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Education

- 2013-2015** **PhD Diploma, Horticulture field (2015)**
Faculty of Horticulture from the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest
Doctor in Horticulture title acquired based on the thesis "[Development of a quality assessment method for urban green spaces](#)"
- 2006-2008** **Master Diploma, Integrated Urban Development field (2008)**
The Academic School for Postgraduate Studies of the University of Architecture and Urbanism "Ion Mincu" Bucharest in collaboration with the Academy of Economic Studies, the Technical University of Construction Bucharest, the University of Bucharest and L'Institut de Sciences Appliquees (INSA) from Lyon - France
- 2001-2006** **Bachelor Diploma, Landscape Architecture field (2006)**
Landscape Architecture Department of the Faculty of Horticulture from the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest

Scholarships

- May-August 2015** **PhD research mobility | Berlin, Germany**
Beuth University of Applied Sciences Berlin - Department (V) Horticulture
Funded by: European Social Fund through the Sectoral Operational Program Human Resources Development 2007-2013
- January-March 2011** **Postgraduate studies program | New Delhi, India**
Planning and Management of Inclusive Sustainable Cities
Human Settlement Management Institute
Funded by: Embassy of India through the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC)
- July 2009** **Postgraduate studies program | Budapest, Hungary**
Public Management of Urban Change
CEU - Central European University
Funded by: CEU - Central European University
- June-August 2007** **Master program research internship | Lyon, France**
The Academic School for Postgraduate Studies of the University of Architecture and Urbanism "Ion Mincu" Bucharest in collaboration with the Academy of Economic Studies, the Technical University of Construction Bucharest, the University of Bucharest and L'Institut de Sciences Appliquees (INSA) from Lyon - France
Funded by: INSA Lyon - France

Member of

since 2018	International Society of Arboriculture [ISA] associate member
since 2013	The Professional Association of Romanian Urban Planners [APUR] associate member
since 2019	member of the Executive Committee
since 2008	International Federation of Landscape Architects, European Region [IFLA Europe] associate member
since 2018	liaison officer for European Landscape Contractors Association [ELCA]
since 2008	Romanian Landscape Architects Association [AsoP Romania] associate member of AsoP Romania
since 2009	founding member of AsoP Bucharest Branch
2009-2013	Vice-president of AsoP Bucharest Branch
2013-2015	President of AsoP Bucharest Branch
since 2016	President of AsoP Romania
since 2007	The Association Save Bucharest [ASB]* founding member
since 2007	Vice-president *ASB is the NGO that generated the Union Save Bucharest [USR], currently one of the most active political parties from the opposition, which has as a distinguishing mark the fact that it was formed by activists from Romanian civil society; however, I was never part of USR
since 2006	ATU - The Association for Urban Transition associate member
2007-2010	Executive Director

Current appointments

since 2019	Expert analysis and systematization of legislation Coordinator for Chapter IV - cultural landscape of Romania's Cultural Heritage Code (legislative project) <i>___ Ministry of Culture - Project Management Unit</i>
since 2019	Guest tutor coordinator of the landscape design and planning studio - 3 rd study year <i>___ Landscape Architecture Department of the Faculty of Horticulture from the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest</i>
since 2010	Landscape architect / Partner / Administrator <i>___ RPR Birou de studii contemporane</i>

Previous appointments

2017-2019	Professional adviser on environmental topics <i>___ Romanian Parliament - Chamber of Deputies</i>
2013-2015	Guest tutor coordinator of the landscape design and planning studio - 2 nd and 3 rd study years; assistant for diploma projects tutoring (4 th study year) <i>___ Landscape Architecture Department of the Faculty of Horticulture from the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest</i>
2007-2011	Guest tutor coordinator of the landscape design and planning studio - 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd study years; assistant for diploma projects tutoring (4 th study year)

	___ <i>Landscape Architecture Department of the Faculty of Horticulture from the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest</i>
2006-2010	Project coordinator implementation of projects aimed to increase the transparency of the decision-making process at local public administration level, to enhance the involvement of local society in the development of policies and regulations related to urban planning and to raise public awareness regarding these topics ___ <i>ATU - The Association for Urban Transition</i>
2006-2007	Guest tutor coordinator of the landscape design and planning studio - 3 rd study year for the Department Landscape Design and Planning; 5 th study year for the Department Architecture; 5 th study year for the Department Interior Design ___ <i>University of Architecture and Urbanism "Ion Mincu" Bucharest</i>
2005-2006	Assistant project coordinator Assistance for the implementation of projects aimed to increase the transparency of the decision-making process at local public administration level, to enhance the involvement of local society in the development of policies and regulations related to urban planning and to raise public awareness regarding these topics ___ <i>ATU - The Association for Urban Transition</i>

Management (selection)

	<u>Coordination for landscape architecture projects</u>
2019	Landscape architecture substantiation documentation for the General Urbanistic Plan for Snagov Village (Ilfov County) Landscape architecture substantiation documentation for the General Urbanistic Plan for Kogalniceanu Village (Constanta County) Vegetation assessment substantiation documentation for the Rehabilitation project of Cismigiu Historic Garden from Bucharest Landscape architecture substantiation documentation for the Zonal Urbanistic Plan for Cismigiu Historic Garden from Bucharest
2018	Vegetation survey for the Dacian archaeological site "Sarmizegetusa Regia Fortress - Gradistii Hill point" (Hunedoara County)
2014	Landscape architecture substantiation documentation for the Zonal Urbanistic Plan for MICRO 18, 19, 20, 21 Neighborhoods of Galati Municipality (Galati County) Development project for the visitation infrastructure and the vegetal infrastructure for the Racos Basaltic Quarry from Heges Hill (Brasov County) Rehabilitation project for the Public Garden from Targu Jiu (Gorj County) within the protected area of Brancusi "Heroes' Path" Monumental Assembly
2013	Landscape architecture substantiation documentation for the Zonal Urbanistic Plan for Danube's waterfront in Galati city (Galati County)
2012	Rehabilitation and biodiversity conservation project for Fusea-Matasaru Gravel Quarry (Nature2000 Site, Dambovita County)
2010-2011	Landscaping project for Titu Technical Center of Renault Technologie Roumanie (Dambovita County)
	<u>Project grants coordination</u>
2018-2019	"parcuri360" project regarding Romanian historic parks and gardens <i>Funding: Romanian Ministry of Culture and the Administration of the National Cultural Fund</i>

- 2016-2017 LAN-NET: Socio-professional network for better living condition within the urban environment in Romania
(coordinator of AsoP Bucharest Branch team activity)
Funding: Swiss Contribution to the enlarged European Union
- 2008-2009 MIEUX HABITER II (Let's live better II)
Funding: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2007-2008 UP & GO - NGOs PLATFORM for URBAN POLICIES
Funding: Netherlands Embassy in Bucharest
Together for A Better City - ABC of urban policy
Funding: CEE Trust - Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe
- 2006-2007 MIEUX HABITER (Let's live better)
Funding: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Event organization**
- 2018-2019 "Romanian Cities: From Green Space to Green Infrastructure"
[The 2nd annual conference of AsoP Romania](#), organized on 13-17 May 2019 in Bucharest under the aegis of the European Commission's Environment General Directorate within the framework of #EUGreenWeek, in cooperation with IFLA Europe and the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest
- 2017-2018 "Landscape Architecture - Education and Profession"
[The 1st annual conference of AsoP Romania](#), occasioned by the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Landscape Architecture specialization in Romania and 15 years since the first alumni of this specialization; the event was organized on 1-2 March 2018 in Cluj-Napoca (Cluj County) in cooperation with the University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca and the Horticulture and Forestry Society of Transylvania
- 2016-2017 IFLA Europe 2017 Conference & General Assembly
"(UN)LIMITED LANDSCAPES: NO FENCE, NO OFFENCE"
[The 28th professional meeting](#) of the European landscape architects was organized on 1-4 June 2017 in Bucharest, by AsoP Romania in cooperation with IFLA Europe
- 2014-2015 LE:NOTRE Landscape Forum Bucharest 2015
"Colentina River: (Re)Discovering the Emerald Necklace"
[The 4th edition of this forum](#) was organized by AsoP Romania, on 21-25 April 2015 in Bucharest, in cooperation with LE:NOTRE Institute, University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest, University of Architecture and Urbanism "Ion Mincu" Bucharest and the Professional Association of Romanian Urban Planners
- Bachelor diploma project tutoring**
joint supervision with representatives of the Landscape Architecture Department of the Faculty of Horticulture from the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest
- 2014-2016 Daniela Cristea, subject: FOODLANDSCAPE in Bucharest
- 2014-2015 Alexandra Iacob, subject: Landscape rehabilitation for Iuliu Maniu Boulevard as an entrance axis of Bucharest
Magda Arsenie, subject: Study regarding the participation of the private space at the construction of the urban landscape of Bucharest
- 2013-2014 Raluca Amuza, subject: Landscape rehabilitation of the Aviatorilor Boulevard as a promenade and leisure area
- 2019-2010 Vladimir Boc, subject: Neptune green-blue seaside resort - rehabilitation and value augmentation
Mihail Chiorcea, subject: Rehabilitation of Scoica Park from Mangalia
Cristian Dan, subject: The water beads necklace. Jupiter seaside resort - the meeting place of the gods

Iulia Dobrovie, subject: Constanta - the forum city. Re-designing the railway station area and connecting it to other points of interest within the city

Gabriela Radu, subject: Rehabilitation of Diana Park from Mangalia

Mihaela Radu, subject: Experimental area for implementing ecological tourism: Hergheliei Swamp and Saturn-Venus beach

Mihai Raitaru, subject: Retrieving the identity of Mangalia city through new designed spaces

Professional internship coordination

(within RPR Birou de studii contemporane)

2017	4 students**
2016	4 students**
2014	8 students**
2013	5 students** + 1 student***
2011	1 student***

**from the Landscape Architecture Department of the Faculty of Horticulture from the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest

***from Ecole Nationale Supérieure de la Nature et du Paysage Blois - France

Tree inventory coordination

2019	Romniceanu Park from Bucharest crowdsourcing info with the support of InCotroceni local initiative group
	Historic garden of Teleki Domain from Gornesti (Mures County) professional workshop within the "Summer School at the Castle" event
	Historic park of Cantacuzino Domain from Floresti (Prahova County) professional workshop within "InFloresti" Summer School event
	Cismigiu Historic Garden from Bucharest crowdsourcing info with the support of Cismigiu local initiative group, landscape architects, professionals from related fields and Bucharest's inhabitants
2018	Historic garden of Teleki Domain from Gornesti (Mures County) professional workshop within the "Summer School at the Castle" event
2016	Zaikin Park from Chisnau (Republic of Moldova) professional workshop within the "Architecture - Installations - Landscape Architecture" Summer School

Legal framework

since 2019	Romania's Cultural Heritage Code: Chapter IV - cultural landscape legislative project currently under development
since 2017	Legislative project for the modification of Law no. 24/2007 regarding the green spaces with urban environment developed via AsoP Romania, currently on the legislative process in the Deputy Chamber of the Romanian Parliament (chamber with decisional role)
2016	Regulation regarding the development and the approval of the landscaping projects for public parks / gardens, squares and the green spaces related to the circulation routes or water courses existing on the territory of Bucharest enforced through the Decision of the General Council of Bucharest Municipality

Expert appointments

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| since 2019 | <p>Member of the expert team in charge of monitoring the maintenance interventions Brancusi “Heroes’ Path” Monumental Assembly from Targu Jiu (Gorj County)
 appointed by “Constantin Brancusi” Research, Documentation and Promotion Center</p> |
| 2019 | <p>Jury member for Cetatua Hill International Competition
 appointed by the Romanian Chamber of Architects</p> |
| 2016-2018 | <p>Member of the Regional Committee for Historic Monuments no. 4 of the Romanian Ministry of Culture for Constanta and Tulcea Counties
 appointed by Ministerial Order no. 2408/24.05.2016</p> |

Other relevant activities

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| 2019 | <p>Landscape architecture substantiation documentation for the Zonal Urbanistic Plan for Herastrau Historic Park from Bucharest
 team member (RPR Birou de studii contemporane)</p> <p>Landscape architecture substantiation documentation for the Zonal Urbanistic Plan for Carol Historic Park from Bucharest
 team member (RPR Birou de studii contemporane)</p> <p>Strategy for Sustainable Development of Sector 1 for the period 2020-2030
 member of the Working Group “Urbanism, Infrastructure, Green Spaces, Playground”
 developed the Sector 1 City Hall from Bucharest</p> <p>Citizens and the City in Ecological Transition
 guest expert for the Common Urban Spaces workshop at Bucharest Architecture Annual 2019</p> <p>“Summer School at the Castle”, 2-8 September 2019
 coordinator for the module “Landscape and Landscape Architecture” for the workshop related with the historic garden of Teleki Domain from Gornesti (Mures County)</p> <p>”InFloresti” Summer School, 19-28 August 2019
 coordinator for the module “Urban arboriculture” at the workshop related with the historic garden of Cantacuzino Domain from Floresti (Prahova County)</p> |
| 2018 | <p>The Heritage ABC: cultural heritage textbook
 Chapter 2 - Built space versus natural environment
 chapter developer; online textbook addressed to high school students and developed by the Ministry of Culture via the National Institute for Cultural Research and Training</p> <p>“Summer School at the Castle”, 20-29 July 2018
 coordinator for the module “Landscape and Landscape Architecture” at the workshop related with the historic garden of Teleki Domain from Gornesti (Mures County)</p> <p>Local Co-production Laboratories (CoLAB)
 Coordinator of the planting workshop within the “Nature in the city” laboratory developed for the local community associates with Tei Community Center from Bucharest</p> |
| 2017 | <p>City School 2016-2017: The playground-Library from Militari
 coordinator for the module “Landscape Architecture” developed in this applied education project</p> <p>“Summer School at the Castle”, 20-29 July 2017
 coordinator for the module “Landscape and Landscape Architecture” at the workshop related with the historic garden of Teleki Domain from Gornesti (Mures County)</p> |
| 2016 | <p>“Architecture - Installations - Landscape Architecture” Summer School
 22-31 July 2016
 coordinator for the module “Landscape Architecture” at the workshop related to Zaiuin Park from Chisinau (Republic of Moldova)</p> |
| 2014 | <p>Landscape Atlas for the Romania - Bulgaria cross border area
 team member, tool developed as part of the project SPATIAL "A Common strategy for the sustainable development of the cross-border area Romania-Bulgaria" (Beneficiary: Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration)</p> |

Good practice guide for green space management

(title in Romanian - Ghid de buna practica pentru administrarea spatiilor verzi)

Publication addressed mainly to the public administration workers and developed in collaboration with Alexandru Ciobota, Cordula Weber (Switzerland), Raluca Ramona Rusu, Andrei Condoros, Paunita Iuliana Boanca, Sonia Bors-Oprisa, Andreea Raducu-Lefter, Rebeca Ioana Bedeleian, Teodora Aureliana Koos, Maria Teodora Sirca și Iuliana Mihalciuc, Universitatea de Vest publishing house - Agora Collection, 2017, ISBN 978-973-125-532-3, 2017

THE CITY: a user manual

(title in Romanian - ORASUL: un manual de utilizare)

Publication developed in collaboration with Vera Marin, Alexandru Balasescu, Vintila Mihailescu, Celia Ghyka, Ioana Tudora, Daniela Calciu, Gruia Badescu, Anamaria Vrabie si Ioana Teodorescu, Igloomedia publishing house, ISBN 978-606-8026-32-9, 2015

DEVELOPING A CONCEPTUAL FORM FOR INCLUSIVE SUSTAINABLE CITIES

Paper developed together with Aqeel Ahid Alameer (Iraq), Hasan Alawi (Republic of Yemen), Isidora Bilbao (Chile), Nkululeko Biyase (South Africa), Pietro Clandestino (Chile), Kaleem Domah (Mauritius), Zungula Enock (Zimbabwe), Rabe Jean Ernest (Madagascar), Menaka Mangalanatha (Srilanka), Rose Marie Maraj-Wright (Trinidad and Tobago), Elias Musleh (Palestine), Karla Peraza (Costa Rica), Mohammad Sabir Sharif (Afghanistan), Mohammad Yousaf Tani (Afghanistan), Suresh Kumar Wagle (Nepal), Mohamed Ahemed Mohamed Youseef (Egypt) și Khulekani Zulu (South Africa). Paper issued by Human Settlement Management Institute (2011, New Delhi - India)

Study regarding the implementation of a protection program for Faleza Nord Constanta area

Paper issued in URBANISMUL Journal (number 5-6 / 2010)

The Six Sectors of Bucharest - Sector 6: The Young City

Paper issued in the magazine "Bucharest - what, where, when", Crystal Publishing Group, volume 17, number 7 (September 2010)

The Six Sectors of Bucharest - Sector 5: The Insular City

Paper issued in the magazine "Bucharest - what, where, when", Crystal Publishing Group, volume 17, number 6 (July-August 2010)

The Six Sectors of Bucharest - Sector 4: The Multi-layer City

Paper issued in the magazine "Bucharest - what, where, when", Crystal Publishing Group, volume 17, number 5 (June 2010)

The Six Sectors of Bucharest - Sector 2: The City Within the City

Paper issued in the magazine "Bucharest - what, where, when", Crystal Publishing Group, volume 17, number 3 (April 2010)

The Six Sectors of Bucharest - Sector 1: The Green Canopy

Paper issued in the magazine "Bucharest - what, where, when", Crystal Publishing Group, volume 17, number 2 (March 2010)

Lyon et Rhone - Reconcilier la Ville avec le fleuve

Paper developed together with cu urban planner Mihai Alexandru and edited by GRAND LYON - France (August 2007)

Portfolio available at

www.dianaculescu.ro/english/portfolio/

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