

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### **Current position**

2006- present – Assistant professor at West University of Timisoara, Romania

### **Research interests**

- Urban geography
- Gender studies;
- Cultural geography;
- the Romanian migrants
- American Studies

### **Other academic positions**

1991- 1994- University Assistant at University of the West, Timisoara, Romania, Department of Geography

1994-1996 Assistant Lecturer at University of the West Timisoara, Romania, Department of Geography

1996-2006 University Lecturer at University of the West Timisoara, Romania, Department of Geography

1998-1999 Junior Fulbright Scholar

1999 spring semester - associate professor at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

2002,- 2003 associate professor, University of Bucharest, MA. *Canadian Studies*

2002-present – member of Interdisciplinary Center of gender Studies West University of Timisoara, Romania

2004 – 2012 - the representative of Eastern Europe in the steering committee of Gender and Geography Commission of International Geographical Union

2006-2011 associate professor at the Department of English Language, West University of Timisoara, at the MA program “American Studies”

2007 - 2012 – associate professor at the Faculty of Geography and Geology, A.I. Cuza University of Iassy

## Education

B.A. 1989, Geography and English Language, University of Bucharest, Romania

PhD: 2002, The Cities in the Western Plain of Romania, urban structures and functionalities; University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography

## Grants and awards

- August 1996, Eberhard Karls Universität research grant, Tübingen, Germany
- September 1997, Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen, conference participation grant - Volkswagen Stiftung- for “Conference on sustainable development in Central Eastern European countries”, at Lomonosov University, Moscow
- 1998-1999 Junior Fulbright Award, research topic “The Romanian emigration in the USA. Case study: the Romanians in New York and Chicago.”
- January 2000 “Young researcher’s award” offered by Royal Academy of Geography, Great Britain, for participation to the conference on "Gendered Societies, Gendered Spaces", Brighton, Great Britain
- February 2000, the Canadian Embassy Award for participation to the conference "Canada in the world, the world in Canada", Greinau-Germany
- 2000 July-August, “Course enrichment award”, offered by The Canadian Ministry of External Affairs
- 2002– conference participation grant to “Placing Gender Making Policy”, IGU Gender and Geography Commission Workshop, Toronto, Canada
- 2003 conference participation grant to– “Gendered cities: identities, a life course approach activities, networks” Seminar of the International Geographical Union - Commission of Gender and Geography, Rome, Italy
- 2007-2008 spring semester: New Europe College-LINK PROJECT: Gender, development and safe cities. A geographical point of view; Host University: “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University, Iassy, Romania, Partner University: Universitatea de Vest, Timișoara, Romania; Host university: *Professor Octavian GROZA, Ph.D, director of TIGRIS research cente, Ph.D. student Oana Mihaela STOLERIU*; Partner university : Assistant professor *Sorina VOICULESCU, Ph.D*
- **Other prizes:**
- 40 PN-III-P1-1.1- PRECISI-2016- 13312 Producing urban industrial derelict places: The case of the Solventul petrochemical plant in Timișoara EUROPEAN URBAN AND REGIONAL STUDIES, 2 Article Voiculescu Sorina Natalia UNIVERSITATEA DE VEST TIMISOARA Admis; Jucu Ioan Sebastian UNIVERSITATEA DE VEST TIMISOARA, Zona roșie
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- PN-III-P1-1.1- PRECISI-2017- 20450, The production of emancipatory feminist spaces in a post-socialist context: organization of Ladyfest in Romania Gender Place and Culture,1 Article Voiculescu Sorina UNIVERSITATEA DE VEST TIMISOARA, zona roșie

### **Director of research grants:**

2007: *The impact of shifting to market economy in modeling and urban renewal: gentrification and postcommunist tendencies*; A type project, CNCSIS, National Council of Research in Higher Education, Romania, 80000 Lei (25 000 EUR)

2008: *The impact of shifting to market economy in modeling and urban renewal: gentrification and postcommunist tendencies*; A type project, CNCSIS, National Council of Research in Higher Education, Romania, 70000 Lei (21000 EUR)

### **Member in national projects:**

1. Timișoara, Master plan for arts. Project financed by Administrația Fondului Cultural Național. Coordinator conf. univ. dr, Corina Ilin. Trainer în cadrul workshop 1 la Fundația TRIADE. 28- 29 iunie 2016.
2. Membră în proiectul ELEARNING, platformă interactivă de învățare 2016, contribuție cursul Geografie culturală

### **Member in international research projects**

1. Proiect Grundtvig, **Is Women Education a(t) Risk?**, Grundtvig Project *Is Women's Education a(t) Risk? 2011-2013*, project code 011-1-AT1-GRU06-04830 5

### **Courses taught**

- 1996- present: Urban and rural Geography at – University of the West, Timișoara, Romania
- 1998- present: The Regional Geography of North and South America, University of the West, Timișoara, Romania
- 1999-present: Cultural geography, West University of Timisoara, Romania
- 1996, 1997: World Economic Geography, - Tibiscus University, Timișoara, Romania
- 1999 spring semester: Eastern Europe and Newly Independent States-at Rutgers The State University of New Jersey, USA
- 2001autumn semester, 2002 autumn semester: The history and geography of Canada, Canadian Study master's program, University of Bucharest, first semester
- 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006 Gender and geography, at Gender Studies master's program, West University of Timișoara, Romania
- 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-present Gender Geography, West University of Timișoara, Romania Department of Geography
- 2006-2012 Gender and safe cities, A.I.Cuza University, Iassy, Romania
- 2006-present: Gender and safe cities, MA in Planning and Development, West University of Timisoara

### **Presentations to universities:**

INSTITUT FUR GEOGRAPHIE UND REGIONALFORSCHUNG DER UNIVERSITAT WIEN, 21 NOIEMBRIE 2007, hour: 17, Room 5A, *Theme:*

*“Urban transformtions in the Western Part of Romania: From Urban Renewal to Postcommunist Decay”*

### **Research trips organizer**

1996, 1997, 2005, 2006 trips to Szeged, and west Hungary with students of The Department of Geography of West University of Timișoara; duration 1 week each field trip

2000- trip to Danube Delta, duration: 1 week

### **Conferences organizer:**

- 1997 May, together with the University of Tübingen, Germany: *Banat Regional Geography Conference* , in Timișoara, Romania
- 2004 , 6-9 May, Timișoara, Romania: *Sustainable development at the new South Eastern border of the European Union*
- 2009, May 22-24, Szeged-Timisoara, IGU COMMISSION ON GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY
- 2009 "POST-SOCIALISM, NEO-LIBERALISM – OLD AND NEW GENDERED SOCIETIES AND POLICIES" 22<sup>nd</sup> –24<sup>th</sup> May 2009, Szeged–Timisoara, Hungary–Romania in the frame of International Geographical Union-Gender and Geography Commission
- 2017 International Conference Building Urban Tourism through Place Making and Urban Regeneration in Central and Eastern European Countries, Timișoara, West University of Timisoara, May 19-20.
- 2018 Symposium international Les géographies linguistiquement ou culturellement non dominantes: obsolescence, fantasme ou necessite? Organizer on behalf of IGU The history of Geography commission, Quebec (Canada) August 6-10.

### **Books published:**

Voiculescu Sorina (eds.) Crețan Remus, Ianăș Ana, Satmari Alina (2009), *The Romanian Post-socialist City: Urban Renewal and Gentrification*, Editura Universității de Vest, ISBN 978-973-125-234-6

Voiculescu Sorina, Crețan R. (2005), *Geografie culturală Teme, Evoluții și perspective*, Editura Eurostampa, I.S.B.N. : 973-687-365-X

Sorina Voiculescu (2003), *America de Nord Angloamerica*, Editura Mirton Timișoara, ISBN: 973- 585 -875 -4

Voiculescu Sorina (2004), *Orașele din Câmpia de Vest Structuri și Funcționalități urbane*, Editura Universității de Vest, 253 p, I.S.B.N.- 973-8433-76-2

Jucu S., Voiculescu S, (2004), *Geografia României; Aplicații și exerciții pentru fundamentarea cunoștințelor*, Editura Europa Nova, Lugoj, I.S.B.N.: 973-639-041-1

### **Book chapters:**

Sorina Voiculescu (2004), Rethinking women's bodies; from uniforms to sexual freedom; Eds. Cortessi Gisella, Cristaldi Flavia; Droogleever Fortuijn Joos *Gendered cities: Identities, Activities, Networks A life-course approach*, Societa Geografica Italiana, Rome, ISBN 8888692150 9788888692159, OLC NUMBER 860454606, IGU-Home of geography publication series, 6.

### **Presentations to conferences:**

- 1.) 1994 - Sorina Voiculescu, Constantin Vert - "*Evoluția fenomenului de urbanizare in Banat*", Conferința Regională de Geografie, Timișoara
- 2.) 1994 - Constantin Vert, Sorina Voiculescu - "*Repartiția teritorială a populației în Banat, Analele Universității din Timișoara*", Conferința Regională de Geografie, Timișoara
- 3.) 1994 Sorina Voiculescu - "*Zonele servite de ziarul Renașterea Bănățeană*", A I-a Conferința Regională de Geografie Timișoara
- 4.) 1994 - Sorina Voiculescu - "*Timisoara, an exemple in the ruralisation of the marginal areas of the cities in Romania*", Conferinta Regionala de Geografie Praga, Republica Cehă
- 5.) 1996 - Sorina Voiculescu - "*A short analysis of the functions of the XVIII Century buildings in Timisoara* la A -II-a Conferinta Regionala de Geografie, Timișoara
- 6.) 1996 - Sorina Voiculescu, "*Eglise et transformations urbaines: Timișoara*", Angers, Franța
- 7.) 1997 - Constantin Vert, Sorina Voiculescu - "*The Natural Increase of the Population in Romanian Banat*" ,Conferința regională de geografie, Novi Sad
- 8.) 1997 - "*Changes in the industry of the cities in the Western Plain of Romania after 1989*, Conferinta regională de geografie, Timișoara

- 9.) 1998 -Sorina Voiculescu- "*The Village of Izvin, A Case Study of Prospective Geography*", la conferința Rural Space and Regional Development, Cluj Napoca,
- 10.) 1998- *Some transformation of the urban system in the Western part of Transylvania after 1989*, Regional Conference of the AAG, New Brunswick, SUA
- 11.) 1999" Sorina Voiculescu "*România în perioada de tranziție*" The Annual Meeting of the Association of the American Geographers, Hawaii, SUA
- 12.) 2000: Sorina Voiculescu: "*The influence of transition on gender in Romania*" RGS-IBG Annual Conference, University of Sussex, Great Britain
- 13.) 2000: Sorina Voiculescu: "*Gendered societies, gendered places*" Timișoara, Conferința regională de geografie
- 14.) 2000: Sorina Voiculescu: "*Gender and the Romanian Village*", Yugoslavia, Conference of Rural Sociology, The Future of Rural Regions, Yugoslavia
- 15.) 2000: Sorina Voiculescu "*Geografia sexelor in Romania*" Bucuresti, Conferinta Jubiliara 100 de ani de la înființarea Facultății de Geografie"
- 16.) 2001: Sorina Voiculescu "Unele aspecte de geografie socială în municipiul Timișoara" Timișoara, Conferința regională
- 17.) 2001: Sorina Voiculescu "*Some aspects of rural sociology of some villages in Banat*" , The Second International Conference on Rural Space and Regional Development, Cluj Napoca
- 18.) 2001: Sorina Voiculescu "*Românii din Chicago și New York – asimilare și diversitate în stil american*", Seminarul geografic Dimitrie Cantemir, Ediția XXI
- 19.) 2002: Sorina Voiculescu "Gentrificație" Seminarul Dimitrie Cantemir, Iași
- 20.) 2002: Sorina Voiculescu "Gender in rural Romania", Placing Gender Making Policy, IGU Gender and Geography Commission Workshop, Toronto, Canada
- 21.) 2003: Sorina Voiculescu "From uniforms to sexual freedom" Roma, Roma. Gendered cities: identities, a life course approach" Seminar of the Commission of Gender and Geography, activities, networks, Rome, Italy
- 22.) 2007: Sorina Voiculescu "The Romanian city – postcommunist remarks", *Prima conferință de Psihologie Environmentală din România*, (The first conference of environmental psychology ), Ocna Sibiului, Romania, 12-15 aprilie 2007.
- 23) 2007: Sorina Voiculescu : "Comportamentul investitorilor în turism din saul Vaideeni" at the conference *Alternatives for sustainable agrirural development, agricultural tourism and mountain tourism from a european union perspective*, 24-27 May
- 24.) 2008: Sorina Voiculescu "Timișoara and the culture of water", UN/ICA Week of Geographical Names in Timisoara, 9-13 September 2008, A joint meeting of UNGEN Working Group on Exonyms (8<sup>th</sup> Meeting) & ICA Comission on National and Regional Atlases (CNRA): "Geographical Names in National and Regional Atlases".
- 25) 2011, Sorina Voiculescu, "*Commodifying the Romanian universities: some gender aspects*" / "*Comodificarea învățământului superior romanesc: unele dimensiuni de gen*" conference within the POSDRU programme *Reconstrucția statutului femeii: de la discriminare la dezvoltare profesională și egalitate de șanse* ID 50679; (The reconstruction of woman's status: from discrimination to professional development and equal opportunities); March 2011, West University of Timisoara

- 26) 2012, Sorina Voiculescu, Sebastian Jucu “*From emblematic industries to derelict urban spaces. a case study on Solventul chemical plant from Timisoara (Romania)*”, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Romanian – Bulgarian – Serbian – Hungarian Conference Geographical Research and Cross-Border Cooperation within the Lower Basin of the Danube Conference, Eger, Hungary, September 20- 23.
- 27) 2013, Sorina Voiculescu, “When streets have no names: geographies of slums and homelessness in Timisoara, Romania”, Sodertorn Hogskola, Stockholm, Sweden, 27-28 May 2013, at the conferene The new residential landscapes of Post-Socialist cities: Between State and Market.
- 28) 2009: Sorina Voiculescu : “Teaching and researching gender in a neo-liberal world – the case of Romania”, IGU COMMISSION ON GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY CONFERENCE "POST-SOCIALISM, NEO-LIBERALISM – OLD AND NEW GENDERED SOCIETIES AND POLICIES", 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2009, Szeged–Timișoara, Hungary–Romania
- 29). 2011, Sorina Voiculescu, “*Commodifying the Romanian universities: some gender aspects*”/ “*Comodificarea învățământului superior romanesc: unele dimensiuni de gen*” conference within the POSDRU programme Reconstrucția statutului femeii: de la discriminare la dezvoltare profesională și egalitate de șanse ID 50679; (The reconstruction of woman’s status: from discrimination to professional development and equal opportunities); March 2011, West University of Timisoara
- 30) 2012, Sorina Voiculescu, Sebastian Jucu “*From emblematic industries to derelict urban spaces. a case study on Solventul chemical plant from Timisoara (Romania)*”, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Romanian – Bulgarian – Serbian – Hungarian Conference Geographical Research and Cross-Border Cooperation within the Lower Basin of the Danube Conference, Eger, Hungary, September 20- 23.
- 31). 2013, The New Residential Landscapes of Post-socialist Cities: Between State and Market, 27-28 May 2013. Sorina Voiculescu “When streets have no names: geographies of slums and homelessness in Timisoara, Romania”  
([http://www.sh.se/p3/ext/res.nsf/vRes/kalendarium\\_1367235628161\\_programme\\_27\\_28\\_may\\_pdf/\\$File/programme\\_27\\_28\\_may.pdf](http://www.sh.se/p3/ext/res.nsf/vRes/kalendarium_1367235628161_programme_27_28_may_pdf/$File/programme_27_28_may.pdf))
- 32) 2014 Sorina Voiculescu, Sustainable cities, conferința POSDRU, Sinaia, 17-18 decembrie 2014
- 33) 2015 Bedard Mario, Voiculescu Sorina. *Virtues and limits of a structured qualitative approach of Timișoara’s sense of place and sense of belonging*”, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, Department of Geography. Methodological challenges in geography, May 15-16, 2015.
- 34) 2015. Sorina Voiculescu, Sebastian Jucu. Living with/in dereliction: the case of small and medium sized municipalities in Timis County, Romania. THE 6<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL URBAN GEOGRAPHIES OF POST-COMMUNIST STATES CONFERENCE: 25 YEARS OF URBAN CHANGE. PRAGUE, CZECHIA 22-26 SEPTEMBER 2015

35) 2017: Sorina Voiculescu, *Re-thinking territoriality in the Romanian city through landmarks of poverty and fatalism*; Territorial Identity and Development, Universitatea Babeș Bolyai, Cluj Napoca, 26 mai.

36) 2017: Florentina POPESCU, Sorina VOICULESCU, *Tourism logistics in Timisoara, facing the tasks of the newly appointed European cultural capital for 2021* la conferința Building Urban Tourism through Place Making and Urban Regeneration in Central and Eastern European Countries, Timișoara, UVT, 19-20 May.

37) 2018 Sorina VOICULESCU – Entertainment and Urban Planning – The Case of the Small Movie Theaters Demise, International Workshop on Urban Regeneration, Recycling Urban Voids in Post-Socialist Cities – Methods and Actions to Achieve Urban Regeneration, Cluj Napoca, Babeș Bolyai University, Faculty of Geography, 31st May – 2nd June, 2018

### **Keynote speaker:**

2017: *Gendered spaces, gendered landmarks and images in the context of urban tourism. The right of women to be visually represented in the Romanian cities/* International Conference Building Urban Tourism through Place Making and Urban Regeneration in Central and Eastern European Countries, Timișoara, UVT, 19-20 mai.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **Articles in ISI ranked reviews :**

Lelea Margareta, Voiculescu Sorina (2017), *The production of emancipatory feminist spaces in a post-socialist context: organization of Ladyfest in Romania*, Gender, Place & Culture A Journal of Feminist Geography, Volume 24, Issue 6, pag 794-811. DOI 10.1080/0966369X.2017.1340872

Voiculescu Sorina, Jucu I.S. (2016), *Producing urban industrial derelict places: The case of the Solventul petrochemical plant in Timișoara*, European Urban and Regional Studies , vol. 23. Issue4, 2016., p 765-781. [doi 10.1177/0969776414541134](https://doi.org/10.1177/0969776414541134)

Voiculescu Sorina (2011), *Teaching gender and geography in Romanian universities*, in International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education, Vol. 20, No. 3, August 2011, 189–193, ISSN: 1038-2046 print / 1747-7611 , online, 2011 Taylor & Francis, DOI: 10.1080/10382046.2011.588497

### **International Data Base and non-indexed reviews articles -chronologically:**

Voiculescu Sorina (2017), *Reflections on fatalism in the streets of the Romanian post-socialist city. A case study of Eroilor de la Tisa Street, Timișoara*, Territorial Identity and Development,



Volume 2/No.2, Autumn 2017, pg. 5-15. ISSN 2537-4850, ISSN-L 2537-4850. DOI:  
<http://doi.org/10.23740/TID220171>

Sorina Voiculescu (2002), Impactul confesiunilor asupra orașelor mari din Câmpia de Vest. Studiu de caz municipiul Oradea (The impact of the major religious beliefs on the cities in the western plain of Romania. Case study: the city of Oradea), *Analele Universității din Oradea, Seria Geografie*, TOM XII, pg. 61- 70, ISSN 1221-1273 indexat ERIH PLUS, COPERNICUS, DOAJ-DIRECTORY OF OPEN ACCES JOURNALS, EBSCO, ACADEMIC SEARCH PREMIER, GENAMICS.

Sorina Voiculescu (2005), Recreating “home”: Romanian immigrants in the United States of America, in *Revista Romana de Geografie Politica/Romanian Review on Political Geography*; Year VII, no.2 / 2005.

Vuia Amalia, Voiculescu, Sorina (2006), *Quelques changements socio-économiques dans l'espace rural roumain. Etudes de cas – le village de Charlottenburg*, în *Observation et analyse des territoires ruraux en Europe*, Ed. Sedcom Libris, Iași.

Voiculescu Sorina, Lelea Margareta (2005), *A review of gender and geography and its development in Romania*, *Analele Universității de Vest din Timișoara, Seria Geografie*, Volumul XIII/2003, Timișoara. I.S.S.N. 1224-9696

Sorina Voiculescu (2003), *Recreating “home”: Romanian immigrants in the United States of America*, in *Chosen Problems of Political Geography in Central Europe*, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Gdanskiego; Year VII, no.2 / 2005

Sorina Voiculescu, (2002) *Gender Studies on the Romanian society during transition*, Ed. Academiei Române/ Romanian Academy

Sorina Voiculescu, 2002 *Some aspects about the geography of the Romanians in the United States of America* , *Revue Roumaine de Geographie*, Ed Academiei

Sorina Voiculescu “*Gentrification Case study – Timișoara*” în The 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of The Regional Conference of Geography “*Geographic Researches in the Carpathian-Danube Space the reconsideration of the geographic approach in the context of globalization*, Edited by Remus Crețan, Ed. Mirton, 2003, Timișoara pag. 447-454

Sorina Voiculescu (2001) “*The impact of the major religious beliefs on the cities in the Western Plain of Romania. Case study: the city of Oradea*”, *Analele Universității Oradea, Seria Geografie*, Ed. Universității Oradea, , Tom XII, pg. 71-76

Sorina Voiculescu, “*Some aspects of the Romanian Society during transition*”, 2000 în *Regionen im östlichen Europa – Kontinuitäten, Zäsuren und Perspektiven*, Tübingen Geographische Studien, Heft 128, pg. 157-167

Sorina Voiculescu, “*Eglise et transformations urbaines: Timișoara*”, *L'Harmattan, Paris, 1999*, pag.77-89

- Sorina Voiculescu- *"The Village of Izvin, A Case Study of Prospective Geography"*, in *Rural Space and Regional Development*, Editura Studia, Cluj Napoca, 1999, pag. 102- 106
- Rodica Munteanu, Sorina Voiculescu - *"The influence of Natural Background on the Development of Towns and Cities in Banat"*, in *Geographic Monographs of European Regions, BANAT, Novi Sad-Timisoara-Szeged*, pag.244-249, 1997.
- Constantin Vert, Sorina Voiculescu - *"The Natural Increase of the Population in Romanian Banat"* in *Geographic Monographs of European Regions, BANAT, Novi Sad-Timisoara-Szeged*, pag. 104-108, 1997.
- Sorina Voiculescu (1997), *The cultural landscape of the cities during transition- the case study of Western Transylvania*, Analele Universității de Vest, Seria Geografie, Vol. 7, pag.
- Sorina Voiculescu - *"A short analysis of the functions of the XVIII Century buildings in Timisoara, A -II-a Conferinta Regionala de Geografie*, pag. 370-376, 1996.
- Sorina Voiculescu - *" L eglise dans l evolution de Timisoara"*, revista *'Societes et structures d eglise"*, URA CNRS 915 ESO, Laboratoire de geographie sociale des Universites d Angers, Caen, Le Mans, Nantes, Rennes, pag. 113-123, 1995.
- Sorina Voiculescu - *"Timișoara, an exemple in the ruralisation of the marginal areas of the cities in Romania"*, Volumul Conferintei Regionale de la Praga publicat pe CD ROM, Republica Cehă, 1994.

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