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## Selected recent publications (since 2009)

- (co-editor) *Between Worlds*(= *Mélanges d'Histoire Générale*, NS, I, 1-2), II. *Extincta est lucerna orbis: John Hunyadi and his Time*(= *Mélanges d'Histoire Générale*, NS, I, 2) (Cluj-Napoca: Romanian Academy, Center for Transylvanian Studies, 2009), 562 p.
- (editor) *Recent Studies on Past and Present*(= *Transylvanian Review*, XIX, suppl. 5), I-IV (Cluj-Napoca: Romanian Academy, Center for Transylvanian Studies, 2010), 1394 p.
- (co-editor) *Sigismund of Luxemburg and the Orthodox World*(= *Denkschriften der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften*, CDIX) (Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2010), 162 p
- (co-editor) *Matthias Corvinus und seine Zeit: Europa am Übergang vom Mittelalter zur Neuzeit zwischen Wien und Konstantinopel*(= *Denkschriften der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften*, CDX), (Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2011), 262 p.
- (co-editor) *The Italian Peninsula and Europe's Eastern Borders. 1204-1669*(= *Eastern and Central European Studies*, I) (New York – Oxford – Basel – Frankfurt-am-Main – Wien: Peter Lang, 2012), 358 p.
- 'The Contested Sultan: The Backgrounds of Bayezid II's Moldavian Campaign of 1484', *Eurasian Studies*(Cambridge - Rome), VII (2009), pp. 17-50.
- 'The Triangle of the Year Thousand: The Medieval Layout of a Post-Modern Concept', *Transylvanian Review*(Cluj-Napoca), XVIII (2009), 2, pp. 146-155.
- 'Between the Adriatic and the Black Sea: Matthias Corvinus and the Ottoman Empire after the Fall of Negroponte', *Radovi Zavoda za Hrvatsku Povijest*[Proceedings of the Croatian Institute of History] (Zagreb), XLII (2010), 2, pp. 59-75.
- 'Ways to Liberate Constantinople after 1453: Notes on a Document in the State Archives of Milan', *Bizantinistica Rivista di Studi Bizantini*(Bologna-Spoleto), NS, XII (2010), pp. 239-248.
- 'Langage et chantage: discours et idéologie croisées à Venise', *Ephemeris Dacoromana*(Rome), XIV (2011), pp. 145-164.
- 'The Hungarian Crown and the *Vlachs* in the Ottoman Empire', *Macedonian Historical Review*(Skoplje), II (2011), pp. 77-90.

## Relevant recent national and international research grants and projects (since 2009)

- CNCS [National <Romanian> Council for Scientific Research]: PN-II-RU-TE-2009-1, 356/ 2010 (2010-2013), *The Eastern Politics of the House of Habsburg (15<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Centuries)*[director] (total value: 192.000 Euros).
- CNCS [National <Romanian> Council for Scientific Research]: PN-II-RU-TE-2009-1, 206/ 2010 (2010-2012), *The Genesis of the Modern Transylvanian Elites (18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> Centuries)*[expert] (total value: 160.000 Euros).
- EU, ESF-SOPHRD [European Social Fund], 1.5/89/ID 60189 (2010-2013), *Post-Doctoral Programs for Enduring Development in a Knowledge Society*(Beneficiary: *Babe -Bolyai*University, Cluj-Napoca; Partners: 1. Romanian Academy; 2. University of Karlsruhe; 3. University of Leipzig) [deputy director RA] (total value: 5.000.000 Euros).
- EU, ESF-SOPHRD [European Social Fund], 1.5/89/ ID 61104 (2010-2013), *Civilization. Society. Patrimony. Social Sciences and Humanities in Globalized Context*(Beneficiary: Romanian Academy, Partners: 1. Institute for the Study of National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca; 2. New Europe College, Bucharest; 3. *Babe -Bolyai*University, Cluj-Napoca; 4. Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 5. École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris; 6. Federal Institute for the History and Culture of the Germans in Eastern Europe, Oldenburg; 7. German Academy for Cultural Heritage, Frankfurt-am-Main-Romrod-Görlitz) [deputy-director] (total value: 5.000.000 Euros).
- ANCS [National <Romanian> Authority for Scientific Research], PN-II-PT-PCCA-2011-3-1153 (2012-2015), Genetic Evolution: New Evidences for the Study of Interconnected Structures. A Biomolecular Journey around the Carpathians from Ancient to Medieval Times (Beneficiary: Romanian Academy-Institute of Biology; Partners 1. *Babe -Bolyai*University, Cluj-Napoca; 2. *Alexandru Ioan Cuza*University, Ia i) [deputy-director RA] (total value: 500.000 Euros).

## Selected recent international conferences and lectures (since 2009)

- (invited lectures) *Siebenbürgen-Land des Segens-Land des Unheils-Land des Überlebens: Siebenbürgen in der Geschichte Ostmitteleuropas*(University of Vienna), Vienna (April 25-26, 2009).
- 'Late Medieval Greek and Latin Glory and Failure in Comparative Perspective: The Hunyadi Family and the Moldavian House of Bogdan', at *Virtue, Vice and Virility: High Status Men in the Middle Ages*(University of Newcastle), Newcastle (July 21-22, 2009; July 22, 2009).
- 'How to Finance a *Greek*Rite Athlete: Rome, Venice and Stephen III of Moldavia (1470s-1490s)', at *Partir en croisade à la fin du Moyen Âge. Financement et logistique*(Institución Milá y Fontanals, CSIC, Barcelona – Casa de Velázquez, Madrid – Agence Nationale de la Recherche, UMR 5136, Toulouse), Barcelona (May 6-7, 2010; May 7, 2010).
- 'Venice and the Ottoman Conquest of Caffa (1475-1477): Preliminaries and Impact', at *L'Italia e la frontiera orientale dell'Europa. 1204-1669*(Romanian Academy – Austrian Academy of Sciences – École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris – Accademia di Romania, Roma – Istituto Storico Austriaco, Roma – École Française de Rome), Rome (November 26-28, 2010; November 27, 2010) [co-organizer].
- 'The Asen Brothers between Béla III's Hungary and Byzantium: The Foundations and the Impact of a Strained Relation', at *Byzantium and Hungary*(*Eötvös Loránd*University, Budapest – Austrian Academy of Sciences – Romanian Academy), Budapest (May 27-28, 2011; May 27, 2011) [co-organizer].
- (round-table) *The Danube in the Middle Ages*, at the *22<sup>nd</sup> International Congress of Byzantine Studies*(International Committee for Byzantine Studies), Sofia (August 22-27, 2011; August 24, 2011) [round-table organizer] (paper: 'The Danube and the Shapes of Medieval and Modern East-Central Europe').
- 'Financing Socio-Humanities in the East', at *Horizon 2020: Preliminaries and Perspectives*(EU, ESF, Brussels – ALLEA, Amsterdam – British Academy, London), London (November 10-11, 2011; November 10, 2011).
- 'The Habsburgs in Jagiellonian Hungary: Common and Extraordinary Political Means in a Time of Crisis (1497-1505)', at *Interruptions, Reactions and Continuities in Central & Eastern Europe*(European Institute – University College of London – Royal Historical Society), London (February 15-17, 2012; February 16, 2012).
- 'Crusading and 'Crusader States' in the *Greek*Rite Environment', at *The Byzantine Trace*(Russian Academy of Sciences – International Association of Byzantine Studies – Far Eastern Federal University, Vladivostok), Vladivostok (May 27-June 3, 2012; May 29, 2012).
- (session) *Law, Regulations and Society in Central and Eastern Europe*(University College of London – Romanian Academy) [parts I-II], Sessions 1032, 1132, at *International Medieval Congress, XIX. Rules to Follow (or Not)*(University of Leeds – International Medieval Society), Leeds (July 12-15, 2012; July 11, 2012) [session co-organizer; paper: 'Between the Cross and the Sultan: The Jews in Moldavia in the 1470s' (July 11, 2012).