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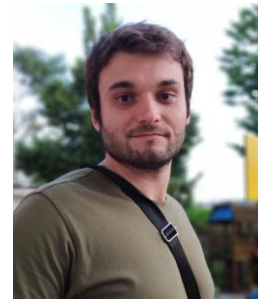
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Education

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| 10/2016 – 03/2019 | 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 |
| 09/2017 – 02/2018 | Eötvös-Loránd-Universität, Budapest, Hungary ERASMUS exchange programme Subjects: cultural geography, environmental geography, spatial disparities, post-socialist urban development, Hungarian language |
| 10/2010 – 03/2014 | Justus-Liebig-University, Gießen M.A., Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe Subjects: East European History (major), constitutional law, political science, Russian language |
| 10/2007 – 07/2010 | West University, Timișoara, Romania B.A., International Relations and Europe Studies, German Language Department Subjects: geopolitics, EU politics, international law, regional development |
| 09/2003 – 06/2007 | Mihai Eminescu High School, Petroșani, Romania Higher Education Entrance Qualification |

Internships

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| 01/2017 – 07/2017 | European Migrant Workers Union, Frankfurt am Main, Germany <i>Activity part of the labour union-linked project „Faire Mobility Hessen“</i> <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 | A.N.T.I.M. (The National Association of Young Historians of Moldova), Chișinău, Republic of Moldova <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

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| 10/2021 – currently | <p><u>Peco Institut, Frankfurt am Main (full-time 100%)</u> <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><u>German Trade Union Confederation (DGB) – counseling network Fair Mobility, Frankfurt am Main (part-time 75%)</u> <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><u>Internationaler Bund – IB Südwest gGmbH, Frankfurt am Main (part-time 25 %)</u> <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><u>European Migrant Workers Union., Frankfurt am Main (part-time 25%)</u> <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 |
| 01/2020 – 04/2020 (cancelled due to international travel restrictions) | <p><u>Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main (freelance)</u> <i>Lecturer at the seminar „Czech-in: Tracing urban transformations in Prague and Ostrava”, addressed to the B.A. students of geography</i></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 |

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| 08/2019 – 03/2021 | <u>Caritas Association, Frankfurt am Main (part-time 50%)</u> <i>Social helper in the project „Multinationale Informations- und Anlaufstelle für EU- Migrant*innen“(MIA))</i> <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 |
| 02/2019 – 09/2019 | <u>Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main (freelance)</u> <i>Teaching assistant and co-organizer of the seminar and field trip „Romania: Timișoara and the Carpathians”, addressed to B.A. students of geography</i> <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 |
| 02/2015 – 07/2015 | <u>Justus Liebig University, Gießen</u> <i>Graduate assistant in the interuniversity research project SFB/TRR 138 – “Dynamics of Security”</i> <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 |
| 09/2014 – 10/2016 | <u>Accente Services GmbH, Frankfurt am Main</u> <i>Customer support at the Frankfurt Fair</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Language and technical support for exhibitors and visitors ▪ Software-based informational service for customers |

Skills

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| <u>Languages</u> | 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 |
| <u>IT knowledge</u> | ECDL- European Computer Driving Licence (2009) MS Office package: advanced Social media: advanced Qualitative data analysis software (MAXQDA, QDA Miner): advanced Hardware: basic |
| <u>Interests and hobbies</u> | Literature, team sports, gym, video games, board games, outdoor trips, traveling, gastronomy |

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