

CRISTINA NICOLESCU

E ducation	2002 - 2004	“Babes-Bolyai University” Cluj-Napoca, Romania Faculty of Political and Administrative Science <i>MA Degree in Community Development</i>
	1998 - 2002	“Babes–Bolyai University”, Cluj-Napoca, Romania Faculty of Political and Administrative Science <i>Major: Political Science</i>
R esearch Grants	April 2005 – April 2006	<i>International Policy Fellow</i> Center for Policy Studies/Open Society Institute Budapest, Hungary
	August – December 2004	<i>Senior Fellow</i> Johns Hopkins International Fellows in Philanthropy Program Johns Hopkins University Institute for Policy Studies/ Center for Civil Society Studies, Baltimore MD, USA
	June 2003 – December 2003	<i>Research Grant</i> “Comparative Reports on Local Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe” Local Government Initiative Budapest, Hungary and Tocqueville Research Center Budapest, Hungary
	December 2002 – August 2003	<i>Performance Scholarship</i> “Babes–Bolyai University”, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
E m ployment History	January 2005 – presently	<i>Executive Director</i> Pro Vobis National Volunteer Center, Cluj Napoca, Romania
	January – December 2004	<i>Programs Director</i> Pro Vobis National Volunteer Center, Cluj Napoca, Romania
	May 2003 – December 2003	<i>Program Coordinator</i> Pro Vobis National Volunteer Center, Cluj Napoca, Romania
	November 2003	<i>Trainer</i> “Introduction in Public Relations” training course, held for Caritas Romania Confederation
	October 2003- June 2004	<i>Associate lecturer</i> , “Babes-Bolyai University” Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Faculty of Political and Administrative Science, Political Science Department Classes taught: <i>Academic Writing Course; Research Methods in Social Sciences Seminar</i> (Course taught by Conf. Univ. Dr. Gabriel Badescu)
	December 2002 – March 2003	<i>Interviewer</i> The Partnership for Community Development “Community Development in Romania – the State of Field” Project
	September 2002 – February 2003	<i>Program Officer</i> Romanian Academic Society Cluj-Napoca Office
	March 2002 – May 2002	<i>Survey Operators Team Coordinator</i> “Citizenship, Involvement, Democracy” Project European Science Foundation Network
	June – August 2001	<i>Day Camp Councilor</i> Camp Kiniya, 1281 Camp Kiniya Road Colchester VT 05446 USA
	September 1995 – October 1998	<i>Primary School Teacher</i> “C. Brancoveanu” School, Slatina, Olt, Romania

Courses and Specialization	August – December 2004	“ <i>Monitoring and Evaluation for Nonprofits</i> ” Graduate Course taught by Stephen Steele PhD., International Philanthropy Fellows Program/Certificate in Nonprofit Management, Johns Hopkins University Institute for Policy Studies/Center for Civil Society Studies, Baltimore, MD, USA
	September 2003	“ <i>Introduction to Corporate Volunteerism</i> ” Training course held by The Points of Light Foundation, Washington DC and organized by Pro Vobis National Volunteer Center Cluj Napoca, Romania
	October 2002 – January 2003	“ <i>Development Assistance: Strategies and Practices in Southeastern Europe</i> ” taught by Randall J. Tift, former Senior Adviser USAID for Romania
	March 2002 – April 2002	“ <i>Elaboration of Financing Proposals</i> ” Training course organized by The Ethnocultural Diversity Research Center Cluj-Napoca, member SON
	October 2001 – December 2001	“ <i>Advanced Research Methods</i> ” Academic course held by Ronald King PhD., visiting professor, Tulane University, USA
	April 2001 – May 2001	“ <i>The National School of Social Statistics</i> ” Specialized course organized by The Open Society Foundation and The Department of Political Science and The Department of Sociology, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
	Conferences	December 2004
July 2004		“ <i>An Enabling Legal and Policy Environment for NGO’s: Ensuring Impact and Value to Society</i> ” 16 th Annual Johns Hopkins International Fellows in Philanthropy Conference, Nairobi, Kenya, organized by UFADHILI Trust
June 2004		“ <i>Developing Sustainable Local Partnerships</i> ” Conference, Mangalia, Romania, organized by Peace Corps Romania
April 2004		<i>National NGO Forum</i> , Bucharest, Romania, organized by CENTRAS
July 2003		“ <i>Youth Volunteer Fair</i> ” European Youth Center, Budapest, Hungary, organized by AVSO – Association of Voluntary Service Organizations
October 2002		“ <i>Quo Vadis – Eastern Europe?</i> ” Conference, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, organized by the Romanian Society of Political Science
December 2001		“ <i>Politics – Reality and Paradigm</i> ” National Political Science Colloquium Faculty of Political and Administrative Science, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
April 2001		“ <i>Future in the Making: Opportunities... Choices... Consequences...</i> ” International Student Conference Budapest, Hungary, organized by Civic Education Project
March 2001	“ <i>Legacies and Challenges in Europe</i> ” International Student Conference Bucharest, Romania, organized by Civic Education Project	
Institutional Affiliation	2004 -	<i>Individual Member</i> International Society for Third Sector Research
	2003 -	<i>Individual Member FRSSP</i> Romanian Federation of Political Science Students
	2003 -	<i>Associate Member PDC</i> Partnership for Community Development
	1998 - 2002	<i>Member ARDOR</i> Romanian Association of Debate, Oratory and Rhetoric
	1998 - 2002	<i>Member IDEA</i> International Debate Education Association

Achievements and Awards	May 2001	<i>Best Speaker Award</i> International Student Balkan Debate Forum Timisoara, Romania, organized by Civic Education Project	
	April 2001	<i>Best Paper Award</i> International Student Conference Budapest, Hungary, organized by Civic Education Project	
	July 1999	<i>9th Best Speaker</i> International Debate Tournament Ljubljana, Slovenia, organized by “Za in Proti” Debate Association	
	May 1999	<i>Best Speaker Award</i> Regional Competition of Academic Parliamentary Debate, Felix, Romania, organized by the Romanian Association of Debate, Oratory and Rhetoric	
Extracurricular Activities	June 2002 – July 2004	<i>Consultant (Volunteer)</i> on organizational development and events management for the Political Science Students Society, Faculty of Political and Administrative Science, Babes-Bolyai University Cluj Napoca, Romania	
	May 2004	<i>Coordinator</i> National Conference on Volunteerism “ <i>Volunteerism – an European Value</i> ” organized by Pro Vobis National Volunteer Center Cluj Napoca, Romania	
	February 2003	<i>Coordinator</i> Community Development in Romania – The State of the Field Workshop organized by Partnership for Community Development	
	January 2003	<i>Logistics Coordinator</i> “Social Capital in the Balkans: the Missing Link?” International Conference organized by Center for Policy Studies Budapest	
	November 2000	<i>Volunteer</i> during the electoral campaign of the Democratic Party of Romania	
	November 2000	<i>Collaborator</i> CD Radio Napoca for the series “ <i>You don’t vote, you don’t matter!</i> ”	
	November 1999	<i>Interview Operator</i> (volunteer) in the project “ <i>Citizens and the Local Decision Making Process</i> ” organized by Pro-Democracy Association	
	May – June 1999	<i>Volunteer</i> in the project “ <i>First Time Elector, First Time Observer</i> ” organized by Pro-Democracy Association	
Language Proficiency	Romanian (native)	Computers Literacy	Microsoft Office
	English (TOEFL 2002 score 650)		Windows NT Explorer
	Italian (conversational, reading)		Internet Explorer
	French (conversational, reading)		SPSS 7.5 for Windows
Personal Information	Date of Birth	16.10.1975 Perieti, Olt, Romania	
	Citizenship	Romanian	
	Status	Single	
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Research Activity, Communicated Papers and Publications

Communicated Papers	October 2002	<i>“The Changing Status of Protest Participation”</i> “Quo Vadis - Eastern Europe?” Conference, Cluj-Napoca, Romania Romanian Society of Political Science
	December 2001	<i>“Religious Associations and Civic Abilities Transfer”</i> “Politics – Reality and Paradigm” National Political Science Colloquium Faculty of Political and Administrative Science, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
	April 2001	<i>“Family Allowances- Social Protection Only From the State?”</i> International Student Conference Budapest, Hungary Civic Education Project
	March 2001	<i>“Economic Liberalization Progress and Civic Activism”</i> International Student Conference Bucharest, Romania Civic Education Project
Public Presentations	Martie 2005	<i>“The Volunteer Center as a Resource for the Local Community”</i> presentation delivered at the Community Meeting for Setting-Up a Volunteer Center in Oradea, Bihor, Romania
	December 2004	<i>“Civil Society in Romania: Opportunities and Choices”</i> presentation delivered to complete the International Philanthropy Fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD, USA
	May 2004	<i>“Volunteerism in Romania – An Overview”</i> presentation delivered at the Conference “Volunteerism – Resource for the Community” organized by Turda Volunteer Center
	January 2004	<i>“Volunteerism – One Way of Active Citizenship”</i> presentation delivered at the workshop “Education and Training for Governance and Active Citizenship in Europe” organized by the Research Unit for Adult Education of University of Oradea, Romania
	September 2003	<i>“Governance, Participation and Volunteerism”</i> presentation delivered at the “Citizen Participation in Governance” International Seminar, organized by Civitas Foundation for Civil Society and Bosphorus Association, Romania
Publications	Soos, Gabor and Violeta Zentai (Eds.) 2005. <i>Faces of Local Democracy</i> . OSI/LGI Budapest	<i>“Approaches to Local Representation in Poland, Estonia and Bulgaria”</i> co-authored with Amelia Gorcea
	Romanian Journal of Political Science Vol. 3/ No. 1/ 2003	<i>“The Changing Status of Protest Participation”</i>
	Aula Politica No. 2/2003	<i>“Parliamentarism and the Majority System in Romania”</i>
	Europolis No. 2/2003	<i>“Children Protection by the State through the Family Allowances System: An Encroached Right”</i>