software (MAXQDA, QDA Miner): advanced Hardware: basic</p>
<p>Interests and hobbies</p>	<p>Literature, team sports, gym, video games, board games, outdoor trips, traveling, gastronomy</p>