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Department of Geography, West University of Timisoara
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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Oct. 2012 – Dec. 2015** **PhD student**
Université d'Angers/West University of Timișoara
Subject: « Émergence et structuration de l'économie sociale et solidaire en Roumanie » /
« Emergence and structuring of the social and solidarity economy Roumanie » - [Access here](#)
- 2011-2012** **Master 2** « Chargé de développement: entreprises et territoires durables »
Université d'Angers
- 2010-2012** **Master 1 and 2** « Planning and sustainable territorial development »
West University of Timișoara
- 2007-2010** **Bachelor** « Territorial planning »
West University of Timișoara
- Oct.-nov. 2009** **CEEPUS II program**, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
University of Szekesfehevar
- 2008-2009** **Erasmus student, Human and social geography**
Paris Sorbonne University
- Mai 2011** **GIS trainings**
University of Almaty and Salzburg
- Nov. 2010 - apr. 2011** **Comenius teacher**
IES Jacaranda, Seville
- 2007-2011** **Pedagogical training**
West University of Timișoara

RESEARCH

1. KEYWORDS

- Territorial diffusions
- Social and solidarity economy (NGOs) and local development
- Social innovation and its spatial effects
- Local integration of migrants
- GIS in social geography

2. RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2019-present** **Urban heritage and renewal: creative spaces, inclusive culture and civic spirit**
- 17-AUF, IFA, Universitatea de Vest, Universitatea Babes-Bolyai, Universitatea din Angers, Academia de Studii Economice a Moldovei
- Quantitative and qualitative research on creative urban spaces developed by NGOs
- 2017-present** **Personal life management for better work perspectives in disadvantaged regions** (2017-1-HU01-KA201-036045, budget: 257.465 Euro) – project coordinator (WUT)
- KatHaz Szeged, UVT, Akademie Klausenhof, Socialna Akademija Ljubljana
- Research on the quality of life in Southeast Europe
- 2015-2018** **Enhancing social consciousness** (2015-1-HU01-KA201-013623, budget: 228.846 euro) - project coordinator (Univ. of Angers)
- KatHaz Szeged, Universite d'Angers, Akademie Klausenhof, Socialna Akademija Ljubljana, Bela Bartok Lyceum, Súkromná Bátorove Kosihy
- Research on innovation and social inclusion developed by NGOs in Slovakia, Hungary and Romania
- 2017-2018** **Study on the quality of environmental factors in Poiana Mărului commune (sit ROSCI0126 Munții Țarcu and sit ROSCI0217 Retezat)** (budget over 250.000 Euros)
- Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara
- GIS expert
- 2016-2017** **Disparités démographiques dans les espaces ruraux** (14-AUF-DISRUR budget: 67.388 lei),
- Universitatea Babes-Bolyai, Universitatea de Vest, Universitatea din Angers
- Quantitative and qualitative research on the effects of depopulation in Romania's Western Region
- 2016-2017** - **The study of Romanian migration and diaspora**
- UEFISCDI, PN-III-P1-1.1-BSH-2016-0002, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara
- Study on the dimension of social integration of Romanians in Western France
- 2017-2019** - **Measurement of quality of life indicators in Timisoara**
- Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, Universitatea Politehnica Timișoara
- Interdisciplinary study, based on 1600 respondents from Timisoara, with the purpose of proposing measures to increase the quality of life in Timisoara (developed every year)
- 2017-2019** - **Evaluation of the perception of foreigners visiting Timisoara in the perspective of CC2021**
- Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara
- Interdisciplinary study, based on 966 foreign respondents, with the purpose of proposing measures to improve services and public spaces for CC2021 (developed every year)
- 2016** **Joint Strategy for Waste Water Management in the Danube Basin** (2016, Interreg IPA II, ETC SMIS)
- Primăria Dumbrăvița, Primăria Giarmata, Primăria Golubac (Serbia)
- GIS Expert
- 2013-2015** « **Argent des Particuliers, Médiation Sociale** » (**AdPMS**)" (budget over 200.000 Euros)
- University of Angers (France), ESO-UMR 6590 CNRS
- measuring the link between NGOs, innovation and territory
- 2012-2015** **European Consortium "2H2S"**, ESO-UMR 6590 CNRS
- research, mobilities and publications concerning local democracy in disadvantaged regions
- *Université d'Angers, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre, University of Bamberg, Univ. of Lisbon*
- 2012** **Research internship in the field of social and solidarity economy – NGOs local impact**
Apr.-aug. CRESS Pays de la Loire (Nantes), Lab. ESO-UMR 6590 CNRS (Univ. Angers)
- Sept. 2011-
apr. 2012** **Economic and territorial diagnosis**
CRESS Pays de la Loire (Nantes), Lab. ESO-UMR 6590 CNRS (Univ. Angers)
- Social and solidarity economy and local development: Pays d'Ancenis (France)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Université d'Angers, Département de Géographie

- 2013-2016**
- « Social and solidarity economy »
 - « Urban morphology »
 - « Tackling European Issues »
 - « Human geography »
 - « Research in geography »
 - « Geopolitics »

Université Catholique de l'Ouest (Angers)

- 2015-2016**
- « Territories and borders »
 - « Geography of risks »

West University of Timisoara, Department of Geography

- 2015-present**
- « Social geography », « Economic geography », « Research methods in human geography », « Political geography », « Territorial planning », « Urbanism », « Territorial analysis »

Teacher of geography, I.E.S. Jacaranda, Seville, Comenius program

- 2010-2011**
- High school level

Pedagogical training

- 2007-2011**
- Different schools and high schools in Timisoara

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITIES IN RESEARCH CENTERS

- Research mobility at **Goethe University in Frankfurt** (Germany), focused on the role of NGOs in the urban gentrification (June 2019).

- Mobility of training and research at the **University of Szeged** (Hungary), focused on the topic Migration phenomena in Central and Eastern Europe (Erasmus +, November 2018).

- Training and research mobility at the **University of Zaragoza** (Spain), focused on the topic of Romanian Migration in Spain (Erasmus +, June 2018).

- Research mobility at the **University of Bari** (Italy), within the postdoctoral study Romanian migration abroad (UEFISCDI, PN-III-P1-1.1-BSH-2016-0002), Faculty of Social Sciences, July 2017;

- Teaching and research mobility at the **University of Valencia** (Spain), focusing on economic and social geography courses and organizing a doctoral seminar (Erasmus +, November 2017);

- Training and research mobility at the **University of Angers** (France), focused on the theme of social innovation in Europe (Erasmus +, December 2016)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- **President of the European Geography Association for Students and Young Geographers (EGEA)**, association with ~3000 members from 102 European cities (2010-2011);
- **Vice-president of the Romanian geography society**, Timiș branch, 2018 - present;
- **Coordinator of *Youth in disadvantaged regions. Work perspective and life projections*** International conference
- **Member in the office of «CDET'Intractif»** association (Angers, France), professional network of economists and geographers. Responsible of international relations (2013-present);
- Responsible for the international department (international page of «CDET Magazine», promoting / recruiting foreign students - 2014 - 2017;
- **Member of the Romanian Studies Center (CLER)** of the University of Angers, which brings together researchers whose fields of interest also include Romania - 2012 - present;
- **Member of the Commission for Living and Working Conditions** of the Department of Geography of the University of Angers - 2014 - 2016;
- **Responsible for organizing a scientific exchange network** between students and PhD students from Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan (TEMPUS project) - 2011;
- **Member of the organizing committee of the international conference «Geography at 55»**, organized by the Department of Geography of the Western University - May 2014;
- **President of the Association of Student Geographers in Timisoara** - 2009-2010.

COMPETENCES

Languages

French: C1

English: C1

Spanish: A2

Informatics

Cartography : ArcGis, Philcarto, Cartes et Données, Adobe Illustrator, Corel

Statistics : SPSS, Gephi, Sphinx

PRIZES

- **International Union of Geography (IGU) Award** for research work in the field of the geographical dimension of the social economy (NGOs) - International Geography Congress, Beijing, 2016;
- **UEFISCDI** (Executive Unit for the financing of higher education, development and innovation research) award for the article Social Economy in Post-communist Romania: What Kind of Volunteering for What Type of NGOs? (red area) Bucharest, 2017.

LIST OF WORK

1. List of articles published in journals from the main international scientific stream

1.1. ISI articles, red area

- **DRAGAN, A.**, POPA, N., 2017, « Social economy in post-communist Romania: what kind of volunteering for what type of NGOs? », *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*, vol. 19, nr. 3, pp. 330-350, doi:10.1080/19448953.2017.1277088.

1.2. ISI articles, yellow area

- MATICHESCU, M., **DRAGAN, A.**, LUCHEȘ, D., 2017, « Channels to West: exploring the migration routes between Romania and France », *Sustainability*, vol. 9(10), pp. 1-18, doi:10.3390/su9101861.

1.3. BDI articles

- BIOTEAU, E., GLEMAIN, P., **DRAGAN, A.**, 2014, « L'économie sociale en Roumanie à l'épreuve des représentations et des faits », *Revue internationale de l'économie sociale (RECMA)*, nr. 332, pp. 46-60, ISSN 1626-1682 (INSIT-CNRS, Econlit, Journalbase, AERES etc.);

- GLEMAIN, P., BIOTEAU, E., **DRAGAN, A.**, 2013, « Les finances solidaires et l'économie sociale en Roumanie: une réponse de «proximités» à la régionalisation d'une économie en transition? », *Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics*, vol. 84(2), pp. 195-217, doi.org/10.1111/apce.12009, ISSN 1370-4788 (EBSCO, Proquest etc.);

- **DRAGAN, A.**, HYUNGSIK, E., BIDET, E., BIOTEAU, E., 2014, « Inscription international de l'économie sociale. Les exemples de la Roumanie et de la Corée du Sud », *Jurisassociations*, nr. 495, pp. 17-20.

- **DRAGAN, A.**, 2011, « The latest changes in the structure of functional spaces in the municipality of Arad: the central nucleus, the industrial and commercial areas », *Geographica Timisiensis*, vol. 20, nr. 1, pp.31-46.

2. Books

- **DRAGAN, A.**, 2018, « Émergence et structuration de l'économie sociale et solidaire en Roumanie », Editura Universității de Vest din Timișoara, Colecția "Biblioteca de cercetare", 206 p., ISBN 978-973-125-639-9;

- MATICHESCU, M., PĂȘCUȚĂ, I., **DRAGAN, A.**, ȚÎRU, L., PROTEASA, V., 2019, « Barometrul de opinie publică asupra calității vieții în municipiul Timișoara », Editura Universității de Vest din Timișoara, Colecția "Biblioteca de cercetare", ISBN 978-973-125-641-2, 123 p.

3. Book chapters

- **DRAGAN, A.**, 2018, « Western border of Romania – between diplomacy and science », in Hedeșan, O. (ed.), *100. Gânduri și ipostaze*, Editura Universității de Vest din Timișoara, pp. 71-84;

- **DRAGAN, A.**, 2018, « The Banat territorial sytem. The settlement network as base of socio-economic relations », in Majaru, A., Dragan, A., Mușat, N., Falconi A., Ursu A., Ursu A. (ed.), *Cămine în mișcare*, Editura ArtPress, 200 p.

4. Presentations during international scientific events

4.1. Presentations during international scientific events abroad

1. *Developpement rural en Europe. Roumanie, France*, seminar AUF with the paper "Que reste-t-il des coopératives roumaines ?", **Angers**, 06.10.2017

2. *International Geography Union – Shaping our harmonious worlds Congress*, with the paper "Local governance, non-governmental organizations and vulnerable groups. A multi-scale approach in Western Romania", **Beijing**, 21-25.08.2016;

3. *Politique publique et action sociale – comparaison France - Roumanie* seminar, with the paper "Une économie sociale et solidaire en Roumanie? Périmètre institutionnel, champs d'action et regards d'acteurs" (with E. Bioteau), Université d'**Angers**, 18.12.2014;

4. *Politique publique et action sociale – comparaison France - Roumanie* seminar, with the paper "La Roumanie dans la crise. Etat des lieux fin 2014" (with E. Bioteau), Université d'**Angers**, 18.12.2014;

5. *Gouvernance et région métropolitaine : la participation des citoyens – comparaison internationale – une approche interculturelle* seminar, with the paper "Metropolitan development and local governance in Romania. Between social needs, economic projects and territorial dynamics", (with N. Popa), Humboldt-Universität zu **Berlin**, 9-13.04.2014;

6. *Argent des Particuliers – Médiations sociales* seminar, with the paper "La finance solidaire et les microcrédits en Roumanie : une réponse de « proximités » à la régionalisation d'une économie européenne en transition?", Université d'**Angers**, 5-6.11.2013;

7. *Europe centrale et orientale : travail, emploi et sociétés, entre transition et changement* conférence, with the paper "Faire face aux vulnérabilités salariales, innover socialement dans la transition. Une nouvelle alternative par les réseaux d'économie sociale en Roumanie?" (with E. Bioteau și P. Glemain), Université d'**Evry** Val d'Essonne, 22.11.2013;

8. ***L'économie sociale dans le mouvement des idées*** seminar, with the paper "*L'ES en Roumanie : dimensions économiques, sociales, spatiales d'un objet d'étude émergent*", (with E. Bioteau și P. Glemain, K. Fenies), Association pour le développement de la documentation sur l'économie sociale, (ADDES), **Paris**, 22.10.2013;

9. ***Penser et faire l'ESS aujourd'hui. Valeurs, Statuts, Projets ?*** congress, with the paper "*L'Economia Socială en Roumanie: un secteur dissymétrique et reformaté. Enjeux territoriaux et institutionnelles*", **Université d'Angers**, 5-7.06.2013;

10. ***Géographie des marges et marges en géographie*** seminar, with the paper "*Les limites d'une économie sociale reformatée*", Université **Paris Sorbonne**, 21.04.2013;

11. ***Planning and management: shaping the future*** congress, with the paper "*New democracy and GIS-based participation methods*", University of **Copenhagen**, 15-20.04.2013.

4.2. Presentations during international scientific events organised in Romania

12. International conference – ***Youth in disadvantaged regions. Work perspective and life projections***, with the paper *Youth in disadvantaged regions: a comparative study in Hungary, Slovenia and Germany*, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, 05.10.2019

13. International conference – ***Living in a liquide society***, with the paper *Evaluating the tourist satisfaction in Timisoara, European Capital of Culture 2021* (co-work cu Sorina Voiculescu, Florentin Popescu, Nicolae Popa, Cătălina Ancuța și Marius Matichescu), Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, 14-15.09.2018

14. Regional Studies International Conference - ***Regional Polarisation and Unequal Development in CEE: Challenges for Innovative Place-based Policies***, with the paper *Regional Dynamics and New Polarized Developments in Central and South-Eastern Europe*", (with N. Popa), Cluj-Napoca, 10-13.09.2017;

15. International conference ***Building urban tourism through place making and urban regeneration in Central and Eastern Europe countries***, with the paper *Urban regeneration trough civil society. A case study in Timisoara*, Timișoara, 20.05.2017;

16. International conference ***Dimitrie Cantemir***, with the paper *Comment développer un secteur médico-social?*, Iași, 23.10.2016;

17. ***Methodological challenges in geography*** seminar, with the paper *Perception and representation in social research. Semi-structured interview in different cultural environments. An empirical perspective*, Timișoara, 15-16.05.2015;

18. ***Perspectives of geographical approach on territorial development*** conference, with the paper *Social economy*

– *what factors for an emerging socio-medical sector?*, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, 13-14.05.2016;

19. ***Emergence et structuration d'un secteur médico-social en Roumanie. Rôles et places de l'économie sociale et solidaire*** seminar, with the paper *Economia socială – quels facteurs d'émergence pour le secteur médico-social ?*, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, 24.03.2016 ;

20. ***Methodological challenges in geography***, with the paper *Perception and representation in social research. Semi-structured interview in different cultural environments. An empirical perspective*, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, 15-16.05.2015;

21. ***Geography at 55*** international conference, with the paper *A geographical approach of social and solidarity economy. Some preliminary results on Romania's Western Region*, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, 16-17.05.2014;

22. International 2H2S seminar ***Initiatives entrepreneuriales et développement régional. Comparaisons internationales***, with the paper *The role of social capital in regional development*, Universitatea din București, 22-28.09.2013;

23. ***Geography for Sustainable Development*** international conference, with the paper *Margins and Marginalities in geography: a territorial approach to Social Economy structures in Romania's West Region*, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, 17-18.05.2013.

4.3. Presentations at national scientific events

24. ROMIG Conference - ***From source to destination: new challenges of migration in Central and Eastern Europe***, with the paper *The social integration of Romanian immigrants in Western Europe* (with Marius Maticescu și Daniel Luceș), Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, 11-12.09.2018;

25. ***Economia și incluziunea socială în România - situația actuală*** conference, with the paper *Disimetrii și disparități teritoriale: o abordare geografică a structurilor de ES din Regiunea Vest*, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, 16.06.2013.

4.4. Presentations at summer schools

26. Intensive European Programme ***Local development through Europe: a multinational and interdisciplinary approach***, with the paper *Qu'est-ce qu'une métropole en France ?*, (with A. Vitour), Lisabona, 3-14.06.2014;

27. 4th EMES International PhD Summer School ***The three SE pillars: Social Entrepreneurship, Social Economy and Solidarity Economy***, with the paper *Emergence and structure of the Social (and solidarity)*

Economy in Romania's Western Region, Timișoara, 29-31.05.2014;

28. Intensive European Programme *Local development through Europe: a multinational and interdisciplinary approach*, with the paper *Territorial governance and territorial re-organization in Romania. A problem of "proportion" between participative and representative democracy?*, Universitat Jaume I de Castelló, 01-14.06.2013;

5. Summer schools and workshops in Romania and abroad

29. The 4th International Research Conference on Social Economy (CIRIEC), *Social Economy on the move... at the crossroads of structural change and regulation*, Participatory democracy workshop, Universiteit Antwerpen, 24-26.10.2013;

30. *Exploring geography through dialogue* summer school, *Human geography* workshop, University of Malta, 18-31.08.2013;

31. Conferința anuală a Societății Române de Geografie, *Geografia – știință a întregului territorial*, workshop *Geografie umană*, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, 24-26.05.2013;

32. The Fourth International Conference *Psycho-social perspectives in the quasi-coercive treatment of offenders. Social control and vulnerable groups*, workshop *Community policing and minority groups in Europe*, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, 24-25.04.2013;

33. Séminaire doctoral "*Méthodologies de l'entretien: quels choix? Quels enjeux?*" Université du Maine, Le Mans, 15.04.2013.

