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Current position

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Education

- 2010-2013 Researcher (post-doc), Dep. of Sciences, University Al. I. Cuza, Iasi, Romania. Research to be accomplished: "Nicolae Milescu's *Iter in Chinam* (1676). Visual, computational and encyclopaedic reconstructions." 2009 - 2010 Jr. Research & Lecturer Fellow, *Oriental Pontifical Institute*, Rome, Italy (Fellowship awarded by Romanian Ministry Foreign Affairs and Oriental Pontifical Institute, Rome)
- Oct. 2008 - Feb. 2009, Mellon East-Central European Visiting Scholar American Academy in Rome, Italy
- Feb. 2009 - May 2009, Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, Warburg Institute, London, UK
- 2004-2007 *Istituto Studi Umanistici*, University of Florence, Italy
- Oct. 2007 Ph.D. *con lode*, Early Modern History
- 2001-2003 B.A. in Church History, *Pontificio Istituto Orientale*, Rome, Italy
- 2000-2001 (Hons.) M.A. in Social Sciences, University of Bucharest, România
- 1995-1999 (Hons.) Faculty of Theology, University of Sibiu, România

Positions of trust

- 2008 - Member of the Italian Society for the History of Religions
- 2004 - Member of the Romanian Association for the History of Religions

Membership of editorial board

- 2009 - *Studia Asiatica*. International Journal for Asiatic Studies (associated editor)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Book (Monograph, Early Modern History)

- The Diplomatic Mission of Nicolae Milescu in Northern Asia & at Ch'ing Imperial Court, 1675-1676 (E. J. Brill, Leiden, *work in progress*), 600 pp. + 12 illustrations and maps.
- La missione di Nicolae Milescu in Asia Settentrionale (Il Mulino, Bologna, *work in progress*) 600 pp. + 12 illustrations and maps
- Il carteggio inedito tra Ugo Bianchi & Ioan Petru Culianu (L'Erma di Bretschneider, coll. Storia delle Religioni, *work in progress*), 300 pp.

Book (Editor in chief)

- Between Two Parts of the Earth: Europe & Asia. A Critical Overview of Nicolae Milescu's work (1644-1678). Proceedings of the International Colloquium: 'Espaces et Mondes au Moyen Âge', section Milescu, Bucharest, 17-18 October 2008. (*work in progress*)

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- 'Il carteggio Ugo Bianchi & Ioan Petru Culianu: fonte per la storiografia italiana della storia delle religioni' (II parte), *Archævs*, Bucharest, XV (2011), pp. 297-312.
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- 'Nicolae Milescu's *Iter in Chinam* (1676). Visual, computational and encyclopaedic reconstructions', (together with Anamaria Ciucanu, Georgiana Cărauşu), CLARIN. A European Research Structure, Newsletter, Nr. 11-12, (September-December 2010).
- Bookreview: Noël GOLVERS, Efthymios NICOLAIDIS (eds.), Ferdinand Verbiest and Jesuit Science in 17th century China. An annotated edition and translation of the Constantinople manuscript (1676), Institute for Neohellenic Research, National Hellenic Research Foundation vol. 108 / Ferdinand Verbiest Institute, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven vol. XIX, Athens-Leuven, 2009 [November], 382 p., 117 ill., 25x17 cm. — ISBN 978-960-7916-83-9, in *Studia Asiatica. International Journal for Asian Studies* XI (2010), no. 1-2, Bucharest, pp. 344-352.
- 'The first political borders of the Eurasian continent at the northern «entrance» to the Son of Heaven? Tow European chronicles on the Manchu-Russian negotiations in the 17th century: Seicento *Statejnyj spisok* & *Relação diaria da viagem*', in Proceedings of the International Symposium (ed. Luis Filipe Barreto)

- “Tomás Pereira S.J.(1645-1708). Life, Work and Time.”, Ed. Centro Cientifico e Cultural de Macau, I. P., Lisbon, 2010, pp. 317-352. (ISBN 978-972-8586-20-1)
- ‘Theology and History of Religions in the Middle East. A Brief Account: Fr. André Scrima, spiritual and peace mediator in Libanon (1970-1980)’, in (Giulia Gasparro ed.) “Proceedings of the European Association for the Study of Religions, 9th Annual Conference”, Messina, Italy, *in print*.
 - ‘Shamanism in North Asia as a religious phenomenon. A Brief Note on Mircea Eliade’s Morphology’, in “Proceedings of the International Symposium: Book.Romania. Europe”, Publisher Biblioteca Bucureștilor 2010, p. 522-530.
 - ‘Nicolae Milescu in Asia Settentrionale (1675). Preliminari alla sua missione diplomatica presso la corte imperiale dei Qing’, *Studia Asiatica*, Bucharest, X (2009), pp. 167-232 (14 illustrations + 5 tavole).
 - ‘Antoine Thomas’s *Tabula Geographica Orientis*. Brief analytical and comparative approach’, in Michel Hermas and Isabelle Parmentier (eds.) *Regards croisés à partir d’Antoine Thomas, s.j., scientifique et missionnaire namurois, 1644-1709*, Actes de Colloque International. Facultés Universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix, Namur, Département d’histoire, 12-14 novembre 2009, *forthcoming*.
 - ‘John G. Sparwenfeld e Nicolae Milescu (Mosca, 1684). Rapporti diplomatici, scambi d’informazione e convergenza delle fonti’, *Studia Asiatica*, Bucharest, X (2009), pp. 297- 307.
 - ‘Spătarul Nicolae Milescu (1636-1708)’, on-line encyclopedia. Romanian Philosophy, available from 2008 to the following link:
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 - ‘La missione di Nicolae Milescu Spatarul presso la corte dei Ch’ing & la polisemia delle frontiere nord-asiatiche (1675-1676)’ in Elena Siupiur, Zamfira Mihail (ed.), *Impact de l’imprimerie et rayonnement des Pays Roumains*, Proceedings of International Conference: Nicolae Milescu Spatarul, Centenary (1708-2008), Bucarest 13-14 Oct. 2008, Ed. Biblioteca Bucureștilor, Bucharest, 2009, pp. 123-178, (8 illustrations).
 - ‘Nicolae Milescu ed il Ms. 45, f. 456r - 457v. Appunto storiografico’, *Annuario dell’Istituto Romeno di Cultura e Ricerca Umanistica di Venezia*, Venice, 9 (2007), pp. 257-274.
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