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### EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Political Science, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2007  
M.A. (*Diploma de Studii Aprofundate*) in International Relations and European Integration, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, 2001  
B.A. in Law, Spiru Haret University, Bucharest, 2003  
B.A. in Theology, University of Bucharest, 1999

### MONOGRAPHS

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1. *Religious Failure, Geopolitics, and Forced Displacement in Russia, Eastern Europe, and the South Caucasus*, Central European University Press, forthcoming 2026
2. *The Ecumenical Movement and the Making of the European Community*, Oxford University Press, 2014, 305pp.
3. *Orthodoxy and the Cold War. Religion and Political Power in Romania, 1947-65*, Palgrave, 2008, 273pp. Winner of the George Blazyca Prize in East European Studies, the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies at the 2010 Annual Conference, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University.

### EDITED VOLUMES and SPECIAL ISSUES

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1. (with Victoria Hudson), *Religion and Forced Displacement in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia*, Amsterdam University Press, 2022, 413pp.
2. (with Grace Davie), *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Europe*, Oxford University Press, 2021, 880pp. Translated into French: *Les religions et l'Europe: panorama et perspectives contemporaines*, Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2025, 508pp.
3. *Forced Migration and Human Security in the Eastern Orthodox World*, Routledge, 2019, 360pp.
4. *Eastern Christianity and Politics in the Twenty-First Century*, Routledge, 2014, 865pp.
5. *Orthodox Christianity and Nationalism in Nineteenth-Century Southeastern Europe*, Fordham University Press, 2014, 288pp. CHOICE 'Outstanding Academic Titles' for 2015.
6. *Representing Religion in the European Union: Does God Matter?*, Routledge, 2012, 245pp.
7. *Eastern Christianity and the Cold War, 1945-91*, Routledge, 2010, 384pp.
8. Special Issue: 'Transatlantic Representations of Religion', *Politics, Religion and Ideology*, 2011, 12 (3), 122pp

9. (with John T.S. Madeley), *Religion, Politics and Law in the European Union*, Routledge, 2010 and as Special Issue: 'Religion, Politics and Law in the European Union', *Religion, State and Society*, 2009, 37 (1-2), 231pp.
10. Special Issue: 'Challenges to Church-State Relations in Contemporary Europe', *Journal of Religion in Europe*, 2008, 1 (3), 106pp.

### **LATEST JOURNAL ARTICLES**

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1. 'Challenges and Opportunities for Covenantal Pluralism in Romania', *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*, 2025, 23 (1), pp. 30-42
2. 'Orthodoxy and the Covid-19 Pandemic in Romania and Bulgaria: Political Turmoil, Informal Networks, and Religious Scepticism', *Euxeinos - Governance and Culture in the Black Sea Region*, 2024, 14 (37), pp. 15-29
3. 'Orthodox Conservatism and the Refugee Crisis in Bulgaria and Moldova', *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 2021, 54 (1-2), pp. 83-101
4. 'When States Fail: The Politics of Orthodox Churches, Forced Displacement and Humanitarian Structures in Serbia and Ukraine', *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 2021, 34 (2), pp. 1923-45
5. 'The Ukrainian National Church, Religious Diplomacy and the Conflict in Donbass' (with Vsevolod Samokhvalov), *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies*, 2019, 2 (2), pp. 199-224

### **LATEST RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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1. Co-Investigator of an ESRC PhD studentship, *Between Russia and the European Union: Displacement, State Building and Religious Freedom in Ukraine*, the ESRC Doctoral Training Partnership, 2022-26
2. Project team member, *Coronavirus: A New Test(ament) of Orthodox Christianity*, University of St Gallen, Switzerland, 2021-22
3. Principal Investigator of a British Academy grant 'When States Fail: Forced Displacement, Religious Diplomacy and Human Security in the Eastern Orthodox World', 2018-21
4. Supervisor of Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (Dr Georgios Trantas): 'Go Religioscapes. Churches, Arks of Migratory Narratives: A Comparative Study of the Greek-Orthodox Religioscapes in Germany and Great Britain', 2018-20