

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- 07/2020 - Present **Member of the Advisory Council/ Member of the Task Force on Disinformation on the War in Ukraine**
European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO)
- 05/2016 – Present **Dean**
College of Communication and Public Relations, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration
- 11/2014 – Present **President European Institute of Romania, Board of Administration**
Coordination of the activities of the Institute (research, policy analysis and public communication)
- 2018 – Present **Founder and Co-director**
ESDC High-level course on Strategic Communication (Bruxelles and Bucharest)
- 06/2023 – Present **Member of the board**
Romanian – U.S. Fulbright Commission
- 11/2021– 11/2022 **Marcin Król Fellow**
Visegrad Insight Fellowship Programme
- 12/2017–11/2018 **Expert**
High Level Expert Group on Fake News and Online Disinformation
European Commission, Bruxelles
- 01/2013–12/2014 **Acting Rector**
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration
- 03/1999–Present **Professor, PhD Coordinator**
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration
Courses taught: Digital Disinformation, Mass Media and Society, Strategic Communication, Misinformation and Security Challenges

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 10/ 2018 – 03/ 2019 **Visiting Scholar**
Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, Harvard University
Topic: “East-West divide in the European Union. Consequence for the Transatlantic Relationship”
- 05/2017 **Certificate – CSDP Orientation Course**
European Security and Defence College, Brussels

2014	<p>Graduate diploma in Security Studies "Contemporary topics in national security", National Defence College (Romania)</p>
2001 - 2006	<p>PhD in Communication "I.L. Caragiale" University of Theatre and Film, Department of Media and Film Studies, Bucharest Communication, mass media, news history</p>
10/2001 – 07/2002	<p>Fulbright fellow J.William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, University of Alabama, Institute for Communication Studies</p>
1997-1999	<p>Postgraduate degree in Communication and Public Relations National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, College of Communication and Public Relations, Bucharest Communication, public relations, mass media and society</p>
1997 - 1998	<p>MA degree Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Bucharest, Bucharest MA programme in Discourse and Argumentation Studies</p>
1993-1997	<p>BA in foreign languages The Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Bucharest, Bucharest English language; British and American literature; pragmatics, discourse and argumentation studies</p>

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mothertongue(s) Romanian

Foreign language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B2	B2	B2	B2	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - Self-assessment grid](http://europa.europa.eu/education/languages/docs/cefr/cefr_en.pdf)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Keynote speaker & Chair

- Keynote speaker, International Scientific Conference „Disinformation: Reloaded”, October 2023, Sofia (online)
- Keynote speaker, The European Science Advice Forum (ESAF) Annual Meeting, September 2023
- Speaker, EDMO 2023 Annual Conference, Panel „Disinformation, #resilience and the 2024 EU elections”, May 2023
- Speaker, Black Sea and Balkans Security Forum, May 2023

Speaker, CyberDiplomacy International Conference, Panel „Emerging technologies and the role of cyber diplomacy in their sustainable adoption. Metaverse and its impact on cyberdiplomacy”, April 2023

Speaker, Smart diaspora conference, Timisoara, România, April 2023

Speaker, International Conference „Blurring the Truth: Disinformation in Southeast Europe”, panel The Good, the Bad and the Media: Journalists and Disinformation, organised in Sofia by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Sofia Security Forum and Association of European Journalists, Bulgaria, April 2023

Speaker, Workshop „A pilot study on mapping the attitudes towards Covid-19 vaccination in online communities (ROHUVax)”, January 2023 (CIVICA)

Chair, Course Strategic Communication in the Context of Security and Defence (European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Bucharest, September 2022.

Speaker, „Global Alliance for a Values-Based Digital World” panel at UN’s Internet Governance Forum, December 2021

Speaker, Panel on „Radicalization risks on social media”, Global Conference on Inclusive Democratic Participation to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism , November 2021

Guest expert, hearing on the topic „Economic damage of foreign interference/ disinformation” organised by European Parliament’s Special Committee on Foreign Interference in all Democratic Processes, October 2021

Speaker, „Debate on the Future of Europe”, under the auspices of the President of Romania, event under the umbrella of the Conference on the Future of Europe, July 2021

Speaker, debate „Should Social Media be Censored?”, Bucharest Forum 2020, organised by Aspen Institute Romania and German Marshall Fund, Bucharest, October 2020

Keynote Speaker, „Old Sins, New technologies. Weaponizing Uncertainty in Times of Crisis”, the conference „Disinformation in Memory Politics: Practices and Ways of Prevention”, organised by the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity, College of Communication and Public relations, SNSPA Bucharest, and the National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism, May 2021

Chair, Panel „Fake News Campaigns and Cyber Space. Misinformation During the Coronavirus Pandemic and the Resilience of the Democratic World”, Black Sea and Balkans Security Forum, organised by New Strategy Center, Bucharest, September 2020

Keynote speaker, „Challenges to the post-1989 liberal order: the response from Central and Eastern Europe” în cadrul conferinței 1989 *Annus Mirabilis. Three Decades After: Desires, Achievements, Future*, organizată de SNSPA, INST și ENRS, Bucharest, November 2019

Chair, Panel „Approaching new threats to liberal democracies: fake news, the impact of the 4th Industrial Revolution and Artificial Intelligence”, *Bucharest Security Conference*, organised by National School of Political and Administrative Studies (SNSPA)

Keynote speaker, „Resilience – the missing link”, „Building resilience to overcome vulnerabilities generated by the misuse of information in democratic societies” - *OSCE Annual Conference Warsaw*, September 2019

Speaker, Panel „Weaponization of Information. Fake News and Hybrid Warfare”, *Black Sea and the Balkans Security Forum*, New Strategy Center, Bucharest, June 2019

Speaker, Conference *Fake news – un pericol la adresa democrației?*, organised by the Europolis Forum in partnership with the Committee on European Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies, Bucharest, June 2019

Keynote speaker, „Regulating a Complex and Elusive Field. European Responses to Online Disinformation”, at the *Fake news. Anatomy of social mystification Conference. Second edition*, organised by ARRP Romania, May 2019

Speaker, *30 Years On: Lessons from the Past, Challenges of the Present, Inspiration for the Future Conference*, organised by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in partnership with Aspen Institute Romania, European Endowment for Democracy and German Marshall Fund, Bucharest, May 2019

Chair, Panel „State of play in fighting disinformation”, at the High Level Conference *Greater resilience to ensure free and fair elections*, organized by the Romanian Presidency at the Council of the European Union, with the support of European Security and Defence College, Bruxelles, April 2019

Speaker, Seminar The East-West divide in the European Union: Consequences for the Transatlantic Relationship, organised by European and Eurasian Studies Program, Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington DC, February 2019

Keynote speaker, „Digital platforms – the global despots of our times”, *PR Trend Conference*, Babes Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, May 2018

Keynote speaker, „Information disorders in the digital world. How much technology and how much old-fashioned technology”, International Seminar on Fake News and Digital Disinformation, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ariel University, Israel, May 2018

Keynote speaker, „The new generation challenges’: cyber-attacks, fake news, and infowars.”, the *Atlantic Black Sea Security Forum Conference*, Aspen Institute Romania and German Marshall Fund, June 2018

Keynote speaker, „Information disorders in the digital age. Fake news and disinformation 2.0”, at the *Security Resilience in the Black Sea Region Conference*, organised by George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Sofia, June 2018

Keynote speaker, „Fake news and digital disinformation: media's way of shaping international affairs”, *UN Youth Summer School of Diplomacy*, UN Youth Association of Romania, Bucharest, July 2018

Keynote speaker, „The global despots. How much technology and how much old-fashioned psychology? Challenges in strategic communication and fighting propaganda in Eastern Europe. Solutions for a future common project” within *NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme*, Chişinău, April 2018

Publications

Books as single author

Bârgăoanu, A. (2018). *#FAKENEWS. Noua cursă a înarmării*. Evrika Publishing

Bârgăoanu, A. (2011). *Examenui Schengen. În căutarea sferei publice europene*. Comunicare.ro

Bârgăoanu, A. (2009). *Fondurile europene. Strategii de promovare și utilizare*. Tritonic

Bârgăoanu, A. (2006). *Tirania actualității. O introducere în istoria și teoria știrilor*. Tritonic

Books as co-author

Dobrescu, P., Bârgăoanu, A., Corbu, N. (2007). *Istoria comunicării*. Comunicare.ro

Bârgăoanu, A. (2006). *Tirania actualității. O introducere în istoria și teoria știrilor*. Tritonic

Dobrescu, P., Bârgăoanu, A. (2003, 2001). *Mass media și societatea*. Comunicare.ro

Edited volumes

Bârgăoanu, A., Buturoiu, R., Radu, L. (coord.) (2017). *Why Europe? Narratives and Counter-narratives of European integration*. Peter Lang

Bârgăoanu, A., Radu, L., Varela, D. (coord.) (2015). *United by or Against Euroscepticism. An Assessment of Public Attitudes towards Europe in the Context of the Crisis*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing

Radu, L., Bârgăoanu, A., Corbu, N. (coord.) (2013). *The Crisis of the European Union. Identity, Citizenship, and Solidarity Reassessed*. Comunicare.ro

Chapters in edited volumes

Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F. (2023). „Cognitive Warfare. Understanding the Threat”. In Arcos, R., Chiru, I., Ivan, C. (eds). *Routledge Handbook of Disinformation and National Security*, Routledge

Bârgăoanu, A., Cheregi, B.F. (2021). „Artificial Intelligence – The New Tool for Cyber Diplomacy. The Case of the European Union”. In Roumate, F. (ed.) *Digital Diplomacy: Challenges and Opportunities*, Springer

Bârgăoanu, A., Negrea-Busuioc, E. (2021). „Europe’s New Battlefield: Central and Eastern European Countries”. In Udrea, G., Vladu, L. (eds). *Patterns of Europeanisation in Central and Eastern Europe*. Comunicare.ro, pp. 23-32

Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F., Buturoiu, R. (2020). „Reshaping the European Public Sphere: Preliminary Insights into the European Backlash in Central and Eastern Europe”. In Winiarska-Brodowska, M. (2020). *In Search of a European Public Sphere: Challenges, Opportunities and Prospects*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 90-115.

Bârgăoanu, A., Radu, L. (2019). „The austerity discourse of the Romanian economic-political elites: Neoliberal or (pseudo) European?”. In Power, K., Ali, T., Lebdušková, E. (eds.) *Discourse Analysis and Austerity. Critical Studies from Economics and Linguistics*, Routledge.

Bârgăoanu, A., Buturoiu, R., Durach, F. (2019). „The East-West Divide in the European Union: A Development Divide Reframed as a Political One”. In Dobrescu, P. (ed.). *Development in Turbulent Times. The Many Faces of inequality Within Europe*. Springer

Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F. (2019). „Echo Chambers and Polarization of Opinion: When Multiple Voices Create Multiple Realities”. In Sultănescu, D. (ed.). *Challenges in Strategic Communication and Fighting Propaganda in Eastern Europe*. IOS Press.

Bârgăoanu, A., Radu, L., Udrea, G. (2017). „Narrating Europe in the Context of the Refugee Crisis. The Case of Romanian Youth”. In Bârgăoanu, A., Buturoiu, R., Radu, L. (coord.) *Why Europe? Narratives and Counter-narratives of European integration*. Peter Lang

Articles

Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F., Ștefăniță, O. (2023). „Predictors of illiberalism in Romania: A case study during the Russian invasion in Ukraine”. *New Perspectives*, 0(0). (online first)

Corbu, N., Bârgăoanu, A., Udrea, G., Gavrilesco, M. (2023). „Do conspiracy theories circulating in the media or their debunking affect people’s trust in the media?”. *Social Science Information* (online first)

Zeru, F., Balaban, D.C., Bârgăoanu, A. (2023). „Beyond Self-Presentation. An Analysis of the Romanian Governmental Communications on Facebook”. *Transylvanian Review of Administrative Sciences* (online first)

Durach, F., Buturoiu, R., Craiu, D., Cazacu, C., Bârgăoanu, A. (2022). „Crisis of confidence in vaccination and the role of social media”. *European Journal of Paediatric Neurology*. Volume 36, January 2022, pp. 84-92

Bârgăoanu, A., Corbu, N., Buturoiu, R., Durach, F. (2022). „Managing the COVID-19 Pandemic: Predictors of Trust in Institutions in Romania”. *Kybernetes*. Vol. 51 No. 7, pp. 2398-2415

Corbu, N., Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F., Ștefăniță, O. (2022). „Predictors of Engagement on Social Media and Instant Messaging Platforms during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from Romania”. *Romanian Journal of Communication and Public Relations*, 24(3), pp. 7-23

Corbu, N., Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F., Udrea, G. (2021). „Fake News Going Viral: The Mediating Effect of Negative Emotions”. *Media Literacy and Academic Research*. Vol. 4, No. 2, pp. 58-87

Volintiru, C., Bârgăoanu, A., Ștefan, G., Durach, F. (2021). „East-West Divide in the European Union: Legacy or Developmental Failure?”. *Romanian Journal of European Affairs*, Vol. 21, No. 1, June 2021

Cheregi, B.F., Bârgăoanu, A. (2020). „Branding Romania in the Age of Disruption. Technology as a Soft Power Instrument”. *Journal of Media Research*, vol. 13, no. 3 (38)

Cheregi, B. F., Bârgăoanu, A. (2020). „Branding Romania as a <<Tech Country>>. Nation Branding in Times of Digital Disruption”. *Redefining Community in Intercultural Context*, ISI indexed conference (Index Copernicus International), vol. 9, no. 1, pp. 295-303, ISSN 2285-2689

Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F. (2020). „The COVID-19 Infodemic – An Accelerated Version of the New Digital Ecosystem”. *Romanian Journal of Communication and Public Relations*, 22(2), pp. 125-129

- Durach, F., Bârgăoanu, A., Nastasiu, C. (2020). „Tackling Disinformation: EU Regulation of the Digital Space”. *Romanian Journal of European Affairs*, vol. 20, no 1 (June), pp. 5-20
- Corbu, N., Bârgăoanu, A., Buturoiu, R., Ștefăniță, O. (2020). „Does Fake News Lead to More Engaging Effects on Social Media? Evidence from Romania.” *Communications*. Vol. 45 (s1), 694-717
- Bârgăoanu, A. (2019). „Make the World Order Great Again”. The Fight over the Liberal Order as an Instance of the Transatlantic Divide. *Romanian Journal of European Affairs*. Vol. 19, No.1, 19(1), pp. 23-34
- Dobrescu, P., Radu, L., Bârgăoanu, A. (2018). „Inequality, Austerity, and Economic Expectations in Romania”, *International Journal of Scholarly Papers. Transformations in Business & Economics (TIBE)*. Vol. 17, No 2B (44B), pp. 668-682
- Bârgăoanu, A., Radu, L. (2018). „Fake News or Disinformation 2.0? Some Insights into Romanians’ Digital Behaviour”. *Romanian Journal of European Affairs*, vol. 18, no. 1
- Radu, L., Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F., Udrea, G. (2018). „Developing Instruments for Evidence-Based Policy Making: A Case Study in Knowledge Management for the Public Sector”. In *Knowledge Management in the Sharing Economy*, pp. 235-252. Springer, Cham
- Radu, L., Bârgăoanu, A. (2015). „Advocates or Challengers of Europeanization? An Inquiry into the Discourse of the Romanian Elites on the European Union in the Context of EU Elections 2014”. *Transylvanian Review of Administrative Sciences*
- Bârgăoanu, A., Negrea-Busuioc, E. (2014). „What kind of Union? The future of the European Union as seen by the candidates to the European Commission Presidency in 2014 EP Elections”. *Europolity. Continuity and Change in European Governance*, vol 8(2)
- Bârgăoanu, A., Radu, L., Negrea-Busuioc, E. (2014). „The Rise of Euroscepticism in Times of Crisis. Evidence from the 2008-2013 Eurobarometers” In *Romanian Journal of Communication and Public Relations*, Vol. 16 No. 1, pp. 9-23

Chapters in conference proceedings

- Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F. (2020). „Clashing Views between the Old and New Members of the European Union. A Socio-economic Divide Narrated as a Political One”. In Abraham, F. (ed.). *1989 Annus Mirabilis. Three decades after: desires, achievements, future*. Comunicare.ro., pp. 303-332.
- Bârgăoanu, A., Durach, F. (2019). „Emerging media – the new the new <global despots>. How much technology and how much old-fashioned psychology?”. In Iancu, I., Balaban, D.C., Hosu, I. (eds.) *Communication. Strategic perspectives*. Accent.
- Bârgăoanu, A., Radu, L. (2015). „EU Cohesion Policy in the post-crisis European Union: convergence and competitiveness”. In *IATED 2015 Proceedings*. (ISI proceedings)
- Dobrescu, P., Radu, L., Bârgăoanu, A. (2014). „The Role of Universities in the Post-crisis European Union. Strategies for Redesigning European Universities”. In *ICERI 2014 Proceedings*. (ISI proceedings)
- Dobrescu, P., Durach, F., Bârgăoanu, A. (2014). „Is Europe the Problem or the Solution? An Analysis of Euroscepticism in Romania”. In Corbu, N., Popescu-Jourdy, D., Vlad, T. *Identity and Intercultural Communication*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing

Opinion articles

- The Strengthened Code of Practice on Disinformation, *Visegrad Insight*, 7 July 2022
- The Fight Against Russia’s Undermining Narratives, *Visegrad Insight*, 2 March 2022
- The Weaponisation of Distrust and Doubt In Disinformation, *Visegrad Insight*, 23 February 2022
- Rise of Euroscepticism Won’t Spell End for European Union (co-author Volintiru, C.). *TheGlobe Post*, 22 May 2019
- How the EU can prevent an East-West divide developing between its members (co-author Volintiru, C.). *LSE Europ*, 2 April 2019

Is strategic, monetary independence Europe's impossible dream?, *Euronews*, 13 December 2018

Central and Eastern Europe after Brexit. Fear of Domination, Dear of Abandonment, *LSE blog*, 12 November 2018

Communication and information disorders in the digital world. Are "solutions" possible, are they desirable?, *European Communication Research and Education Association*, Newsletter Issue No 3/ June 2018

The Russian "virus" spreads into the weakened body of the West, *European Communication Research and Education Association*, Newsletter Issue No1/ February 2018

Policy reports

European Commission, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, *Final report of the Commission expert group on tackling disinformation and promoting digital literacy through education and training – Final report*, Publications Office of the European Union, 2022, <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2766/283100>

European Commission, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, *A multi-dimensional approach to disinformation – Report of the independent High level Group on fake news and online disinformation*, Publications Office, 2018, <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2759/739290>

Other

07/2020 - Present	Founder and editor-in-chief of "Antifake" fact-checking and digital literacy portal https://www.antifake.ro/
01/2020 - 2022	Columnist for „Gândul” https://www.gandul.ro/autor/alina-bargaoanu