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Education

- 2020 PhD in Comparative Gender Studies Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
Thesis title: Loving Designs: Gendered Welfare Provision, Activism and Expertise in Interwar Bucharest.
Supervisor: Susan C. Zimmermann
- 2011 Master of Arts, Matilda Erasmus M.A. in Gender and Women's History Central European University (Hu) and University of Nottingham (UK)
Thesis: "Mobilizing Gender for Modernity: The Work of One Transylvanian Chapter of the Union of Anti-Fascist Women and the Democratic Union of Women in Romania Between 1945 and 1953." MA Thesis, Central European University, 2011.
http://www.etd.ceu.hu/2011/ghit_alexandra-maria.pdf
- 2009 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, School of Political, Administrative and Communication Studies
Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania

Languages

Romanian	native
English	fluent
French	advanced
German	intermediate

Research Experience

- 2020- Present **Post-doctoral Researcher**, ZARAH: Women's labour activism in Eastern Europe and transnationally, from the age of empires to the late 20th century
- Project title: Transnational state vs. transnational workers: Women workers' organizing in the (state-run) Romanian tobacco industry, 1880s-1990s.

- 2016 - 2018 **Researcher**, “Women and Trade Unions in Europe, 19th to 21st century”
- Bibliographic and archival research on historiography of women and trade unionism in Romania for preliminary Project Questionnaire
 - Participation and presentation at Women and the Work-place: Activism and Politics in Central, East Central, and South Eastern Europe, and internationally, 1860s to 1990s. Workshop and Meeting, Oberstaad, 8–15 September 2017
- 2015 - 2017 **Sub-Editor**, Habsburg Empire cluster, “Women and Social Movements in Modern Empires” digital database, *Alexander Street-ProQuest* <https://search.alexanderstreet.com/wasg>
- Identified, digitized and wrote detailed introductions for 50 archival and published sources on Romanian women’s political organizing in Transylvania (circa 1860 to 1933) for inclusion in the “Women in the Habsburg Empire” (WAME-HE) section of the project’s digital gallery
 - Contributed to the historiographical essay introducing the Habsburg Empire cluster of documents: Bader-Zaar, Birgitta, Susan Zimmermann, Michaela Königshofer, Alexandra Ghit, Jitka Gelnarová, and Ágoston Berecz, *Women and Social Movements in the Habsburg Empire* (Alexandria, VA: Alexander Street, 2018), https://search.alexanderstreet.com/view/work/bibliographic_entity%7Cbibliographic_details%7C3890891.
- April – May 2012 **Research Assistant**, Prof. Susan Zimmermann, Pastis Inc.
- Alexandra Ghit. Troubled waters. Potentials and realities, paradigms and trends in women’s and gender history. Paper given at the Workshop/Conference “Twenty Years of Change: Post-Communist Historiography in/on Central, Eastern, and South-Eastern Europe,” Budapest, 15–16 September 2011 (together with Susan Zimmermann)

Teaching Experience

- August – December 2019 **Global Teaching Fellow**, “Writing Global Textile Work: An Introduction to Working with Historical Sources”, “Radio-In our Histories: A Social History of Radio Broadcast and How to Write with Sound”, Asian University for Women
- January - April 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, “Communism and Gender: Historical and Global Perspectives”, Prof. Francisca de Haan, Department of Gender Studies, Central European University
- May 2014 **CTL Certificate for Excellence in Teaching in Higher Education**, Center for Teaching and Learning, Central European University

Scholarships and Funding

2017- Doctoral Research Support Grant for study visit at University of Bucharest-Center for Equal Opportunity Policies, CEU;

2016 – Conference Travel Grant, Association of Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS);
 2016 – Short-term Research Grant, CEU;
 2015- Travel Grant to attend Duke Feminist Theory Workshop, Duke University;
 2014- Research Grant for Doctoral Candidates and Young Academics and Scientists at Leipzig University 2014/2015, Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD);
 2013- Short Research and Travel Grant, CEU;
 2012- Grant for Participation in the New School of Social Research Transnational Summer School Wroclaw, East West Women’s Network;
 2011- Study Grant at the University of Nottingham, Erasmus;
 2010- Academic Pro-Rector’s Excellence Award, CEU;
 2007- Undergraduate Exchange Program Fellowship at Duke University 2007/2008, Open Society Institute.

Publications

- January 2018 “Professionals’ and Amateurs’ Pasts: A Decolonizing Reading of Post-War Romanian Histories of Gendered Interwar Activism.” *European Review of History: Revue Européenne d’histoire* 25, no. 1 (2018): 21–44. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13507486.2017.1376619>.
- December 2017 “„Emoții Mecanice”: Familia Femeii Muncitoare Din Urbanul Romanesc in Anchetele Sociale Si Sanitare Interbelice (1924-1939) [’Mechanical Emotions’: The Urban Working Woman’s Family in Interwar Social and Sanitary Inquiries (1924-1939)].” In *Familia În România - O Incursiune Diacronică Pluridisciplinară [The Family in Romania- A Diacronic Pluridisciplinary Incursion]*, edited by Anca Dohotariu, 121–60. Editura Universitatii Bucuresti, 2017.
- April 2016 2016. “Partisan Potential: Researching Communist Women’s Organizations in Eastern Europe.” *Aspasia: The International Yearbook of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern European Women’s and Gender History* 10. <https://www.berghahnjournals.com/view/journals/aspasia/10/1/asp100107.xml>.
- April 2016 2016. “Book Review: Luciana Jinga, Gen și Reprezentare în România Comunistă, 1944–1989 (Gender and Representation in Communist Romania, 1944–1989).” *Aspasia: The International Yearbook of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern European Women’s and Gender History* 10 <https://www.berghahnjournals.com/abstract/journals/aspasia/10/1/asp100109.xml?rsk= YRqR3C&result=2>

Other Academic Achievements

- 2018 The Work of Crisis: Women’s and children’s work and impact on labour and social policy regimes in interwar Romania. Paper presented at the Society for Romanian Studies Conference. Bucharest, 27 June 2018.

- 2016 “Enough with the mercy from times of yore”: The criminalization of begging and vagrancy in 1920s Romania. Paper presented at the Romanian Studies Conference, Indiana University. Bloomington, 2016.
- 2016 ‘Years of struggle’: A reading of Romanian state socialist historiography on women and gender as gendered ‘new labor history’. Paper presented at the European Social Science History Conference. Valencia, 2016.
- 2015 Tangling Themes: Gender, Social Policy and the “Interwar Conjuncture” in the (Semi) Periphery. Paper presented at “Repositioning in a Globalizing World” International Summer School, GSGAS Leipzig University, 8-11 June 2015
- 2017 Workshop presentation. “Women and the Work-place: Activism and Politics in Central, East Central, and South Eastern Europe, and internationally, 1860s to 1990s”. Workshop and Meeting, Oberstaad, 8–15 September 2017
- 2015 Stretching the Truth: Linking Transnationally Postwar Romania’s Discourses on the “Woman Question”. Presentation at the Society for Romanian Studies International Conference. Bucharest, 2015.
- 2014 “(Re)Constructing Work: Popular Discourses on Gender and Labour in Post-War Romania (1945-1953).” Paper presented at the “The Value of Women’s Work: Between the Subjective and the Economic” Workshop, European University Institute. Florence, 2014.
- 2013 “‘The Public Now Understands (...) by Grace of New Conceptions of Good Deeds’: Citizenship and the Education of Compassion in 1920s Romania.” Paper presented at the “State, Society and Citizen: Cross-disciplinary Perspectives on Welfare State Development” Nordwel and REASSESS International Summer School. Reykjavik, 2013.
- 2011 (With prof. Susan Zimmermann) “Troubled Waters. Institutionalization, Paradigms, and Trends in Women’s and Gender History.” Presentation at the 20 Years of Change: Post-Communist Historiography in/on Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, 1989-2009, Budapest, September 16, 2011.
- 2018 Member in the Organizing Committee for the “Looking Forward through the Past” Conference of the Society of Romanian Studies, Bucharest, 26-30 June 2018.
- 2017 Peer Reviewer. *History of Communism in Europe* journal.
- 2016 Graduate Student Representative, Executive Board, Society for Romanian Studies (elected position, 2-year mandate)

Community Service

2018 Editor, LeftEast online publication, <http://www.criticatac.ro/lefteast/>
2017- 2018 European Voluntary Service, Redon, France