

## Curriculum vitae

<p>Personal data</p> <p>Surname: <b>Comşa</b></p> <p>First name: <b>Mircea Ioan</b></p> <p>Age: 1972, June 17<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Contact address: Str. Carpenului, nr. 22, Cluj-Napoca, Cluj, 400497, Romania</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:mircea@mmt.ro">mircea@mmt.ro</a>, <a href="mailto:mcomsa@socasis.ubbcluj.ro">mcomsa@socasis.ubbcluj.ro</a></p> <p>Mobile: 0745587755</p>	
<p>Studies:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2002 - Ph.D. in Sociology at the “Babeş-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca (coordinator: Prof. Univ. Dr. Traian Rotariu).</li> <li>• 1996 - Graduated as a Vallae Victorium the Department of Sociology, “Babeş-Bolyai” University (general average mark 9,96; Bachelor’s Degree Grade - 10).</li> </ul>
<p>Seminaries, training courses, workshops and bourses:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5th ESS Train, Structural Equation Modeling for Cross-Cultural Research with the Program AMOS, 12-13 November, 2008, GESIS-ZUMA, Mannheim, Germany, Instructors: Eldad Davidov, Peter Schmidt.</li> <li>• 4th ESS Train, 'Comparability of Survey Data across Countries and Time', 10-11 November, 2008, GESIS-ZUMA, Mannheim, Germany, Instructors: Jaak Billiet, Michael Braun, Eldad Davidov, Peter Schmidt.</li> <li>• 3rd ESS Train, Training Courses for Young Researchers, 'Sampling in Cross-National Surveys', 10-11 March, 2008, GESIS-ZUMA, Mannheim, Germany, Instructor: Prof. Vijay Verma</li> <li>• Documentary stage, Central European University, CEEX granted by Ministry of Education and Research, Budapest, September 2007</li> <li>• Workshop, „Structural Equation Models”, ECAS Programme, Grenoble, France - September 24-28, 2007</li> <li>• Documentary stage, Central European University, CEEX granted by Ministry of Education and Research, Budapest, September 2006</li> <li>• Bourse at Oxford University, Trinity College, „Oxford Hospitality Scheme”, granted by Oxford University and Open Society Foundation, Oxford, September 2004</li> <li>• Documentary stage, London School of Economics, granted by World Bank and CNCSIS, London, July 2002</li> <li>• Documentary stage, Leiden University, granted by World Bank and CNCSIS, Leiden, February 2002</li> <li>• Documentary stage, Glasgow University, granted by World Bank and CNCSIS, Glasgow, June 2001</li> <li>• Bourse doctoral thesis writing, granted by Open Society Foundation, Romania, 1999-2000</li> <li>• Public opinion polls and their relevance, Poiana Braşov, 7-9 April 1997</li> <li>• Introduction to an intercultural practice, Sinaia, 26 November - 1 December 1996</li> <li>• The School for Social Statistics (SPSS, LISREL), Bucureşti, 1-10 noiembrie 1995</li> <li>• Summer school, Rennes, 2 – 24 September 1995</li> <li>• The Methodological School in Social Sciences, Poiana Braşov, May 1994</li> </ul>
<p>Professional activities:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2001 to 2008: research manager, Metro Media Transilvania, Institute for Social Studies, Surveys, Marketing and Advertising from Cluj-Napoca.</li> <li>• 1996 to 2001: researcher, Metro Media Transilvania.</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2007 to present: assoc. prof. at Department of Sociology, “Babeş-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca</li> <li>• 2002 to 2007: lecturer at Department of Sociology, “Babeş-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca</li> <li>• 1996 to 2001: teaching assistant at Department of Sociology, “Babeş-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1998 to 2004: I taught at the “National School of Statistics” (SPSS for medium and advanced levels) – Cluj-Napoca, organized by Open Society Foundation, Department of Sociology, Department of Political Science, “Babeş-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca.</li> <li>• 2011: I taught at the Summer school organized by Romanian Society of Sociologists „Measurement in social sciences”, Bucharest, 19-23 September.</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1999 to 2007: member of the National Board of the Public Opinion Barometer, at the Open Society Foundation</li> </ul>

Papers in national conferences:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comșa, M (2010) Reducerea supra-raportării votului în anchetele de opinie. Rezultatele unui experiment metodologic., Remaking the Social. New Risks and Solidarities, Prima Conferință Internațională a Societății Sociologilor din România, Facultatea de Sociologie și Asistență Socială, Universitatea “Babeș-Bolyai” Cluj</li> <li>• Comșa, M &amp; H. Rusu (2010) How values change in Eastern Europe: a longitudinal and cross-national analysis on youths, Remaking the Social. New Risks and Solidarities, Prima Conferință Internațională a Societății Sociologilor din România, Facultatea de Sociologie și Asistență Socială, Universitatea “Babeș-Bolyai” Cluj</li> <li>• Comșa, M &amp; C. Postelnicu (2010) Măsurarea efectului de dezirabilitate socială în cazul prezenței declarate la vot prin tehnica “list experiment design”, Remaking the Social. New Risks and Solidarities, Prima Conferință Internațională a Societății Sociologilor din România, Facultatea de Sociologie și Asistență Socială, Universitatea “Babeș-Bolyai” Cluj</li> <li>• Comșa, M. (2010) “Re-estimating Turnout in Presidential Elections: Romania, 1990-2009”, Conferința anuală a Catedrei de Sociologie și Asistență Socială, ULBS, 15-16 octombrie 2010.</li> <li>• Rusu, H. and Comșa, M. (2010) “Trends in value orientations in Eastern Europe: 1990-2010”, Conferința anuală a Catedrei de Sociologie și Asistență Socială, ULBS, 15-16 octombrie 2010.</li> <li>• Comșa, M. (2010) “Re-estimating Turnout in National Elections: Romania, 1990-2009”, Conferința anuală a cercetării sociologice și de asistență socială 2010, București, Facultatea de Sociologie și Asistență Socială, Universitatea din București.</li> <li>• Comșa, M. (2009) <i>“Influența mobilizării politice asupra participării politice” [The influence of mobilization on political participation]</i>, Alegeri europarlamentare în România. Strategii și actori, Cluj-Napoca, 26-27 June, organized by Asociația specialiștilor în comunicare politică, IRES &amp; IBC</li> <li>• Comșa, M. (2004) <i>“Turnout, overreporting and election forecasting”</i>, The National Conference of Romanian Association of Sociology, Cluj-Napoca, December</li> <li>• Comșa, M. (2000) <i>“An analysis of definite refusals in national surveys”</i>, The National Conference in Social Sciences Methodology, Cluj-Napoca, December</li> <li>• Comșa, M. (1996) <i>“Semiotic analysis of advertising images”</i>, The National Symposium of Students In Sociology-Political Science, research section</li> </ul>
Papers in international conferences:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comșa, Mircea &amp; Tușiș, Claudiu (2014) Reassessing the Effect of Economic Conditions on Support for Democracy: Evidence from the 2009-2013 Romanian Election Study Panel. American Political Science Association. 28 - 31 august 2014, Washington DC, SUA.</li> <li>• Gheorghită, Andrei &amp; Comșa, Mircea (2014) Party characteristics and leader effects in post-communist polities. European Sociological Association (ESA) RN36 Midterm Conference '25 Years after the Communism: East and West of Europe in Search of Solidarity', Gdansk, October 16-18, 2014.</li> <li>• Gheorghită, Andrei &amp; Comșa, Mircea (2014) Personalization of electoral politics and party characteristics in Central and Eastern European democracies. <i>‘What’s next for democratic capitalism?’</i>, Warsaw, November 7-8, 2014.</li> <li>• Comșa, M &amp; C. Postelnicu (2013) <i>“Vote buying and voter intimidation in Romania: estimates based on the crosswise model and the item count technique”</i>, ESRA, Ljubljana.</li> <li>• Comșa, M &amp; H. Rusu (2011) <i>“Value convergence and entropy in Eastern Europe: searching for explanations”</i>, ESA, Geneva.</li> <li>• Comșa, M &amp; A. Gheorghită (2011) <i>“Many, half or one out of two? Assessing the counter-biasing technique to reduce the self-reported turnout”</i>, EPSA, Dublin.</li> <li>• Comșa, M &amp; C. Postelnicu (2011) <i>“Measuring social desirability effect on reported turnout using List Experiment Design Technique”</i>, EPSA, Dublin.</li> <li>• Comșa, M &amp; A. Gheorghită (2011) <i>“Many, half or one out of two? Assessing the counter-biasing technique to reduce the self-reported turnout”</i>, ESRA, Lausanne.</li> <li>• Comșa, M &amp; C. Postelnicu (2011) <i>“Measuring social desirability effect on reported turnout using List Experiment Design Technique”</i>, ESRA, Lausanne.</li> <li>• Comșa, M &amp; H. Rusu (2011) <i>Value change in Eastern Europe: what is happening there and why?”</i>, ESRA, Lausanne.</li> <li>• Rusu, H. and Comșa, M. (2009) <i>“Value change at youths in Eastern Europe: a longitudinal and cross national analysis”</i>, ESA, Lisbon</li> <li>• Comșa, M. and Rusu, H. (2009) <i>“Trends in value orientations in Eastern and Western Europe: a comparative analysis”</i>, ESA, Lisbon</li> </ul>

- Rusu, H. and Comşa, M. (2009) *“Value change in Eastern Europe: what is happening there?”*, ESRA, Warsaw
- Rusu, H. and Comşa, M. (2008) *“Dinamica identităţii la români: profiluri valorice”* [The Dynamics of Romanians Identity], Conferinţa “Identitatea românească în contextul identităţii Europene” [Romanian Identity in the Context of the European Identity], Cluj-Napoca, organized by “Centrul de Analiză Politică”, Babeş-Bolyai University
- Comşa, M. (2006) *“Causes et effets de la corruption académique”* (Causes and effects of académique corruption), Ecole franco-roumaine de méthodologie en Science Sociales, 5<sup>ème</sup> Edition, 6-9 septembre, Iaşi, Romania
- Domuţa, A., Raven, J., Comşa, M., Rusu, C., Balazsi, R. (2006) *“Sample and General Results from the Standardisation of the Raven Standard Progressive Matrices in Romania”*, The ITC 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Psychological and Educational Test Adaptation across Language and Cultures, July 6-8, Brussels
- Domuţa, A., Raven, J., Comşa, M. (2003) *„IQ Evaluation – Raven Progressive Test Adaptation to Romanian Population”*, International Conference on Applied Psychology, Timișoara, Romania, 23-25 October
- Chiribucă D., Comşa M., Vancia A. (1998) *“Social Representations of Mental Illness”*, The International Symposium: “Culture, Society, Sexuality”, Cluj-Napoca, October

Affiliation in professional association:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Sociological Association</li> <li>• European Survey Research Association</li> <li>• Asociația Română de Sociologie</li> <li>• Societatea Sociologilor din România.</li> </ul>
Membership in editorial board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Editor-in-Chief: Studia Sociologia [Studia Sociology], „Babeș-Bolyai” Univ., Faculty of Sociology and Social Work</li> <li>• Member: Caiete Sociologice [Sociological Review], The Review of Romanian Social Institute.</li> <li>• Member: Revista de Sociologie [Sociology Review], „Lucian Blaga” Univ. of Sibiu, Sociology Department.</li> </ul>
Competence areas:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• electoral sociology</li> <li>• the practice and design of social research</li> <li>• research methodology in social sciences</li> <li>• social statistics</li> <li>• the practice and design of surveys</li> <li>• sampling</li> </ul>
Teaching experience:	<p>I teach at Sociology Department (“Babeș-Bolyai” Univ.) courses / seminars at level: Bachelor (Sociology):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electoral sociology (course, III-IV)</li> <li>• The practice and design of social research (course and seminar, II)</li> <li>• Quantitative methods and techniques for sociological research (seminar, I)</li> <li>• Qualitative methods and techniques for sociological research (seminar, I)</li> </ul> <p>Master:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey Methodology</li> <li>• Advanced Quantitative Data Analysis</li> <li>• Choice Analysis</li> </ul>
Research grants won in national competitions:	<p>Research director:</p> <p>IDEI Grant „Change and Stability in Romanian Electoral Behaviour: 2009-2014”, director Mircea Comșa, Sociology Department, „Babeș-Bolyai” Univ., 1498600 RON, 2012-2014</p> <p>IDEI 16 Grant „Presidential Election Study - Romania, 2009”, director Mircea Comșa, Sociology Department, „Babeș-Bolyai” Univ., 997,871 RON, 2009-2011</p> <p>CEEX 12 Grant „Political participation and social accountability for democratic governance in Romania. Citizenship in the perspective of EU integration”, director Mircea Comșa, Sociology Department, „Babeș-Bolyai” Univ., 1,321,000,000 ROL, 2006-2008</p> <p>Team member:</p> <p>IDEI grant „ Social change under the impact of international migration: value patterns, civic and political participation, life satisfaction”, The Research Institute for Quality of Life, 1,499,267 RON, 2011-2014</p> <p>IDEI grant „Changes in contemporary European societies: social transformations, human development and symbolic capital”, The Research Institute for Quality of Life, 962,700 RON, 2008-2010</p> <p>CEEX 52 grant „Familial predictors of language acquisition and emotional behaviors disorders between 18 months and 6 years age”, director Anca Dobrea, Department of Psychology, „Babeș-Bolyai” Univ., 950,400,000 ROL, 2006-2008</p> <p>CNCSIS grant „Values and social development – Romania in European context”, director Voicu Bogdan, The Research Institute for Quality of Life, 500,000,000 ROL, 2006-2008</p> <p>World Bank and CNCSIS grant “Cartesius Center for Quantitative Analysis in Social Sciences”, director Traian Rotariu, Sociology Department, „Babeș-Bolyai” Univ., 200.000 USD</p> <p>CNCSIS grant “Intercultural and interethnic relations in Covasna County”, director Vasile Dîncu, Sociology Department, „Babeș-Bolyai” Univ., 40.000.000 ROL, 1996-1997</p>
Research activity at Metro Media Transilvania:	<p>At Metro Media Transilvania, Institute of Social Research, Polls, Marketing and Advertising I took part in realizing over 200 researches and 50 research reports (presentation and data interpretation) for many beneficiaries (Romanians and foreigners, state / private ownership and NGO’s). Among main beneficiaries: World Bank Washington, Romanian Society of Broadcasting, National Television, Media Pro International, KLO/NOS Holland, Open Society Foundation, Institute for Public Policies, Centre for Community Resources and Development, Romanian Fund for Social Development, National Council for Scientific Research, Medicines sans Frontieres, Hart Group</p>

Associate, Institute for Human Sciences from Wien, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Public Information, Ministry of Health, InWent Foundation from Germany.

In the last five years I participated as project manager or expert in the following research projects:

- „Employment and Training Incentives Scheme - Evaluation Services”, beneficiary National Agency for Development of the Mining Regions and World Bank, 2007, 40.000 EURO
- „2007 Referendum”, beneficiary Realitatea TV, 2007, 100.000 EURO
- „Academic corruption”, beneficiary Euroregional Center for Democracy, 2006, 10.000 EURO
- „Brand image and positioning of XEROX Company”, beneficiary XEROX, 2006, confidential
- „Impact assessment of RFDS II intervention”, beneficiary FRDS, 2005-2006, 54.000 USD
- „Attitudes and behaviors related to a healthy life-style – CINDI Romania”, beneficiary Center for Public Health Sibiu, 2005, 30.000 EURO
- „Attitudes and behaviors related to savings and financial services”, beneficiary BCR, 2005, confidential
- „EuroBarometrul Rural. Valori europene în sate românești”, beneficiar FSD, 2005, 20.000 USD
- “Exit-Poll 2004”, beneficiary the Romanian Television, local elections: 5 large urban communities, the first and second round of elections (40.000 subjects), national elections, first and second round (50.000 subjects), 120.000 EURO
- “Social Needs Assessment – the toolkit design”, beneficiary Governance Reform and Sustainable Partnership, financed by USAID, 2004, 3.000 EURO
- “Children’s Exposure To Radio And TV Broadcasting”, beneficiary SECOR - MEDIA Consulting Group, part of the Phare project: “Audio-visual European acquis implementation” RO 0107.02.02, 2004, 20.000 EURO
- “Mapped In or Mapped Out? Local Governance, Social Cohesion and the Position of the Poor in Formal/Informal Social Safety Networks in Romanian Communities”, beneficiary World Bank-Washington, 2003, 60.000 USD
- “The Assessment of the Law 52-2003 Regarding Transparency in Public Administration”, beneficiary InWent, Germany, 2003, 24.000 EURO
- “Assessing the Economic Competitiveness of the Jiu Valley Region”, beneficiary World Bank Romania, 2003, 25.000 USD
- “Population’s perceptions regarding Romanian Integration into European Union”, beneficiary Ministry of Education and Research, 2002, 10.000 EURO
- “Public Opinion Barometer” beneficiary the Open Society Foundation, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 20.000 EURO for each research;
- „Social Integration and political participation in Romania and Moldavia”, beneficiary „North Dakota” University, USA, 2001, 18.000 EURO
- „Marketing electoral Romania”, 2003, 30.000 EURO
- “Social Effect of the Forest Restitution”, financed by The World Bank Group-Washington DC, 2002, 15.000 EURO
- “The Assessment of The Communication Between Romanian Government And Media Institutions”, beneficiary The Ministry of Public Information, 2002, 6.000 EURO
- “Political barometer– Voting intentions and political behavior”, 2002, 12.000 EURO
- “The Social and Economic Assessment of the Communities from the Forestry Areas”, Biodiversity Project, beneficiary The World Bank Group – Washington DC, 2001, 7.000 USD
- “Barometer of Inter-Ethnic Relations”, beneficiary “Ethno-cultural Diversity Resource Center”, 2001, 2002, 18.000 EURO
- “Assessment Study concerning social services provided by Romanian Fund for Social Development”, beneficiary Romanian Fund for Social Development, 2001, 10.000 EURO
- “Social Impact Assessment of the Projects financed by Romanian Fund for Social Development”, beneficiary Romanian Fund for Social Development, 2000, 10.000 EURO
- “The Impact of Economic Restructuring in Mono-industrial Areas. Strategies and Alternatives for the Labor Reconversion of the Formerly Redundant in the Jiu Valley, Romania.” SOCO Project Paper No. 87, IWM, Vienna 2000, 16.000 EURO

Research activity at Sociology Department:

I participated at the following research projects:

- „Roma Inclusion”, expert, Phare Programme, 2007
- „Development plan of Cluj County”, expert, Local Council, „Babeş-Bolyai” Univ., 2005
- „Educational reform evaluation in Bologna process perspective” (research of Sociology Students Group), 2004-2005.
- “Center for the Monitorization of the Profession of Sociologist”, 1998-2002, World Bank and CNCSIS grant, 200.000 USD
- “Intercultural and interethnic relations in Covasna County”, 1996-1997, CNCSIS grant, 40.000.000 ROL

Research activity as independent expert / consultant:	<p>I worked as expert, consultant or evaluator in the following research projects:</p> <p>„The Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES)”, Romanian research team member, Wave 3 and 4</p> <p>„The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM)”, expert, Romanian Team, 2007 - to present</p> <p>„European Values Survey / World Values Survey”, Romanian research team member, 2005 - to present</p> <p>„Public Opinion Barometer”, expert, Open Society Foundation, 1999 - to present</p> <p>„Urban Romania”, expert, Open Society Foundation, 2005</p> <p>„Rural Eurobarometer: European values in rural Romania”, expert, Open Society Foundation, 2005</p> <p>„NEPSY Test Adaptation to Romanian Population”, expert, Psychology Department, „Babeş-Bolyai” Univ., 2005</p> <p>„CDI Evaluation (research – development - innovation)”, expert, Ministry of Education and Research, „Babeş-Bolyai” Univ., 2005</p> <p>„Social Needs Assessment – the toolkit design”, beneficiary Governance Reform and Sustainable Partnership, USAID, 2004</p> <p>„IQ Evaluation – Raven Color Progressive Test Adaptation to Romanian Population”, expert, Psychology Department, „Babeş-Bolyai” Univ., 2004</p> <p>„IQ Evaluation – Raven Progressive Test Adaptation to Romanian Population”, expert, Psychology Department, „Babeş-Bolyai” Univ., 2003</p> <p>„MSF intervention in Roma Communities evaluation”, evaluator, Medicines sans Frontieres, 1997.</p>
Personal research projects:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• „Participation and political options in Romania after 1989”</li> <li>• „Youth Life – Styles in Romania” (PhD's Degree Diploma)</li> <li>• „Sampling evaluation”</li> <li>• „Non-response in survey”</li> <li>• „Youth Life – Styles” (1996) (Bachelor's Degree Diploma)</li> <li>• „Inter-ethnic Relations in Romania” (1995-1996)</li> </ul>
Awards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First prize granted at the “National Symposium of Students at Sociology – Political Science”, research section (1996).</li> <li>• The prize “Ion Aluăş” granted by “Ion Aluăş” Foundation for excellence during university studies (1996).</li> <li>• First prize granted by the Open Society Foundation for professional activity, year 1992-1993.</li> </ul>
Foreign languages:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English (current)</li> <li>• French (work knowledge)</li> </ul>
Computer programs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statistical: Spss, Amos, Statistica</li> <li>• Data presentation: Power Point</li> <li>• Editing: Word</li> <li>• Database: Dbase, Excel, Access</li> </ul>