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Professional and scientific achievements

After defending my PhD thesis (2003) my scientific research has continued to focus on topics of history of European integration and contemporary international relations. I got scientific contributions to the history of the European Union project and international relations in the inter-war period: **Romania and the Briand Project of European Union** as well as **contributions to the history of the EU: institutions and policies, EU Enlargement, European Neighbourhood Policy, EU Foreign Affairs and Security Policy** in the first decades of the XXI-th century. My scientific contribution is totalling **3 scientific books as author¹, 3 scientific books under my coordination², over 50 scientific studies published in academic journals** or books/volumes in Romania, Western Europe or North America. In my scientific work, I have aimed at both national and **European relevance** as well as **international visibility**. My studies/articles are published in scientific journals of different universities or of the Romanian Academy, registered/indexed in recognized international databases or having CNCSIS recognition. Some articles are registered/indexed in ISI Thomson Reuters (ISI journals or ISI proceedings). After defending my PhD thesis, my main articles and books have been written in English or French, or published in France, Germany, Belgium and Canada. All my books are in academic libraries which are recorded/registered in Worldcat – KVK catalogues.

As regards the **recognition my own achievements by other specialists**, I point out that I have been selected as a laureate of the Romanian Academy Award for my work as a historian of European Integration (2006), ARACIS expert for quality in Universities in Romania (2010), Jean Monnet Professor (2003, 2010) at European level), external expert for the European Agency for Education, Culture and

¹ 1. Costea, Simion, *România și Proiectul Briand de Uniune Europeană*, /„*Romania and the Briand Project of European Union*”, Tîrgu-Mureș, Petru Maior University Publishing House, 2004, 400 pages. ISBN 973-80-84-94-6. For this book the author received the „Nicolae Bălcescu” Award of the Romanian Academy on December 19, 2006.

2. Costea, Simion, *Ideea europeană și interesele statelor/ European Issue and State Interests*, Cluj-Napoca, Napoca Star Publishing House, 2005, 280 pages. ISBN 973-647-254-X. Book published in the Jean Monnet Project—European Module.

3 Costea, Simion, (et Michel Labori), *Le Management des Politiques de l'Union Européenne/ The Management of EU Policies*, Paris, Prodifmultimedia, 2011, 300 pages. ISBN 978-2-7497-0096-0

² 1. Costea, Simion (coordinator), *“For a Stronger and Wider European Union”*, Cluj-Napoca, Napoca Star Publishing House, 2005, 220 pages. ISBN 973-647-288. Book published in the Jean Monnet Project –European Module.

2. Costea, Simion (coordinator with Maria Costea), *Integrarea României în UE: provocări și perspective/ Romania's Accession to the EU: Challenges and Perspectives*, Iași, European Institute, 2007, 300 pages. CNCSIS Accreditation B.PN-II-Acred-Ed-2011-0067

3. COSTEA, Simion coordinator, *Culture, Elites and European Integration, Volume IV – International Relations and European Union Interdisciplinary Studies* (Preface by dr. Nicolae Paun), Paris, Editions Prodifmultimedia (FRANCE), 2011, 300 pages, ISBN 978-2-7497-0112-7. EAN 9782749701127.

Audiovisual (2011), Seconded National Expert (2012) on Enlargement and ENP in the European Commission, member of several PhD juries/commissions at Babes-Bolyai University and Ovidius University Constanta. A number of prestigious historians and experts in EU studies expressed written appreciation for my academic work science through citations, reviews, prefaces and afterwords to my books and reviews/recommendations for publishing my books in publishing prestigious/recognized houses: Florin Constantiniu, Vasile Vesa, Ioan Ciupercă, Nicolae Păun, Vasile Pușcaș, Marcel Știrban, Cornel Sigmirean, Vasile Dobrescu, Viorica Moisuc, Adrian Ivan, Ioan Chiorean, Grigore Ploșteanu. My works have been appreciated also by other prestigious professionals, such as Nicolae Bocșan, Ladislau Gyemant, Ovidiu Pecican, Pompiliu Teodor, Camil Mureșanu, Pavel Teodor, Toader Nicoară, Sorin Mitu, Ion Alexandrescu, Ion Bulei, Valentin Ciorbea, Neagu Djuvara, Cornelia Bodea, Valeriu Florin Dobrinescu, Dan Berindei, Anatol Petrencu, Elena Șîșcanu, Constantin Ungureanu, as well as by Western professors: Keith Hitchins, Dennis Deletant, Erol Kulahci, Steven Totosy de Zepentek, Michel Labori, Hedi Saidi, Amelia Hadfield.

My 2 decades of teaching activity is very much in line with my scientific work. After defending my PhD, I printed several courses for students' use.³

Capacity to coordinate research teams

I developed my "individual capacity to coordinate research teams, organise and manage teaching activities, to explain and facilitate learning and research activities" (required by the law) through a systematic involvement in and commitment to:

- **management of European Jean Monnet projects (research and teaching projects)**
- **institutional management as scientific vice-dean (2009-2012) and**
- **Member of the Scientific Council of the Romanian Academy's "Gheorghe Șincai" Institute of Social Science and Humanities in Tîrgu-Mureș (in 2001-2003)**
- **in organizing scientific conferences,**
- **in coordination of numerous works of undergraduate and masters dissertations (after 2003)**
- **participation in numerous doctoral juries/committees (after 2010)**
- **coordination of 3 scientific books**
- **coordination work as expert in the EU institutions.**

My work of coordinating the three books has proven my ability to coordinate research teams and work with people in a result-oriented way. **Coordinating the**

³ CURSURI ȘI ÎNDRUMARE DIDACTICE tiparite.

three volumes⁴ “*For a Stronger and Wider European Union*” (2005), “*Romania’s Accession to the EU: Challenges and Perspectives*” (2007) and “*Culture, Elites and European Integration*” (2011) represents a highly scientific achievements, but also proves my “individual capacity to coordinate research teams, organise and manage teaching activities, to explain and facilitate learning and research activities”. In order to elaborate/publish these volumes I have organized academic conferences and I coordinated valuable teams of authors, researchers, and professors / senior lecturers / lecturers / assistants or PhD students of various specializations: historians, political scientists, lawyers, economists, specialists in international relations and European studies in Romania, France, and Belgium etc. Some authors have been/are prestigious specialists, others – good PhD students from different universities in Romania and in the Western Europe. The volumes/books were published in Paris or at Romanian publishing houses recognized by CNCSIS⁵, were recorded in many academic libraries Worldcat / KVK and positively welcomed/reviewed by Romanian and West-European academics. The volumes came in bibliographies of some prestigious universities in EU and North America.

I have 2 decades of academic experience, with recognition at European and national levels: as Jean Monnet Professor of EU history, institutions and policies, author of books on articles, **laureate of the Romanian Academy Award** for my work in history of European integration, ARACIS expert for quality control/assessment in universities. Over the years I have held guest lectures and conferences/presentations for prestigious Universities, such as **Oxford University**, Free University of Brussels (VUB), Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL), College of Europe Bruges, Université de Versailles (Saint-Quentin-en Yveline), Miskolc University, etc. Some of them are even in top 500 or national tops.

I have **experience in institutional management** as vice-dean (2009-2012), in EU project management (ex. **Jean Monnet Project**) and in team work. I also have practical experience of working as a foreign affairs adviser in the European Parliament (2007-2010, part-time) and expert on EU Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy (2012) in the European Commission.

I was invited by the Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca and Ovidius University Constanta to work as a scientific reviewer, **member of the PhD juries for several PhD theses** on contemporary history, on EU subjects (history, policies, and institutional issues) and on international relations in XX-XXI centuries. I was in such PhD juries in the honourable company of Professors Vasile Puscas, Ladislau

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⁵ All have been/are CNCSIS recognised at the time of publication.

Gyemant, Nicolae Păun, Constantin Bușe, Gheorghe Iordan Barbulescu, Ovidiu Pecican, Vasile Vesa, Adrian Ivan, Marius Bucur, Viorica Moisuc etc. Theses' authors are now real professionals, having good carriers in academia, or international institutions, in Brussels or in diplomacy. This was an important work preparing me for supervising myself future PhD students and theses.

The European Commission in Brussels highly appreciated my academic and teaching activity as Jean Monnet Professor, saying that: "your teaching activities are being carried out in the accordance with the criteria of the Jean Monnet Action. Your contribution to the dissemination of knowledge on European issues is greatly appreciated".

Career development plan: Major Research directions (for me and my PhD students) in the PhD School: Contributions to the history of the EU: institutions and policies, EU Enlargement, European Neighbourhood Policy, EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy⁶

My project is to continue my research work already carried out in my PhD thesis and in post-doctoral researches, but bringing them at a superior level, in the framework of the PhD School. The academic added value of my personal research consists in contributions to the history of the EU: institutions and policies, EU Enlargement, European Neighbourhood Policy, EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy in the first decades of the 21st century.

In this context, the ENP review implementation will be a major direction for my personal research. My PhD students could also choose theses on other policies and actions of the EU.

My research project proposes new academic contributions, will use new sources, new reports, new policy papers, new analyses of major think tanks of the world. My research will be in the broad field of history, with a methodological approach based on interdisciplinarity, coming from European **institutionalism, international negotiations, and concepts such as soft power, hard power and smart power, normative power, hybrid war** etc., hence a new analysis grid. My previous professional achievements and knowledge of foreign languages are guarantees for the success of the project and for relevant contributions. I will aim at publishing each year at least 1 scientific paper in academic journals (indexed in international databases), or participation in at least 2 scientific conferences per year, application for national and international projects/ research grants, project management. I will also publish books/volumes as author, co-author or coordinator. The target audience

⁶ *Disclaimer: The responsibility for the information and views set out in this thesis lies entirely with the author Simion Costea. The content of this thesis does not reflect the official opinion of any institution I work for or I collaborate with. This is true for all the articles and books I publish.*

of my conferences and publications will consist of Western and Romanian experts/academics and politicians, MEPs, EU officials, students, civil society.

Publishing articles in academic journals (indexed in international databases) and books visible in Worldcat academic libraries will be among my constant aims and will be achieved both through the quality of the studies I will develop, and by cultivating strong relations with Western universities (such as my older collaboration with Free University of Brussels (VUB), Université Catholique de Lille, Université Catholique de Louvain) and establishing new collaborations in academia. I will apply for grants (including Jean Monnet, CNCSIS, POSDRU), which would provide financial support for new study visits / documentation and dissemination activities in academic Romania, the Republic of Moldova, Brussels, France, Germany and other EU countries.

I will apply for several European or national (i.e. CNCSIS or POSDRU) grants in my field of activity, to support the PhD School. For example, I will apply for a new Jean Monnet Project, which **will support research and teaching activities at PhD level**, will propose new courses, new researches, new events, large public dissemination and communication on the EU History, EU Institutions, EU Policies, active European citizenship, and EU Global Strategy on Foreign Affairs. The European Project will cover teaching activities (in “Petru Maior” University) and supervision of research at MA and **PhD level**. The project will involve academic activities which will exploit multi-disciplinary resources, demonstrating openness to civil society, involving researchers preparing a doctorate, the creation of joint transnational activities and structural links with academic institutions in other countries.