

Curriculum vitae

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Education

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| 2006–2012 | Ph.D studies, Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, Department of History |
| 2005–2006 | MA in Central European Medieval Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of History and Philosophy |
| 2002–2005 | BA in History, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of History and Philosophy (4 years of study in 3 years) |
| 1997–2001 | BA in Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of History and Philosophy |

Employment

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| since 2023 | Senior researcher fellow of the Institute for Social Sciences and Humanities Sibiu, executive editor of the scientific journal <i>Historia Urbana</i> (SCOPUS, EBSCO, CEEOL, ERIH Plus, Index Copernicus) |
| since 2024 | Assistant lecturer in the School of Doctoral Studies „History, Civilisation and Culture”, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca |
| 2013–2023 | Researcher of the Institute for Social Sciences and Humanities Sibiu |

Stipends and Research grants

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| 2025–2026 | HORIZON nr. 101132781: <i>RESTORY. Recovering Past Stories for the Future: A Synergistic Approach to Textual and Oral Heritage of Small Communities</i> – proiect member, https://restory-heritage.eu/ (PI Adinel C. Dincă) |
| 2022–2024 | Postdoctoral Fellow, UEFISCDI grant <i>Good governance (Gute Policy) in the towns of Transylvania and Wallachia: Political Discourse and Action, 1500–1800</i> (GUTEPOL, project PCE 17/2022), „Nicolae Iorga” Institute of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, https://gutepol.ro/ (PI Maria Pakucs) |
| 2019–2021 | Romanian Academy grant <i>Gazetele populare româneşti din Transilvania de la sfârşitul secolului al XIX-lea: între educaţie culturală şi politică</i> (GAR-UM-2019-II-2.7-2), Institute for Social Sciences and Humanities Sibiu (PI Nicolae-Alexandru Nicolaescu) |
| 2018–2019 | Hungarian Academy of Sciences grant „Domus“ <i>Erdélyi Céhes Adattár</i> (Research Programm 4039/16/2018/HTMT). (PI Prof. Enikő Rűsz-Fogarasi) |

- 2018 UBB Advanced Fellowship-intern *Conexiuni pe harta profesiilor. Reconnaissance mapping pentru un portal al documentelor de breaslă* (Proiect: 2018/2/4), Institute STAR UBB, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (PI Prof. Enikő Rűsz-Fogarasi).
- 2015–2017 Joint Research Project Romanian Academy – Hungarian Academy of Sciences *Urban Economy and Finances in Romania and Hungary in the 16th and 17th Centuries: a Comparative Approach*, Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities Sibiu, Institute of History, Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest (PI Acad. Paul Niedermaier).
- 2008–2009 Doctoral fellowship “Immanuel Kant-Promotionsstipendium” (Bundesregierung für Kultur und Medien, Bundesinstitut für Kultur und Geschichte der Deutschen im östlichen Europa an der Universität Oldenburg, Germany), including a four months research internship at the Institut für vergleichende Städtegeschichte, Münster, Germany (PI Prof. a. D. Dr. Dr. h. c. Peter Johanek).
- 2004–2006 Sapientia Foundation grant *A kolozsvári ispotályok számadáskönyvei a 16. és 17. században*, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (PI Enikő Rűsz-Fogarasi). The research results have been applied in the interdisciplinary field: *Eu Project FP6 Millenium European Climate*.

Awards

- 2024 Urban Research Prize, granted by the Commission for the History of Towns in Romania, Romanian Academy, for the book *Delict și pedeapsă. Jurisdicție penală în orașele din Transilvania în secolul al XVI-lea*, Cluj-Napoca: Editura Egyetemi Műhely, Societatea Bolyai, 2022, 346 p.

Research interests

Urban history, history of law, judiciary and juridical practice, history of crime and punishment, institutional and economic history in premodern Transylvanian, critical editions of sources and auxiliary historical sciences.

Research experience

Research in domestic and foreign archives:

Arhivele Naționale ale României: Arhivele Naționale Sibiu, Cluj, Braşov, Covasna, Harghita, Bucureşti (2002–2025)

Zentralarchiv der Evangelischen Kirche A.B. in Rumänien, Sibiu/Hermannstadt (2006–2025)

Biblioteca Academiei Române, Cluj-Napoca (2006–2010)

Magyar Országos Levéltár Nemzeti Levéltára (2007, 2008)

Österreichische Staatsarchiv (2024)

Professional memberships

Arbeitskreis für Siebenbürgische Landeskunde e. V. Heidelberg – co-opted member of the Steering Committee (since 2018) / Arbeitskreis für Siebenbürgische Landeskunde e. V. Hermannstadt – secretary (since 2016), vice president (since 2021)

Commission for the History of Towns in Romania – member (since 2009), member of the Steering Committee (since 2023)

Brukenthal National Museum – member of the Council of Directors (since 2022).

Languages: Romanian, Hungarian (native), German, English.

Paleography: German, Hungarian, Latin

Conference Presentations (selected)

- 19–20 Sept. 2024 Good Governance in European Towns, 1500–1900, Nicolae Iorga Institut of History, Bucharest,
Paper: “*Municipal Statutes of Transylvanian saxon towns from manuscript to print: at the international conference*”.
- 14–16 May 2024 Thirteenth Annual REFORC Conference on Early Modern Christianity. Hosted by the Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII, Palermo,
„Social order in the multi-ethnic and multi-confessional communities of southern Transylvania: town councils and their rural subjects in the early modern period”.
- 12–13 Oct. 2023 Stephen Báthory between intended homogenization and de facto pluralization, hosted by ICSU Sibiu, ELTE Budapest, University of Warsaw, Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte, REFORC, AKSL He in Sibiu,
„The Transylvanian Saxons during the reign of Stephen Báthory”.
- 21–24 Sept. 2023 Geschichte des Rechts im Donau-Karpaten-Raum im Spätmittelalter und der Frühen Neuzeit, hosted by BKGE Oldenburg, IKGS München, University Passau, AKSL Heidelberg in Passau,
„Die Gerichtsbarkeit der sächsischen Städte in Siebenbürgen”.
- 19–21 May 2023 Politics and Society in Central and South-Eastern Europe. Multicultural diversity and accessibility from ancient times to the present, hosted by Faculty of Letters, History, Philosophy and Theology, West University of Timișoara in Timișoara,
„Administration and urban politics in early modern Brașov”.
- 5–7 Oct. 2019 Das Fürstentum Siebenbürgen im 17. Jahrhundert im Kontext des Transottomanica-Beziehungsflechts, hosted by Institut für Evangelische Theologie am Campus Landau, DFG SPP 1981 Transottomanica, Leibniz Institut für Geschichte und Kultur des östlichen Europa, AKSL e. V. Heidelberg, Evangelische Akademie Pfalz in Landau,
„Städtische Strategien im Umgang mit der wirtschaftlichen Wandel am Beispiel der freien Städte Siebenbürgens unter der geänderten Rahmenbedingungen aufgrund des osmanischen Expansion bsw. Der militärischen Anforderungen”.
- 12–14 June 2017 Church and Society in Transylvanian Villages. Frame Conditions, Reception and the Influence of Society, Ethnicity, Church and Politics in the Reformation Era, International Conference, University of Kobelnz and Landau, Institut für Evangelische Theologie, Institute for Social Sciences and Humanities Sibiu, Arbeitskreis für Siebenbürgische Landeskunde,
„Vor- und außereheliche Liebe und die neuen reformatorischen Moralvorstellungen”.
- 3–6 Sept. 2014 Cities in Europa, Cities in the World, 12th European Conference on Urban History, European Association of Urban History), Lisbon,
„Town and Village before the Court. Judicial Practice in the Mirror of Juridical Protocol of the Town Council of Brașov (1558–1580)”.

Selected Publications:

Autor of the monograph *Delict și pedeapsă. Justiție penală în orașele săsești din Transilvania în secolul al XVI-lea* Cluj-Napoca: Editura Egetemi Műhely, Societatea Bolyai, 2022, 348 p. *Teze de doctorat* 36.

Editor of the English publication, with Mária Pakucs-Willcocks *Towns between Empires: Good Governance and "Police" in Case Studies from Transylvania, Wallachia, and Moldavia, 1500s–1800s*. Budapest–Vienna–New York, Central European University Press, 2025, 339 p. ISBN: 9789633869000.

Open access: <https://library.oapen.org/handle/20.500.12657/102990>

DOI: 10.5117/9789633869000

Editor of the historical source edition with Mária Pakucs-Willcocks *Zum Eigenlandrecht der Siebenbürger Sachsen: Edition und Studien zu Quellen und Vorarbeiten auf der Grundlage der Sammlung von Thomas Bomelius (1560–1563)*. Sibiu/Hermannstadt: Honterus Verlag, 2024 (2025), 199 p. *Quellen zur Geschichte der Stadt Hermannstadt* 8. ISBN: 78-606-008-149-4.

Editor of the historical source edition *Das Gerichtsbuch des Kronstädter Rates, 1558–1580*, Edition und Einleitung von Julia Derzsi, Braşov / Heidelberg: Editura Aldus Verlag, Arbeitskreis f. Siebenbürgische Landeskunde, 2016, 228 p. *Quellen zur Geschichte der Stadt Kronstadt* 10. ISBN: 394677900X; 978-3946779001.

The most relevant studies of the past five years:

“Public Discourse and Political Content: The Narrative of ‘Good Governance’ in Transylvanian Saxon Towns in the Second Half of the Sixteenth Century.” *Transylvanian Review* 34, suppl. 2 (2025): 96–108. Edited by Mária Pakucs-Willcocks.

Open access: https://centruldestudiitransilvane.ro/transylvanianreviewxxxiv_suppl_2_2025_96-109/

“Urban Justice in Early Modern Transylvanian Saxon Towns: Practices and Procedures in Braşov.” *Historický časopis / Historical Journal* 73, no. 4 (2025): 89–111.

DOI: [10.31577/histcaso.2025.73.4.4](https://doi.org/10.31577/histcaso.2025.73.4.4)

“Urban-Rural Relationship in the Light of Political Statutes at the End of the Sixteenth Century”. In *Towns between Empires: Good Governance and "Police" in Case Studies from Transylvania, Wallachia, and Moldavia, 1500s–1800s*, edited by Mária Pakucs-Willcocks and Julia Derzsi, 51–68. Budapest–Vienna–New York, Central European University Press, 2025.

URI: <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.7829/ji.29526488.8>

“Guilds, Guild Unions, Guild Courts in Transylvanian Saxon Towns in the Sixteenth Century.” *Historical Studies on Central Europe* 4, no. 2 (2024): 204–235.

URI: <http://hdl.handle.net/10831/113657>

DOI: [10.47074/HSCE.2024-2.11](https://doi.org/10.47074/HSCE.2024-2.11)

“Egy hivatalnok mindennapjai a 17. század eleji Brassóból. A naplóíró Andreas Hegyes”. In *Hivatalnok értelmiség a kora újkori Erdélyben és a Magyar királyságban*, edited by Zsolt Bogdándi, Tamás Fejér and Klára Jakó, 33–56. Kolozsvár/Budapest: Erdélyi Múzeum Egyesület/HUN REN, Bölcsészettudományi Kutatóközpont, Történettudományi Kutatóintézet, 2024.

“Administrația Braşovului în perioada modernă timpurie în lumina surselor narrative.” *Historia Urbana* 31 (2023): 5–19.

URI: <https://www.cceol.com/search/article-detail?id=1223806>

“The Border Fort and its Servants. Turnu Roşu in the 16th century.” *From Medieval Frontiers to Early Modern Borders in Central and South-Eastern Europe*, edited by Florin Nicolae Ardelean et al., 241–264. Bern, Peter Lang, 2022.

“A bűnözés és deviáns magatartások megítélése Andreas Hegyes brassói kapitány és városi tanácsos Diariumában”. *Certamen IX*, edited by Emese Egyed and László Pakó, 253–281. Cluj-Napoca, Erdélyi Múzeum-Egyesület, 2022.

“Unzucht und Ehebruch vor Gericht. Sexualdelikte bei den Siebenbürger Sachsen in der zweiten Hälfte des 16. Jahrhunderts.” In *Common Man, Society and Religion in the 16th Century/Gemeiner Mann, Gesellschaft und Religion im 16. Jahrhundert*, edited by Ulrich A. Wien, 275–296. Refo500 Academic Studies 67. Wien, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2021.

Open access: <https://www.vr-elibrary.de/doi/10.13109/9783666571008.275>

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