

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Date of birth: 26th August 1981

Current position: **Senior Lecturer** at the Faculty of History, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași.

Activity and Fields of Interest:

- History of Romanian diplomacy and of Romanian diplomats during the interwar period.
- History and theory of international relations, with a focus on the issue of international cooperation, the role of the statesman and the importance of international organizations.
- History of the Cold War, with a focus on its beginning and the main crises which marked the evolution of this conflict.

Education and Training:

- On the 31st March 2012 I presented the doctoral thesis with the title *Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen – Diplomat (1923-1941)*, under the coordination of Professor Dr. Ioan Ciupercă. The thesis was graded by the commission *very good (magna cum laude)*
- 2004-2006, Master’s Degree *Români și Europa în secolele XVIII-XX, [Romanians and Europe in the 18th-20th century]* at the Faculty of History, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași.
- 2000 – 2004 – Bachelor’s Degree, the Faculty of History, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, valedictorian.

Seminars:

- *Europa și lumea în secolul XX. Democrație și totalitarism, [Europe and the World in the 20th century. Democracy and Totalitarianism]* 2nd year. (Faculty of History)
- *Istoria contemporană universală [Universal Contemporary History]*, 4th year. (Faculty of History)

- *Istoria relațiilor internaționale [History of International Relations]*, 1st year. (Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, Specialization International Relations and European Studies)
- *Uzanțe și tehnici diplomatice [Diplomatic Practice and Techniques]*, 2nd year. (Faculty of Law)

Research Placements and Teaching Mobility:

- August – 2016 – research placement at the University Roma Tre
- July 2015 - research placement at the University Roma Tre
- June 2012 – research placement at the University of Konstanz (Germany)
- June 2012 – teaching mobility – Erasmus - at the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest (Hungary)
- June 2011 – teaching mobility -Erasmus- at the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest (Hungary)
- June 2010 – teaching mobility –Erasmus - at the University in Salonika (Greece)
- August 2009 – research placement at the University of Konstanz (Germany)
- May 2009 – teaching mobility -Erasmus- at the University of Angers (France)
- February-June 2006 – Socrates scholarship at the University of Angers (France)

Awards:

- “Mihail Kogălniceanu” Award of the Romanian Academy (2016), for the book *Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen – diplomat*, Iași, Editura Universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”, 2014;
- The debut award of the Ziarul de Iași newspaper (2015), for the book *Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen – diplomat*, Iași, Editura Universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”, 2014.

Conferences (selected)

- ”*Cea mai renumită personalitate poloneză*”. *Józef Piłsudski în rapoartele diplomatice și memoriile lui Alexandru Iacovaky* [*The Most Distinguished Personality of Poland: Jozef Piłsudski in Alexandru Iacovaky’s Diplomatic Reports and Memories*], in the Conference ”Józef Piłsudski – om de stat al Poloniei și Europei”, Iași, 3rd of November 2017.

- *Between Democracy and the Danger of Totalitarianism. Political Life in Norway through the Eyes of the Romanian Diplomacy (the Second Half of the 1930s)*, in the Seventh annual international conference on Baltic and Nordic Studies in Romania, "Good governance in Romania and the Nordic and Baltic countries", Bucharest, 24th -25th of November 2016.
- *The resuming of diplomatic relations between Romania and Poland after the Second World War /Wznowienie stosunków dyplomatycznych między Rumunią i Polską po drugiej wojnie światowej*, in the International conference "Poland and Romania in Central Europe in the XX and XXI centuries/Polska i Rumunia w Europie Środkowej w XX i XXI wieku", Cracow, 1st -4th of June 2016.
- *Considerations regarding the Romania's Consulates in Poland in the Interwar Period*, in Sixth Annual International Conference on Baltic and Nordic Studies in Romania. "Historical memory, the politics of memory and cultural identity: Romania, Scandinavia and the Baltic Sea Region in comparison", Constanța, 22nd -23rd May, 2015.
- *Old Laws, New Laws. The Organization of Romania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1938-1948)*, in "À quoi pensent les jeunes chercheurs?", Angers, 1st -3rd June 2015.
- *Interese politice și mize simbolice. Ridicarea legațiilor României la rang de ambasadă (1938-1939) [Political Interests and Symbolic Stakes. The Upgrade of Romanian Legations to Embassy Status]*, during the framework of the conference "Zilele Universității „Al. I. Cuza” Iași. Conferință Națională” [The 'Alexandru Ioan Cuza` University Days. National Conference], Iași 24th -25th of October 2014.
- *Romanian Diplomats in the Scandinavian Countries (1918-1948)*, at the Fifth International Conference on Nordic and Baltic Studies in Romania, *Coolpeace*. "A piece of culture, a culture of piece. Re-imagining European Communities in the North Sea and Black Sea Regions", Târgoviște, 17th -18th of August 2014.
- *Romanian Diplomacy and the Exploration of a German „Way” of Reconciliation with the Soviet Union in the Late 1920s*, at the The Fourth International Conference on Nordic and Baltic Studies in Romania, "Empire-Building and Region-Building in the Baltic, North and Black Sea Areas", Constanța, 24th -26th of May 2013.

- *Doctorii Honoris Causa ai Universității din Iași în al doilea deceniu interbelic* [*Doctors Honoris Causa of the University of Iasi during the Second Inter-War Decade*], within the framework of the conference “Zilele Muzeului Universității “Al. I. Cuza” din Iași” [“Al. I. Cuza” University of Iași Museum Days], 29th -30th of November 2012.
- *Metode și practici de impunere a controlului comuniștilor asupra Ministerului Afacerilor Străine (1945-1947)* [*Methods and Practices of Imposing the Communists’ Control on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1945-1947)*], within the framework of the conference “Politică și antipolitică sub comunism” [Politics and Anti-politics under the Communist Regime], INST, Bucharest, 22th -23rd November 2012.
- *Old Bonds in the “New Europe”: Aspects Concerning Romanian- Swiss Relations during the First Inter-War Decade*, within the framework of the international Workshop “Old vs New Diplomacy. Debates about the Romanian and European diplomacy (XIX-XXI Centuries)”, which took place in Iași, 18th -19th November 2011.
- *Contribuții la istoria Universității din Iași – perioada refugiului (1944-1945)* [*Contributions to the History of the University of Iași – the Period of Refuge (1944-1945)*], within the framework of the conference which took place with the occasion of the “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași Open Days, 29th -30th October 2010.
- *Considerații privind relațiile româno-germane la sfârșitul primului deceniu interbelic* [*Aspects of the Romanian-German Relationships at the End of the First Inter-War Period*], during the international symposium “130 ani de relații diplomatice germano-române (1880-2010)” [130 years of German-Romanian Diplomatic Relations (1880-2010)], organized by the “A. D. Xenopol” Institute of History, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Deutsches Kulturzentrum Iași, Iași, 30th September-1st October 2010.
- *Secvențe din activitatea diplomatică a lui Victor Geormăneanu la Berlin (1926-1938)* [*Moments in Victor Geormăneanu’s Diplomatic Activity in Berlin (1926-1938)*], within the framework of the international symposium “Diplomați români și străini în istoria României” [*Romanian and Foreign Diplomats in the History of Romania*], organised by the “A.D. Xenopol” Institute of History, “East

Democracy” Association and the Unification Museum, Iași, 17th -18th September 2010.

- *Secvențe din biografia unui diplomat român – Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen [Moments in the Biography of a Romanian Diplomat – Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen]*, within the framework of the colloquium “Biografie-Prosopografie-Genealogie. Discuții de metodologie și studii de caz din antichitate până în prezent” [*Biography-Prosopography-Genealogy. Analysis of the Methodology and Case Studies from the Antiquity to the Present*], organised by the Faculty of History of the “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași and the “Sever Zotta” Romanian Institute of Genealogy and Heraldry, Iași, 8th April 2009.
- *Considerații privind activitatea diplomatică desfășurată de către Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen la Vatican (1930-1932) [Remarks on Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen’s Diplomatic Activity in Vatican]* within the framework of the symposium “Colloquiums of the Doctoral School” (2nd edition), Iași, 18th -19th April 2008.
- *Numirea lui Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen în funcția de ministru al Afacerilor Străine (30 martie 1938) [The Appointment of Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen as Minister of Foreign Affairs (30th March 1938)]*, within the framework of the International Relations Symposium organised by the “East Democracy” Association of International Relations – “Rivalități, crize și metamorfoze în relațiile internaționale – de la Europa „concertului de putere” la terorismul contemporan” [*Rivalries, Crises and Metamorphoses in International Relations – from the Europe of the “Concert of Powers” to Contemporary Terrorism*], Iași, 11th December 2007.

List of Publications

a) Books

- *Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen – diplomat*, Iași, Editura Universității “Alexandru Ioan Cuza”, 2014, 582 p.

b) Edited Volumes

- *Anuar diplomatic și consular al Regatului României, 1946. Din istoria Ministerului Afacerilor Străine [Diplomatic and consular yearbook of the Kingdom of Romania (1946). From the history of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs]*,

Iași, Editura Universității “Alexandru Ioan Cuza”, 2016, 306 p. (ISBN: 978-606-714-302-7).

- *Cahier d'Histoire Immédiate*, 44, 2013, *Dossier spécial Roumanie*, Coords. Bertrand Vayssière et Adrian Vițalariu, Toulouse, 2013 (ISSN 1247-3189).
- *Romanian and European Diplomacy. From Cabinet Diplomacy to 21st Century Challenges*, edited by Gh. Cliveti, Adrian-Bogdan Ceobanu, Ionuț Nistor, Adrian Vițalariu, Beit și Editura Universității “Alexandru Ioan Cuza”, Trieste, Iași, 2012.
- *Secvențe din trecut. Studii de istorie și de relații internaționale [Moments from the Past. History and International Relations Studies]*, (in collaboration with Iulian Ghercă Munteanu), Iași, Performantica Publishing House, 2009, 243 p. (ISBN 978-973-730-642-5).
- *Spațiul românesc între democrație și totalitarism [The Romanian Land between Democracy and Totalitarianism]*, (in collaboration with Iulian Ghercă and Liviu Cărare), Iași, Junimea, 2011, 281 p. (ISBN 978-973-37-1564-1).

c) Co-author

Istoria Universității din Iași [A History of the University of Iasi], coordinators Gheorghe Iacob, Alexandru-Florin Platon, Iași, Editura Universității “Alexandru Ioan Cuza”, 2010, 905 p., (ISBN 978-973-703-599-8); with the following chapters and subchapters: *Structura Universității [Structure of the University]* (p. 481-483); *Profesorii Universității [Professors of the University]* (p. 493-496), *Studentii Universității [Students of the University]* (p. 497-504); *Legăturile externe ale Universității [External Relations of the University]* (p. 509-512); *Universitatea în refugiu [The University in Refuge]* (513-516); *Structura Universității [Structure of the University]* (p. 525-535); *Studentii Universității [Students of the University]* (p. 579-593); *Sărbătorirea centenarului (27-30 octombrie 1960) [The Celebration of the Centenary (27th- 30th October 1960)]* (p. 601-614).

d) Articles (selected)

- *The Most Distinguished Personality of Poland’: Jozef Piłsudski in Alexandru Iacovaky’s Diplomatic Reports and Memories*, in „Analele Științifice ale Universității ” Alexandru Ioan Cuza” din Iași (seria nouă), *Istorie*, tom LXIII, 2017, p. 31-39.

- *Reluarea relațiilor diplomatice între România și Polonia după Al Doilea Război Mondial [The resuming of diplomatic relations between Romania and Poland after the Second World War]*, in vol. *Polonia și România în Europa Centrală în secolele XX și XXI [Poland and Romania in Central Europe in the 20th and 21st centuries]*, Agnieszka Kastory, Henryk Walczak (eds.), Kraków, Księgarnia Akademickie, 2017, p. 101-111. (ISBN 978-83-7638-810-6).
- *Old Laws, New Laws. The Organization of Romania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1938-1946)*, in „Analele Științifice ale Universității ” Alexandru Ioan Cuza” din Iași (seria nouă), Istorie, tom LXII, 2016, p. 291-310 (ISSN 1221-843X) (CEEOL).
- *Romanian Diplomacy and the Exploration of a German “Way” of Reconciliation with the Soviet Union in the Late 1920s*, în, „Valahian Journal of Historical Studies”, no. 21/2014, p. 22-34, ISSN 1584-2525. (EBSCO, CEEOL, SCIPIO, INDEX COPERNICUS indexed).
- *Romanian Diplomats in the Scandinavian Countries (1916-1947)*, in „Revista Română de Studii Baltice și Nordice”, Vol. 6, Issue 2 (2014), p. 175-199, ISSN 2067-1725 (ProQuest, Ebsco, IndexCopernicus, DOAJ, Scipio indexed).
- *Some Remarks on a Controversial Subject. Romania and the issue of the Soviet Troops Transit on Their Way to Czechoslovakia in 1938*, în vol. *The Munich Conference (September 1938) – the Path towards the Destructuring the Democracy in Europe*, București, Editura Militară, 2014, p. 160-208.
- *De l'épuration à la promotion de << l'homme nouveau >>: le cas du personnel du Ministère roumain des Affaires étrangères pendant les premières années d'après-guerre*, în „Cahier d'Histoire Immédiate”, 44, 2013, *Dossier spécial Roumanie*, Coords. Bertrand Vayssière et Adrian Vițalaru, Toulouse, 2013, p. 43-60. (ISSN 1247-3189).
- *Old bonds in the „New Europe”: aspects concerning Romanian- Swiss relations during the first interwar decade*, în *Romanian and European Diplomacy. From Cabinet Diplomacy to 21st Century Challenges*, edited by Gh. Cliveti, Adrian-Bogdan Ceobanu, Ionuț Nistor, Adrian Vițalaru, Beit și Editura Universității “Alexandru Ioan Cuza”, Trieste, Iași, 2012, p. 337-349.

- *Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen and Romanian-German Relations in 1928*, in “Valachian Journal of Historical Studies”, No. 16/Winter 2011, p. 137-149, ISSN 1584-2525.
- *Războiul cuvintelor: Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen și propaganda românească în Elveția 1917-1918 [The War of Words: Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen and Romanian Propaganda in Switzerland, 1917-1918]*, in *Diplomație și destine diplomatice în lumea românească [Diplomacy and Diplomatic Destinies in the Romanian World]*, edited by Paul Nistor, Adrian-Bogdan Ceobanu, Târgoviște, Cetatea de Scaun Publishing House, 2011, p. 243-258, (ISBN 978-606-537-074-6).
- *Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen, Vaticanul și „demisia” episcopului István Fiedler (1939) [Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen, the Vatican and the “quitting” of Bishop István Fiedler (1939)]*, in *Spațiul românesc între democrație și totalitarism [Romania between Democracy and Totalitarianism]*, volume edited by Adrian Vițalaru, Iulian Ghercă and Liviu Cărare, Iași, Junimea, 2011, p. 110-118 (ISBN 978-973-37-1564-1).
- *Aspecte ale primului mandat al lui Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen la conducerea legației României din Berlin (februarie 1928 – martie 1930) [Aspects of Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen’s First Mandate at the Leadership of Romania’s Legation in Berlin (February 1928 – March 1930)]*, in “Anuarul Institutului de Istorie “A. D. Xenopol” [The Yearbook of “A. D. Xenopol” Institute of History], XLVI, 2009, p. 353-358. (ISSN 1221-3705).
- *Considerații privind activitatea lui Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen la Societatea Națiunilor între anii 1923 și 1928 [Aspects of Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen’s Activity at the League of Nations between 1923 and 1928]*, in *România și sistemele de securitate în Europa, 1919-1975 [Romania and the Security Systems in Europe, 1919-1975]*, editors Ioan Ciupercă, Bogdan-Alexandru Schipor, Dan Constantin Măță, Iași, Editura Universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”, 2009, p. 102-111 (ISBN 978-973-703-444-1).
- *Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen – trimis extraordinar și ministru plenipotențiar al României la Berlin (1932-1938) [Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen – Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Romania in Berlin]*, in *Secvențe din trecut. Studii de istorie și de relații internaționale [Moments of the Past. Studies of History and International Relations]*, volume edited by Adrian Vițalaru

and Iulian Ghercă Munteanu, Iași, Performantica Publishing House, 2009, p. 171-212 (ISBN 978-973-730-642-5).

- *Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen – ministru plenipotențiar al României la Vatican, 1930-1932 [Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen – Minister Plenipotentiary of Romania in Vatican, 1930-1932]*, in “Anuarul Institutului de Istorie A. D. Xenopol” [Yearbook of the “A. D. Xenopol” Institute of History], XLV, 2008, p. 219-228 (ISSN 1221-3705).

Contributions to Scientific Projects

- May 2018 – present: Member of the project FROM ARISTOCRATS TO PROLETARIANS. THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS OF ROMANIA (1918-1947) funded by the UEFISCDI PN-III-P1-1.1-TE 2016-1477
- 2014-2015 / postdoctoral project: *Politics and Diplomacy. Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1938-1948)*
- 2007-2010 / member: *Istoria Universității din Iași [History of the University of Iasi]*, project financed by the “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, coordinators: professor dr. Alexandru-Florin Platon, professor dr. Gh. Iacob.
- 2007-2008 / member: *Iași. Memoria unei capitale [Iasi. Memory of a Capital City]*, project financed by the town hall of Iași, within the framework of the programme “Iași 600”, coordinators: professor dr. Ion Agrigoroaiei, professor dr. Gh. Iacob, professor dr. C. Turliuc

Member of other Associations and Organizations:

- Member of the *Centre for the History of International Relations*, Faculty of History, “Al. I. Cuza” University, Iași, 2010.
- Member of the *Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies*, 2008.
- Member of the “*Pro-Natio*” *Cultural-Artistic Association*, 2008.
- Member of “*East-Democracy*” *International Relations Association*, 2007.
- Member of “*Gh. I. Brătianu*” *History Circle*, 2004-2006.