



MARA- SIMONA BIROU

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj- Napoca (Romania)

Political Science, Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences

Bachelor Degree / 2015-2018

Knowledge of political theory, qualitative and quantitative research methods, Constitutional Law.

Master's Degree / 2018-2020

Knowledge in political theories, Romanian political elites, European organizations; Analysis of political programs and articles; Analysis of organizations (leadership, management, projects).

Doctoral School of Sociology

PhD in Political Science, Sociology Field / 2020- Present

"Spiru Haret" research scholarship - for the study of the Romanian diaspora
May 2022- May 2023

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY:

ELABCHROM Winter School- University of Jyväskylä

20-24 November 2023, Jyväskylä, Finland

EUTOPIA Doctoral School - NOVA University

9-14 May 2023, Lisbon (Portugal)

WORK

Assistant professor

"Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu (România) / September 2022 - Present

Teaching (Research methods; Qualitative research methods, Social Policies), supervising seminar projects, other didactic activities.

Research assistant

Babeş- Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (România) / May 2022- December 2023

Project: Children Left Behind by Labour Migration: Supporting Moldovan and Ukrainian Transnational Families in the EU
Qualitative data collection and analysis; publications, research reports, events.

Expert

National Institute of Statistics (County Statistical Direction Cluj), Cluj- Napoca (Romania) / November 2021- October 2022

Population and Housing Census 2022: data collection, field research work, trainings.

Events coordinator

The League for Defense of Human Rights, Cluj- Napoca (Romania) / February 2020 - February 2022

Event management (launch / closing events, training sessions for representatives of public institutions, annual conferences)

Political scientist

Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (România) / November 2019 - May 2021

Qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis, research reports, events.

Coordinator of cultural activities and events

The League for Defense of Human Rights, Cluj- Napoca (Romania) / August 2019- April 2021

Coordinating the Romanian language course and the recreational and cultural activities within SIM_CIS: "Integrated services for migrants - intercultural and solidary communities" project.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Dealing with Liminal Situations: The Agency of Ukrainian and Syrian Forced Migrants in Three National Contexts (IP45_AGENCY) 2023-2024

AIM-Analysis of Institutional Action in Governing the Mobility of People in Europe. Conditions for Promoting Cohesion 2022- 2023

Children Left Behind by Labour Migration: Supporting Moldovan and Ukrainian Transnational Families in the EU (CASTLE) 2021- 2023

Romanian Center for Migration and Social Inclusion Research- CRCMIS 2020-2022

CONSENT-Cosmopolitan Turn and Democratic Sentiments. The case of child protection services 2019-2021

MEMBERSHIP

CASTLE - Centre for the Study of Transnational Families, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Napoca (Romania)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Motherer tongue(s) Romanian

Foreign language(s) English

UNDERSTANDING

Listening	Reading
C1	C1

SPEAKING

Spoken interaction	Spoken production
C1	C1

WRITING

C1

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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS

- The Urban Perspective Matters! Local Insights on Challenges Regarding EU Policies on Social Inclusion and Citizens' Mobility" September 21, 2023, Brussels.
- International Conference: "Stay-Behind Children of Eastern Europe: Challenges and Solutions", Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 28-29 November 2023;
- International Conference: "Children left behind. Best Practices of Protection and Challenges- Romania, Ukraine, and the Republic of Moldova", Lisbon, Portugal , 2-10 October 2023;
- Migration, Mobility and Displacement in the Black Sea Region, Tbilisi, Georgia, September 12-15, 2022
- Families without borders in Ukraine and Moldova. Preliminary International Conference "Findings of a unique research on transnational families", Bucharest, 7 June 2022;
- National Conference: "Romanian Center for Migration and Social Inclusion Research" 18-19 November (online);
- National Conference within the CRCMIS project - Romanian Migration and Social Inclusion Research Center, 5-6 November 2020;
- International Summer School on Brexit and Migration "New Challenges of Migration in Turbulent Times",Turda, Romania, October 2019
- "The Roads Now Taken: Higher Education Responses and Responsibilities for International Migration, Displaced Persons and Refugees" THINK THANK, Sibiu, 4 November 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Here or there, who do you trust? Patterns of social trust following the migration experience of Romanians in Spain and France (2023). Mara Birou, Social Change Review.

Romanian and Moldovan Migrant Families between National and Transnational Welfare Policies (2023). Mara Birou & Iulia-Elena Hossu. Special issue: "Children Left Behind by Labour Migration", Romanian Journal of Population Studies.

"Not like everyone else"? Transnational families' relationship in their home society – between stigma and dialogue (2023). Iulia- Elena Hossu, Áron Telegdi-Csetri, Mara Birou, Mihaela Haragus, Daniela Angi, Ukrainian_society.

Romanian citizens' perspectives on immigration and integration in Romania (2022). Pogan Livia & Birou Mara in "Empirical perspectives on migration in Romania. A national survey on integration and social inclusion", Anatolie Coşciug (coordinator), Editura de Vest, Timișoara.

Romanian citizens' perspectives on immigration and integration in Romania (2021). Pogan Livia & Birou Mara in "Migration and integration in a country of emigration", Anatolie Coşciug (coordinator), Cluj University Press: Cluj-Napoca.