

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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STUDIES:

2013 - 2021: Doctoral studies at the Graduiertenschule für Ost und Südosteuropastudien, Universität Regensburg, Germany, in the field of History, graduated as Dr. phil. in 2021 with the thesis entitled *Dividing society, dividing estates. Probate and will-making in Hermannstadt, 1720-1800: a social, economic and administrative perspective*.

2012 October – February 2012: studies at the Institute for History and Anthropology of Southeast Europe within the Karl-Franzens Karl-Franzens-Universität, Graz.

2011 - 2013: M.A. studies within the Joint-Master Program „Geschichte des Südöstlichen Europa“, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, and Karl-Franzens-Universität, Graz, in the History of Southeastern Europe.

2009 - 2010: ERASMUS study at the Freie Universität Berlin.

2007 - 2010: Bachelor Studies at the Faculty of History, University of Bucharest, in the field of History.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Research grants as PI:

- December 2023 – November 2024: Seed grant funding for postdoctoral scholars, awarded by the University of Regensburg, within the [SeeField initiative](#).
- April 2023 – June 2023: Advanced Postdoctoral Fellowship postdoctoral of the STAR-UBB Institute, entitled “Mapping the 1738-1739 plague in Sibiu. Mortality and social-economic changes”, financed by the Babeş-Bolyai University through the project “STAR-UBB excellence in research network”, project ID 21 PFE/ 30.12.2021, PFE-550-UBB.

Research grants as member:

- September 2020 – September 2022: Research assistant in the project PN-III-P1-1.1.-TE-2019-0472, *Raising the nation: institutional and grassroots initiatives for orphan welfare in Transylvania during Dualism*, financed by the Romanian Science Financing Authority (UEFISCDI).
- May 2018 – May 2020: Research assistant in the project PN-III-P1-1.1.-TE-2016-0432, *Romanian officers in the Habsburg army and their involvement in civil society (late 18th century to 1918)*, financed by the Romanian Science Financing Authority (UEFISCDI).
- August 2017 – July 2018: Research assistant in the project PN-III-P4-ID-PCE-2016-0661, *Social and professional trajectories in concurrent confessional spaces: Transylvania (1850 – 1918)*, financed by the Romanian Science Financing Authority (UEFISCDI).
- November 2015 – September 2017: Research assistant in the project PN-II-RU-TE-2014-4-2208, *Rhythms and patterns: the quantitative dimension of family life in Transylvania, 1850-1918*, financed by the Romanian Science Financing Authority (UEFISCDI).

Research grants as collaborator:

- December 2024: Member of COST Action 22159 - *National, International and Transnational Histories of Healthcare, 1850-2000*, Working Group 3 (Patients).
- April 2018 – April 2019: Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin auf Projekt-basis in *Frühneuzeitlicher Orienthandel und siebenbürgisch-sächsische Identitätsbildung. Die osmanischen Teppiche der evangelischen Stadtpfarrkirche in Bistritz/Bistrița (Rumänien) im Germanischen Nationalmuseum*, financed by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

TEACHING ACTIVITY:

- April 2016 – July 2016: Proseminar 33173 within the Department of the History of Southeastern and Eastern Europe of the University of Regensburg, entitled “The History of the Family: 1600-1900. Demographic, digital, and social historical approaches” (7 ECTS).
- June 2016: Teaching assistant within the 4th International Summer School of the European Population Sample Network – Introduction to historical demography, Centre for Population Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University.

ORGANISATION OF WORKSHOPS & PANELS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

- October 2024, international hybrid workshop, [“Digital Approaches to Sources On/Of Patients”](#), Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism, Technische Universität Dresden (as co-organizer, within the framework of CA 22159) ([program](#))

- July 2022, international hybrid workshop, "[Orphans and Orphanhood between the 18th and 20th centuries: Expanding and Re-interrogating the History of Welfare](#)", Centre for Population Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University.
- December 2019, [workshop](#) "Baza de date *Confessional Infrastructures*", Centre for Population Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University.
- June 2018, co-organized panel „From Digital to Social. Current Digital History Developments in Romanian Studies”, la Conference of Society for Romanian Studies: #Romania 100. Looking forward through the past, 7th ed. Conveners: Vlad Popovici, Oana Sorescu-Iudean; Discussant: Oana Sorescu-Iudean.
- April 2018, co-organized panel "[Midwives and midwifery at the nexus between state interest, women’s health, and the decline in infant mortality](#)", at the 14th European Social Science History Conference in Belfast.
- August 2017, international workshop "[Family, Kinship, and Historical Data: An International Workshop on Recent Developments in East-Central and Southeast Europe](#)", Centre for Population Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University.
- May 2017, international workshop "Elites, Groups, Networks: Collective actors in Central and Southeast Europe from the 18th to mid-20th centuries", organized at the Leibniz-Institut für Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung, in co-operation with the Babeş-Bolyai University (as co-organizer).

MEMBERSHIPS IN ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS, SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION, ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS:

- 2023 – 2025: Representative of the [Babeş-Bolyai University in the EUTOPIA Young Leaders’ Academy](#).
- Member of the [European Association for Digital Humanities](#).
- Ambassador for Eastern Europe of the [Association for Young Historical Demographers](#).
- Peer-review for the following scholarly publications: *History of the Family*, *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas*, *Romanian Journal of Population Studies*, *Acta Musei Napocensis Istorica*, *Hungarian Historical Review*.

ATTENDANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS (selected):

- October 2024: “Developing & using table and field models for layout recognition of German language patient-focused hospital records from late 19th century Transylvania”, workshop *Digital Approaches to Sources On/Of Patients*, Hannah Arendt Institute for Totalitarianism, Technical University of Dresden (hybrid workshop, in person attendance).
- September 2023: “Dimensions of inequality in 16th-19th century Transylvania: the possibilities and limits of probate and tax records”, workshop *Sources, methods and routes forward in research on historical economic inequality*, organized by the Department of Economic History at the University of Lund, Sweden (hybrid workshop, online attendance – invited presentation).

- April 2023: “Wealth and Homeownership in Urban Transylvania, 1680-1830”, *14th European Social Science History Conference*, University of Göteborg, Sweden (in person).
- November 2022: “The Business of Probate: How Inheritance Law and Social-Occupational Structure Shaped Estate Devolution in Eighteenth-Century Transylvania”, within the *Cambridge Legal and Social History Workshop*, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge (online).
- July 2022: “Orphans and Numbers in Early Modern Transylvania: What Historical Databases Can Add to the Narrative”, international hybrid workshop *Orphans and Orphanhood between the 18th and 20th centuries: Expanding and Re-interrogating the History of Welfare*, 25-26 July 2022, Centrul de Studiere a Populației, Cluj-Napoca (co-author Angela Lumezeanu, in person).
- April 2022: “Reckoning Parenthood: Parents, Children, and Debt in Eighteenth-Century Transylvania”, at the *Mothers and Fathers in the Pre-Modern World. A hybrid conference at the Faculty of History, University of Cambridge* (hybrid, online attendance).
- January 2022: “New People, Old Practices: The Habsburg Civil Servants in Hermannstadt” Online conference *Habsburg Civil Servants: Beyond the State Apparatus*, organized by the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts & The Victoria University of Wellington (online attendance).
- November 2019: „The Confessional Infrastructures Database and the Field of Ecclesiastical History in Modern Transylvania” at the international conference *Digital Humanities and Data Visualization*, Cluj-Napoca, România (co-authors Marius Eppel, Angela Lumezeanu, Ana Victoria Sima, Raluca Botoș, Teodora Mihalache).
- September 2016: „Godparenthood in rural Transylvania 1850– 1918: Choices, practices, and discourse.”, *8th Conference of the International Association for Southeast European Anthropology*, New Bulgarian University, Sofia (co-author Luminița Dumănescu).
- September 2016: “Divided fortunes, divided families: A micro-exemplary analysis of inheritance litigation in 18th century Sibiu”, *8th Conference of the International Association for Southeast European Anthropology*, New Bulgarian University, Sofia.
- August 2016: „Weaving webs of gold: women in informal credit networks in eighteenth century Hermannstadt (Sibiu)”, *13th International Conference on Urban History*, European Association for Urban History, Helsinki, Finland.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Romanian (Native speaker), English (C2), German (C1-C2), Latin (A2).
- Considerable familiarity with *Kurrentschrift*.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS:

Studies in periodicals:

- **Oana Sorescu-Iudean**, "Patterns in the Timing of Widows' Remarriage in an 18th-Century Transylvanian City,,", *Romanian Journal of Population Studies*, vol. XVI, Issue 2, 2022, p. 9-26. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.24193/RJPS.2022.2.01>
- **Oana Sorescu-Iudean**, "The Cause of the Fatherless: Spiritual and Material Guardianship in Eighteenth Century Transylvania", *Romanian Journal of Population Studies*, Vol. XV, Issue 2, 2021, p. 5-38. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.24193/RJPS.2021.2.01>.
- Marius Eppel, **Oana Sorescu-Iudean**, „Dukhovenstvo pravoslavnoi i greko-katolicheskoi tserkvei Transil'vanii: opyt sozdaniia bazy dannykh” [[The Clergy of the Orthodox and Greek Catholic Churches of Transylvania: An Attempt at Building a Database], in *Izvestia. Ural Federeal University Journal*, vol. 21, no. 3/2019, p. 138-151. DOI: 10.15826/izv2.2019.21.3.052.
- Elena Crinela Holom, **Oana Sorescu-Iudean**, Mihaela Harăguș, "Beyond the Visible Pattern: Historical Particularities, Development, and Age at First Marriage in Transylvania, 1850–1914", *The History of the Family*, Vol. 23, Issue 2, 2018, p. 329-358. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/1081602X.2018.1433702>
- **Oana Sorescu-Iudean**, "The permeability of borders: drafting Romanian last wills in the seat of Sibiu during the eighteenth century", *Banatica*, 27/2017, p. 463 – 484. ISSN: 1222-0612, <https://www.banatica.ro/media/b27/463-484.pdf>

Studies in volumes published by international presses:

- Oana Sorescu-Iudean, Vlad Popovici, „Patterns of Romanian Women’s Civic and Political Engagement in Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century Transylvania, in Marta Verginella (ed.), *Women, Social Networks, Nationalism*, Purdue University Press – West Lafayette (Indiana), under press forthcoming December 2023.
- Stephanie Armer, **Oana Sorescu-Iudean**, “»Mit tepichtenn geziret«. Anatolische Teppiche als Handelsgüter und Repräsentationsobjekte in Siebenbürgen“, in Kregeloh, Anja (Hrsg.): *Anatolische Teppiche aus Bistritz/Bistrița: Die Sammlung der Evangelischen Stadtkirche A. B. im Germanischen Nationalmuseum*, Heidelberg: arthistoricum.net, 2023, p. 30-52. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.11588/arthistoricum.1194.c16515>, ISBN 978-3-98501-192-6
- Judit Pál, Vlad Popovici, **Oana Sorescu-Iudean**, "Elites and Groups in East-Central and South-East-Europe in the Long Nineteenth Century. Foreword from the Editors", in Judit Pál, Vlad Popovici, and Oana Sorescu-Iudean (eds.), *Elites, Groups, and Networks in East-Central and South-East Europe in the Long 19th Century*, Brill | Schöningh, 2022, p. 1-27. DOI: https://doi.org/10.30965/9783657795215_002

Edited volumes:

- Judit Pál, Vlad Popovici, **Oana Sorescu-Iudean** (eds.), *Elites, Groups, and Networks in East-Central and South-East Europe in the Long 19th Century*, Brill | Schöningh, 2022.

- Co-edited special issue of the *Romanian Journal of Population Studies* (Issue XV, 1/2021 și 2/2021), entitled *Orphans and Orphanhood in East-Central and South-Eastern Europe (18th-20th Century)*, with Ovidiu Emil Iudean and Luminița Dumănescu.

PhD Thesis:

- **Oana Sorescu-Iudean**, *Dividing society, dividing estates. Probate and will-making in Hermannstadt, 1720-1800: a social, economic and administrative perspective*, PhD Thesis defended at the University of Regensburg in 2021, published Open Access on the e-publication server of the University of Regensburg, DOI: 10.5283/EPUB.52856.