

## SYNOPSIS OF THE HABILITATION THESIS

### **The evolution of the academic and professional career**

On October 18, 1996, I presented my doctoral thesis, *Relații româno-elvețiene în anii celui de-al doilea război mondial (1939-1944)* [Romanian-Swiss Relations during the Second World War 1939-1944], at the Socio-Humane Research Institute in Sibiu. At the time I worked as a librarian, in charge of the Historical Archives, in the Special Collection Department, at the National Library of Romania.

Afterwards I worked as Adviser at the Presidency of Romania (1997-2000), Associate Researcher at the Romanian Institute of Recent History (2003-2004), Political Analyst at the PRO Institute (2005-2007) and, since 2008, I am Scientific Researcher II at the Romanian Diplomatic Institute, member in the editing group of the Romanian Diplomatic Documents.

In 2004 I became Assistant Professor at the International Relations and European Studies Department, the Faculty of Letters, the University of Bucharest, transformed in 2007 in the Cultural Studies – European Studies Department. In 2008 I became Associate Professor and in 2016, Professor.

In the aforementioned positions, I was in charge of general courses (The History of Europe, The Analysis of International Conflicts), optional courses (The Issue of the Holocaust, The International Committee of the Red Cross and the Evolution of the Humanitarian Law), Master degree courses (Human Rights, Cultural Policy), seminar courses of European History, Analysis of International Conflicts, licentiate's degree training for III<sup>rd</sup> year students, guidance of licentiate's degree and dissertation papers.

### **The main original scientific results**

The 16 scientific papers presented in conferences, the 27 articles and studies, as well as the 12 volumes published (one of which is at the printers) after getting my Ph. D. in History, constitute original scientific contributions, the result of an assiduous research activity in archives, both national and foreign, and of consulting a vast specialised bibliography.

Referring just to the 12 volumes published so far (one of which is at the printers), I specify that they cover four topics: prisoners of war and civilian internees in Romania during WW I and WW II; humanitarian activities and the issue of the Holocaust in Romania; the Romanian foreign policy between the two World Wars; the first decades of communism in Romania.

The following works cover the field of the prisoners of war and civilian internees in Romania during WW I and WW II: *Crucea Roșie Internațională și România 1939-1944: Prizonieri de război anglo-americi și sovietici; Deportății evrei din Transnistria și emigrarea evreilor în Palestina în atenția Crucii Roșii Internaționale* [The International Red Cross and Romania 1939-1944: the Anglo-American and Soviet POW's; the Jewish Deportees in Transnistria and the Emigration of Jews in Palestine in the Attention of the International Red Cross], Editura Enciclopedică, 1997; *Tragedii și suferințe neștiute. Prizonieri de război și internați civili în România 1917-1919. Documente elvețiene* [Unknown Tragedies and Sufferings. POW's and Civilian Internees in Romania 1917-1919. Swiss Documents], Editura Oscar Print, 2003; *Comitetul Internațional al Crucii Roșii și România 1944-1947: Prizonieri de război și internați civili germani, unguri și austrieci; American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee și ajutorarea evreilor* [The International Committee of the Red Cross and Romania 1944-1947: German, Hungarian and Austrian POW's and Civilian Internees; The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Helping of Jews], Editura Oscar Print, 2009.

The following works cover the field of the humanitarian activity and the issue of the Holocaust in Romania: *Crucea Roșie Internațională și România 1939-1944: Prizonieri de război anglo-americi și sovietici; Deportății evrei din Transnistria și emigrarea evreilor în Palestina în atenția Crucii Roșii Internaționale* [The International Red Cross and Romania 1939-1944: the Anglo-American and Soviet POW's; the Jewish Deportees in Transnistria and the Emigration of Jews in Palestine in the Attention of the International Red Cross], Editura Enciclopedică, 1997; *Ecouri dintr-o epocă tulbură. Documente elvețiene 1940-1944* [Echoes from a Troubled Era. Swiss Documents 1940-1944], Editura Hasefer, 1998; *Acțiunea internațională de ajutorare a evreilor din România. Documente 1943-1945* [The International Relief Action in favour of the Romanian Jews. Documents 1943-1945], Editura Hasefer, 2003; *Holocaust în România. Soarta evreilor din Basarabia, Bucovina și Transnistria 1941-1942. Documente* [Holocaust in Romania. The Fate of the Jews of Bessarabia, Bukovina and Transnistria 1941-1942. Documents], Editura Universității din București, 2005; *Comitetul Internațional al Crucii Roșii și România 1944-1947: Prizonieri de război și internați civili germani, unguri și austrieci; American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee și ajutorarea evreilor* [The International Committee of the Red Cross and Romania 1944-1947: German, Hungarian and Austrian POW's and Civilian Internees; The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Helping of

Jews], Editura Oscar Print, 2009.

The following works cover the field of the Romanian foreign policy between the two World Wars: *Documente diplomatice române. Seria a II-a, Volumul 18, Partea a II-a, 1 iulie-31 decembrie 1936* [Romanian Diplomatic Documents, Serie II, Volume 19, Second Part, July-December 1936] (co-editor), Editura Conphys, Râmnicu Vâlcea, 2010, *Documente Diplomatice Române, seria a II-a, vol. 19, Partea I, 1 ianuarie-30 iunie 1937* [Romanian Diplomatic Documents, Serie II, Volume 19, First Part, January-June 1937] (co-editor), și *Partea a II-a, 1 iulie-31 decembrie 1937* [Second Part, July-December 1937] (co-editor), Monitorul Oficial, București, 2016.

The following works cover the field of the first decades of communism in Romania: *Confesiunile elitei comuniste. România 1944-1965: rivalități, represii, crime... Arhiva Alexandru Șiperco, volumul I* [Confessions of the Communist Elite. Romania 1944-1965: Rivalities, Repressions, Crimes... Alexandru Șiperco's Archives, Volume 1], Editura Institutului Național pentru Studiarea Totalitarismului, 2015; *Confesiunile elitei comuniste. România 1944-1965: rivalități, represii, crime... Arhiva Alexandru Șiperco, volumul II* [Confessions of the Communist Elite. Romania 1944-1965: Rivalities, Repressions, Crimes... Alexandru Șiperco's Archives, Volume 2], Editura Institutului Național pentru Studiarea Totalitarismului (in press stage).

### **Plans of evolution and development of the scientific and academic career**

My plans of evolution and development of the scientific and academic career aim at the renewal of the educational offer and the continuation of the scientific research in the field of history.

#### **a) The educational offer**

I will propose to the Cultural Studies Department, the European Studies Specialization, to establish a course devoted to the issue of genocide and a course devoted to the Romanian communism.

#### **b) The scientific research in the field of history**

I have started the scholarly project "The Memory of the Romanian Communism: Alexandru Șiperco's Archives" in 2012, and in 2015 I have published *Confesiunile elitei comuniste. România 1944-1965: rivalități, represii, crime... Arhiva Alexandru Șiperco*,

*volumul I*, [Confessions of the Communist Elite. Romania 1944-1965: Rivalities, Repressions, Crimes... Alexandru Șiperco's Archives, Volume 1]. The second volume is in press stage.

Between 1970 and 1989, Alexandru Șiperco jotted down in manuscripts hundreds of unofficial interviews that he took of over 150 "old guard" members of the Romanian Communist Party, persons which have spoken with unusual sincerity about their past and their official and unofficial activities. This project represents a novelty in the general historiography devoted to communism, especially to the first decades of Romanian communist régime. That assertion is confirmed not only by the names of the interviewees, but also through their confessions and revelations. The memories and testimonies of those interviewed often feature a novel view, sometimes completely different from that presented by the historiography of the communist phenomenon, not only on events or key episodes in the history of Romania, but also in terms of interpersonal relations in the communist circles of power.