

PERSONAL
INFORMATION

Muresan Valentina

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WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2017 – Present

Senior Lecturer

West University of Timisoara, Timisoara (Romania) - <http://www.uvt.ro/>

Activities: Teaching and research in the field of Teaching Methodology, Applied Linguistics (lexicology, conversational analysis), EFL Specific Skills: Speaking (including public speaking and presentation skills), Translation skills

Responsibilities - designing the course (developing materials to be used in class, assessment criteria and instruments, planning and structuring the information so as to meet the requirements of the curriculum)

- organising extracurricular activities for students (projects, conferences)

- teaching and mentoring within different projects/programmes related to teaching

24 June 2006 – September
2017

Junior Lecturer

West University of Timisoara, Timisoara (Romania) - <http://www.uvt.ro/>

Activities: Teaching and research in the field of Teaching Methodology, Applied Linguistics (lexicology), EFL Specific Skills: Speaking (including public speaking and presentation skills), Translation skills

Responsibilities - designing the course (developing materials to be used in class, assessment criteria and instruments, planning and structuring the information so as to meet the requirements of the curriculum)

- organising extracurricular activities (summer school, volunteering projects)

- teaching and mentoring within different projects/programmes related to teaching practice

24 February 2003 – 23
February 2006

Teaching assistant

West University of Timisoara, Timisoara (Romania) - <http://www.uvt.ro/>

Activities: Teaching and research in the field of Teaching Methodology, EFL Specific Skills: Speaking (including public speaking and presentation skills), ESL for students of Geography Major

Responsibilities - designing the course (developing materials to be used in class, assessment criteria and instruments, planning and structuring the information so as to meet the requirements of the curriculum)

- organising extracurricular activities (summer school, student symposiums)

- teaching and mentoring within the English Language Teaching Practice programme

September 2002 – March 2003 **Substitute teacher**
 "Grigore Moisil" School, Timisoara (Romania) - <http://info.tm.edu.ro/>
 Activities - English language teaching for 3rd grade to 12th grade (primary and secondary school)
 Responsibilities –Designing instruments and materials for English language teaching, Lesson Planning according to the requirements of the curricula, organizing extracurricular activities

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2019- **Post-Doctoral training**
 West University of Timisoara, Timisoara (Romania)
 Post-Doc in the field of Digital competencies for Philology Students

2010 – 2014 **Ph. D**
 West University of Timisoara, Timisoara (Romania)
 Ph. D in the field of Philology on the topic of Oral Communication in the EFL Classroom

2002 – 2004 **MA in British and American Studies**
 West University of Timisoara, Timisoara (Romania)
 Subjects - Research Methods, Qualitative and Quantitative Research Instruments, Applied Linguistics, Translation Techniques

1998 – 2002 **BA (English Major, French Minor)**
 West University of Timisoara, Timisoara (Romania)
 English Language and Literature, French Language and Literature, Romanian Language, Teaching Module

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Certificate of Proficiency in English - A (December 2005)					
French	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Italian	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2: Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](http://www.cerl.eu/)

Communication skills Very good communication skills developed both through training in foreign language teaching and practised in the line of work. (I teach a Speaking skills class, I researched the topic of Oral Communication for the PhD, I work as **assessor for the Speaking component of Main Suite Exams for Cambridge ESOL since 2006**, I have mentored and trained adults in various training contexts)

Organisational / managerial skills Co-organiser of the international conference *British and American Studies* – between 2003 -2008; 2010 – present

Co-trainer in the *Curajul actiunii civice Programme (The Courage of Civic Action)* (a programme of alternative education in the art of leadership) in partnership with British Council Romania and CODECS Romania – between March 2006 – June 2006

Organizing and facilitating the Children’s Reading Club Meetings within the *Reading Voyage Programme* organized by the British Council Timisoara, Romania - between April 2006 – June 2006

Organizing and coordinating the *VET Programme (Voluntary English Teaching)* involving English language classes taught by students of the West University of Timisoara for underprivileged secondary school students - between Sept 2004 – June 2005

Co-editor Romanian Journal of English Studies (2017-2019) - <https://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/rjes/rjes-overview.xml>, Gender Studies (2018-2019) - <https://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/genst/genst-overview.xml>

Job-related skills Teacher Trainer Competences
I have developed competences as teacher trainer through attending courses organised by the British Council, British Council, A.S. Hornby Educational Trust, US Embassy, International House Timișoara, CCD Timiș, The Romanian Ministry of Education (PIR)

Computer skills Competent computer user
In January 2006 I have completed a 3 day course on *Using Information Technology for Public Diplomacy: Focus on English Language Programs* (organised by the US Embassy in Budapest, Hungary)

RESEARCH AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Trainer, POCU project, “Împreună universități și angajatori. Un sistem integrat de programe educaționale inovative” (Together universities and employers. An Integrated system of innovative educational programmes), project ID - POCU 121030, February 2019 – September 2020

Trainer, FDI project “UVT teaching brand - un model de instruire pentru stimularea învățării de profunzime a studenților” (WUT teaching brand – a model of instruction towards the stimulation of a deeper level of learning among students), project ID CNFIS-FDI-2018-0063, June - September 2018

Participant FDI project “Sistem integrat de perfecționare psihopedagogică continuă pentru cadrele didactice universitare în Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara” (An integrated system of pedagogical strategies for continuous training for academics at the West University of Timisoara), project ID CNFIS-FDI-2017-0518, 2017

Training workshop on the topic *The Job Interview in English*, as part of the project ABCul Angajării (the ABC of employment) organised by the Student Organisation OSUT, Timișoara – 8 April 2014 (<http://abc.osut.ro/category/abc-ul-angajarii/>)

Trainer and mentor in the *Blended Learning Project* for teachers working in the primary and secondary school system, a POSDRU/19/1.3/G/38652 European Funded Project, December 2007 – January 2013

Member of the Romanian research team within the Grundvig Project *Is Women Education a(t) Risk?* October 2011 – July 2013 (project ID - 2011-1-AT1-GRU06-04830 5)

Scientific advisor for the book *The Crossword Express*, by author Angela Todoruț, an entertaining exercise book for English language students – Paralela 45 Publishing House, Pitești, Romania, 2009

Member of the Romanian research team in the International Exploratory Workshop ”Limbaj și dezvoltarea gândirii critice. Cazul revistelor de tineret”, (Language and the Development of Critical Thinking. The Case of Youth Entertainment Magazines); organised by the English Department of West University of Timisoara, 21-23 October 2008; (project ID - WE 27)

Trainer responsible with the teaching practice module within the National project for adult education PIR (The Project for Rural Education) initiated by the Ministry of Education and Research - October 2006 – June 2007

Co-trainer within the *As Is When* British Council project, on the topic of Education Through Art – Alternative Education Methods - November 2004

RECENTLY PUBLISHED

PAPERS

Șerban, Andreea; Mureșan, Valentina. 2019. ”Register and Translation Competence Acquisition. Investigating Student Attitudes”, in *Studia Universitatis Babeș-Bolyai Philologia*, vol64(4):213-230, DOI:10.24193/subbphilo.2019.4.13

Mureșan, Valentina. 2017. *Oral Communication in the English as a Foreign Language Classroom*. Timișoara: Editura Universității de Vest.

Mureșan, Valentina. 2016 – “Sweeping her off her Feet. Courting Moves and Language”, in L. Frentiu (ed.) *What’s in a Balcony Scene*, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. pp.53-63.

Mureșan Valentina. 2016. “Developing Communication Skills in Romania in the Digital Era.” In Dejica, Daniel, Gyde Hansen, Peter Sandrini, Iulia Para (Eds.), *Language in the Digital Era. Challenges and Perspectives*. Warsaw / Berlin: De Gruyter Open. – to be published April 2016 - <http://www.degruyter.com/browse?t1=LS-01-05>

Mureșan Valentina. 2016. “Metaphors in Oral Classroom Discourse: The case of the

“Soc[k]” Dictionary”, in Loredana Punga (ed.) *Language in Use. Metaphors in Non-Literary Contexts*, Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp193-205.

Mureşan Valentina. 2014. “Words Used in The Classroom. A Contrastive Lexical Analysis of Two Instances of Oral Communication”. In L. Frenţiu, D. Mădroane and A. Şerban (eds). *Romanian Journal of English Studies*. 11(1):279-289. DOI:10.2487/rjes-2014-0032.

Tilincă Mihaela, Mureşan Valentina. 2013. “Teacher Training Teams and the Key to Successful Training Sessions: Case Study” in Raţă, G.; Runcan P. L.; Arslan, H. (eds.), *Applied Social Sciences: Education Sciences*, Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp. 61-69

Tilincă Mihaela, Pataki Ildiko, Puşcaş Florica Maria, Mureşan Valentina, Moţ Alexandru. 2012 *Blended Learning. Povestea unei echipe şi a unui proiect cu, despre şi pentru profesori*, Timişoara: Editura Solness, ISBN 978-973-729-327-5.

Mureşan Valentina. 2011. “In Pursuit of Authentic Oral Communication in the EFL Classroom” in Frenţiu L. Mădroane D, Şerban A. (eds). *Romanian Journal of English Studies*. 8: 113-125

Mureşan Valentina. 2011. “Problems in the Teaching and the Acquisition of English Lexical Structures” in *Proceedings of the XIIIth International Symposium “Young People and Multidisciplinary Research”*. Timişoara: Editura Politehnica, pp. 48-55

RECENT PAPERS PRESENTED
AT NATIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES

Valentina Mureșan, Șerban Andreea. 2019. "A Reflective Approach To Translation Competence Through Diary Studies" within the international conference British and American Studies, Timișoara, 16-18 May 2019

Șerban Andreea, Mureșan Valentina. 2019. "Register Matters. Issues in Translation Competence Acquisition", within the international conference GlobELT2019. 11-14 April 2019, Kyrenia, Cyprus.

Mureșan, Valentina. 2018. Workshop "PBL in tertiary education", within the national conference *Educația Azi* (Education Today), organised by the Techer Training Department of the West University of Timisoara, May 18th 2018.

Mureșan, Valentina. 2017. "Digitally Literate as a Teacher", within the international conference organised by the Department of Communication and Foreign Languages, Politehnics University of Timișoara, March 30-31 2017.

Mureșan, Valentina. 2016. "New Learners, New Skills, New Teaching" within the international conference British and American Studies, Timișoara, May 12-14, 2016.

Mureșan Valentina. 2015. *Translation Studies and Language Teaching Methodology* [Repere traductologice in didactica limbii engleze]. In the *Research in Translation Studies in Romania: Directions, Themes, Perspectives*. [Cercetarea traductologică din România. Direcții, teme, perspective] international conference, organized by the ISTTRAROM-TRANSLATIONES research centre, Timișoara, November 26-27.

Mureșan Valentina. 2015. *Developing Communication Skills in Romania in the Digital Era*, In *Professional Communication and Translation Studies*, organised by the Department of Communication and Foreign Languages at Politehnica University of Timișoara, March 26-27.

Mureșan Valentina. 2014. *Current Teacher Practices in the Romanian EFL Classroom*, in the British and American Studies International Conference, organised by the English Department at the West University of Timisoara, May 15-17.

Mureșan Valentina. 2013. *The Words Teachers Say*, In *Professional Communication and Translation Studies*, organised by the Department of Communication and Foreign Languages at Politehnica University of Timișoara, April 4-5.

Tilincă Mihaela, Mureșan Valentina. 2012. "Dialogues and Discourses towards Teacher Training" In the British and American Studies International Conference, organised by the English Department at the West University of Timisoara, May 17-19.

Tilincă Mihaela, Mureșan Valentina. 2012. *A Teacher Training Team and the Key to Successful Training Sessions*, In the International Conference of Applied Social Sciences, organised by the Department of Social Work and the Faculty of Political Sciences of the West University of Timisoara, May 18-19.

Tilincă Mihaela, Mureșan Valentina. 2011. *Always a Student: Lifelong Learning for Teachers*. In the 3rd Symposium of Social Sciences Today: Between Theory

and Practice, May 6-7, 2011, USABT, Timișoara.