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## Main areas of expertise

International migration, Older migrants, Transnationalism, Qualitative methods, Mixed methods

## Education

### PhD in Sociology | 2009

University of Osnabrück, Germany, *magna cum laude*

"A Stage Approach to Transnational Migration: Migrant Narratives from Rural Romania",  
supervisor: Prof. Michael Bommers

### MA in Sociology and Social Anthropology | 2004

Central European University, Hungary

### BA in Sociology | 2003

Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania, *Ranked first*

### Trainings (15 courses) | 2005 – 2017

Academic teaching and communication (3 courses)

Qualitative and quantitative methodologies (4 courses)

International migration (3 courses)

Funding applications and career orientation (3 programmes)

## **Research and professional experience including current position**

### **University of Geneva, Switzerland**

Assistant Professor | since 2019

Institute of Demography and Socioeconomics

Senior researcher (maître assistante) | 2016 – 2019

Centre for the Interdisciplinary Study of Gerontology and Vulnerability (CIGEV)

Marie Curie Intra-European Fellow | 2014 – 2016

Centre for the Interdisciplinary Study of Gerontology and Vulnerability (CIGEV)

### **University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland, Switzerland**

Post-doctoral researcher | 2013 – 2014

Faculty of Social Work

### **New University of Lisbon, Portugal**

Post-doctoral researcher | 2009 – 2012

Institute of Sociology

### **International Labour Organization (ILO), Switzerland**

Intern | 2008 | International Migration Programme

Consultant | 2009 | Department of Statistics

### **Hamburg Institute of International Economics, Germany**

Marie Curie Early-Stage Researcher | 2007 – 2008

### **University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom**

Marie Curie Early-Stage Researcher | 2006 – 2007

School of Social and Political Sciences

### **Hamburg Institute of International Economics, Germany**

Marie Curie Early-Stage Researcher | 2005 – 2006

### **University of Bucharest, Romania**

Pre-doctoral researcher and teaching assistant | 2004 – 2005

Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

## **Honours**

BA Scholarship, University of Bucharest | 2000 – 2003

MA Scholarship, Soros Foundation, Central European University | 2003 – 2004

## Grants (over 1 555 707 €)

2019 – 2024 | Swiss National Science Foundation, Professorship Grant “Transnational Ageing among Older Migrants and Natives: A Strategy to Overcome Vulnerability”, grant number PP00P1\_179077, 1 307 255 CHF.

2017 – 2019 | Swiss National Science Foundation, Marie Heim-Vögtlin Grant “Vulnerability in Old Age: A Comparative Approach”, grant number PMPDP1\_171274, 263 820 CHF.

2014 – 2016 | Marie Curie Fellowship of the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under REA grant agreement no. 328518, 184 709 €.

2014 | Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, travel grant to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> European Conference for Social Work Research, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy, 700 CHF.

2009 – 2012 | Ciência research grant from the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), Portugal, Reference C2008-FCSH-CESNOVA-M-Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas-UNL, New University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal.

2011 – 2019 | EU Excellence Network “International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion” (IMISCOE) funding for the Standing Committee “Ageing Migrants”, beginning with 2015 joint applications with Tineke Fokkema (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, University of Groningen, Erasmus University Rotterdam). 31 000 €

## Teaching (only after 2010)

### Professor

2019 | Autumn semester, Course “Mixed Methods”, MA in Social Sciences, University of Geneva, weekly course and seminar (3h)

2019 | Spring semester, Course “Challenges of International Migration”, MA in Social Sciences, University of Geneva, weekly course and seminar (3h)

### Guest lectures

2018 | Course “Advanced Qualitative Methods”, 2\*1h30 and 6 seminars, MA in Social Sciences, University of Geneva (Prof. Claudine Burton-Jeangros)

2018 | Course “Qualitative Methods in Global Health”, 2\*1h30, MS Global Health, University of Geneva (Prof. Claudine Burton-Jeangros)

2018 | Course “Qualitative Methods in Global Health”, 2\*1h30, MS Global Health, University of Geneva (Prof. Claudine Burton-Jeangros)

2012 – 2017 | Course “Sociologie des migrations internationales” & “Migrations et relations à l'altérité”, University of Geneva, 3\*1h, 2\*1h30 (Prof. Claudio Bolzman)

2014 | Course “Migration et parcours de vie”, University of Lausanne, 1\*1h (Prof. Laura Bernardi)

2014 | Cours “Sociologie des migrations internationales”, University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland, 1\*1h30 (Prof. Claudio Bolzman)

## **Seminars**

2010 – 2011 | Course “Economic integration: local and transnational strategies”, New University of Lisbon, interventions in several classes (Prof. Margarida Marques and Mr. José Leitão)

## **Member in PhD committees**

Victoria Castillo Rueda (2019, University of Geneva)

## **MA supervision**

2018 – 2019 | Internship and MA thesis of Mélanie Stamm, University of Geneva

2015 – 2016 | Internship and MA thesis of Julia Sauter, University of Geneva

2010 | Fieldwork supervision of the MA student Diana Tomás, New University of Lisbon

## **Service to Profession**

Since 2016 | Jury Member for the Rinus Penninx Best Paper Award

Since 2016 | Member of the Scientific Committee of the IMISCOE Annual Conferences

Since 2014 | Editor of LIVES Working papers, NCCR LIVES

Since 2010 | co-coordinator of the Standing Committee “Ageing Migrants”, IMISCOE

2009 – 2012 | member of the IMISCOE Board of Directors on behalf of the Institute for Sociological Research, New University of Lisbon, Portugal

## **Conference and Workshop Organization (after 2010)**

2019 | Plenary session “Working in old age? Between active ageing and vulnerability” (with Mihaela Nedelcu)

Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association, University of Neuchâtel, 10-12 September.

2019 | International conference “Loneliness in ageing and migrant populations: a comparative perspective”, 19 March, University of Geneva, Switzerland (with Andreas Ihle, Danilo Bolano, Matthias Kliegel, Philippe Wanner).

2018 | Session “Older migrants, segmented life courses and social welfare” (with Marion Repetti)

IMISCOE Annual Conference, Barcelona University, Spain, 2-4 July.

2016 | International workshop “Research on Ageing Migrants: Current State and Future Directions” (with Vincent Horn and Tineke Fokkema)

University of Mainz, Germany, 3-5 November.

2016 | Workshop “Ageing migrants in the Swiss context”

Workshop at the end of the Marie Curie project, University of Geneva, Switzerland, 6 September.

2016 | Policy workshop “Shaping the lives of ageing migrants: top-down policy impositions” (with Tineke Fokkema)

IMISCOE Annual Conference, Charles University, Czech Republic, 30 June-2 July.

- 2015 | International workshop "Ageing Migrants: Studying by Comparing" (with Michel Oris and Claudio Bolzman)  
University of Geneva and University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland, Switzerland, 19-21 March.
- 2014 | Session "Care by Ageing Migrants: Inter-Generational Transfers From Grandparents to the Younger Generations" (with Mihaela Nedelcu)  
Session "Care Arrangements for Ageing Migrants at the Intersection between Public, Private, Third Sector and the Family" (with Ute Karl and Anne Carolina Ramos)  
IMISCOE Annual Conference, Comillas University, Spain, 27-29 August.
- 2014 | International workshop "Well-being in an Ageing Europe: Comparisons between Ageing Migrants and Natives" (with Erálba Cela, Angeles Escriva, Tineke Fokkema, Mihaela Nedelcu)  
New University of Lisbon, Portugal, 15-16 May.
- 2013 | Session "Vulnerabilities and coping strategies of ageing migrants" (with Tineke Fokkema)  
Session "Care for and care by ageing migrants" (with Mihaela Nedelcu)  
IMISCOE Annual Conference, Malmö University, Sweden, 26-27 August.
- 2013 | International conference "Ageing Migrants: (Im)Mobilities of Ageing" (with Alistair Hunter)  
New University of Lisbon, Portugal, 15-16 March.
- 2012 | Session "Ageing Migrants: (Im)Mobilities of Ageing" (with Alistair Hunter)  
IMISCOE Annual Conference, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 25-26 August.
- 2012 | International workshop "Ageing Migrants: Demography, Agency and Welfare" (with Joana Lopes Martins)  
New University of Lisbon, Portugal, 6-7 March.
- 2011 | Session "Ageing Migrants: Demography, Agency and Welfare" (with Joana Lopes Martins)  
IMISCOE Annual Conference, University of Warsaw, Poland, 7-9 September.
- 2010 – 2011 | Three workshops "The Ageing of the Migrant Population" (with Margarida Marques)  
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, The Forum on Migrations, Portugal, 10 November, 10 December and 15 February.
- 2010 | Workshop "Ageing Migrants: Demography, Agency and Welfare" (with Joana Lopes Martins)  
IMISCOE Annual Conference, University of Liège, Belgium, 13-14 September.

## Invited Presentations

- 2018 | Keynote talk "*Et quel devenir pour les migrants?*" (*And what has become of migrants?*)

World Knowledge Dialogue "Interdisciplinarité en Action: Une Expérience Pratique de Recherche Interdisciplinaire", meeting on Migration, Villars-sur-Ollon, Switzerland, 10-13 June.

2014 | Keynote talk "*The well-being of Romanian ageing migrants. What role do social networks and institutions play?*"

Rethinking EU Immigration: legal developments, management and practices, Romania, 14 March.

2012 | *Multiple migrations among Romanian labour migrants*

Panel "The challenge of internal mobility in the present and future EU", international conference, FIERI, Italy, 26 March.

2008 | *Patterns of Migration in Post-1989 Romania*

International Seminar of the "New Migration and New Migrants in Belgium" Project, Belgium, 23 November.

## **Impact, knowledge transfer and outreach activities**

2019 | Presentation and round table "La place des aînés et les défis du vieillissement", Genève 2050, Geneva, Switzerland, 10 April 2019.

2018 | Collège Sismondi, round table with students on 'Mondialisation and Inequalities', Geneva, Switzerland, 15 November 2019.

2017 – to present | Representative of the Centre for the Interdisciplinary Study of Gerontology and Vulnerability in the PLATEFORME des associations d'aînés de Genève (The Geneva Platform of Associations of Elderly).

2015 | La Bibliothèque humaine comme outil contre le racisme – La Semaine valaisanne d'action contre le racisme (The human library as a tool against racism – the week of action against racism in the canton of Valais), Valais, Switzerland, 24-25 March 2015.

2014 | Forum 'Communes et seniors: ensemble en actions' (Forum 'Towns and seniors: together in action'), Grandson municipality, Switzerland, 11 June 2014.

2014 | Forum Romand sur l'interculturalité: « Venir d'ailleurs et vieillir ici? » (Swiss French forum on interculturality: "Coming from abroad and ageing here?")  
University of Applied Sciences of Western Switzerland, Switzerland, 2 October 2014.

## **Skills**

Qualitative methods: interviews, biographical narrative interviews, focus group, participant observation

Quantitative methods: questionnaire research, secondary data analysis

Comparative research

## **Computer Knowledge**

Qualitative analysis: AtlasTi and NVivo

## **Fieldwork Research**

Romania, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland

## **Membership in associations**

EU Excellence Network International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE)

Swiss National Centre of Competence in Research LIVES: Overcoming vulnerability: Life course perspectives.

Swiss Sociological Association

European Sociological Association

## **Languages**

Romanian: native

English, French and Italian: full professional proficiency

German and Portuguese: basic use

## **Academic job offers**

2017 Invited for interview for a European Research Council Starting Grant (ERC)