

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal information

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Nationality: Romanian Driving License: Type B, 4WD Experience

Expertise: Conflict Transformation & Peace building, Project Management, Gender & Development, Research, Training & Facilitation.

Key Qualifications

- Trainer, researcher and consultant in cross-cutting issues: gender, peace & conflict and development issues using transformative methodologies including storytelling, theatre and head-heart-hands approaches.
- Multi-award winner children's books author on sustainability themes & integral education. Imagine Creatively www.imaginecreatively.com
- International expertise in facilitating seminars and workshops as well as designing training curricula since 2002.
- 15 years experience with nonformal education (scouts, youth and adults with an emphasis on girls and women)
- University experience teaching master level students at European Peace University in Austria 2007-2009, Hacettepe University Turkey 2012, Babes Bolyai University, Romania 2015 and online with Transcend Peace University 2006-2009 www.tpu.org
- >15 years of experience in programme design and management
- > 12 years experience in participatory, process oriented training and teaching in different countries, mostly on gender and development and peace-building issues
- 3 years experience in management (Gender Centre, Romanian Peace Institute).
- Member of international networks of experts in gender, peace and conflict, training and research.
- *Geographic expertise* across Eastern & Western Europe, Middle East (Iraq), Africa (Burundi, Sudan), and Central America (Dominican Republic).
- *Fluency* in English & French. Working knowledge of Spanish. Native in Romanian.
- *Core values:* Professionalism, credibility, commitment and creativity.

Academic & Other Qualifications

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| 2006 | M.A. Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies
European University Centre for Peace Studies (EPU), Austria. |
| 2004 | M.A. Degree in Gender & Development Studies
Babes Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. |
| 2003 | B.A. Degree in Sociology,
„1 Decembrie” University, Alba-Iulia, Romania. |
| 2017 | 4 day Training in Outdoor Pedagogy for Pre-School, Cluj-Napoca, Romania |
| 2017 | 5 Day Forest School Training, Level II, UK, Think Like Nature Erasmus Project |
| 2014 | Permaculture Designer Certificate - 100 Hours Permaculture Design Course, with |

Mauricio Umman and Claudian Dobos, Romania

- 2010, December *Prince 2 Registered Practitioner Certificate* - A process-based approach for project management, APMG-International, UK
- 2010, May *Prince 2 Foundation Certificate*, APMG-International, UK
- 2010 Oct ‘Reading from Nature – Generative Energy’, Goethean methodology for reading social change, Towerland, Proteus Initiative, South Africa
- 2007 Trainer of Trainers, Women Peacemakers Programme, IFOR, Netherlands
- 2006 International Civilian Peace Building & Peace Keeping and Humanitarian Assistance - Core and Specialization Course Certificates, ASPR, Austria
- 2005 & 06 Trainings in Nonviolent Communication with Marshall Rosenberg, Liv Larsson and Eva Rambala, www.cnvc.org
- 2003 Trainer of Trainers in Peace Building, Conflict Resolution, Gender and Development, Romanian Peace Institute, PATRIR, Romania.

Work Experience

Free Lance Training & Consultancy Ongoing

Training and facilitation of programmes and workshops on my areas of expertise
Creative writing & publishing on women's issues linked to empowerment and embodiment

For National Romanian Agency – Erasmus Plus, Romanian Peace Institute, Babes Bolyai University, Romania; Hacettepe University, Turkey; Conflict Transformation Academy, Germany; La Gugu – Permaculture & Ecological Building Education Base, Romania; Nature School Initiative, Romania.

UN Women - Training Center E-Learning Campus

Feb-July 2016

Consultancy to develop Develop the satellite module on Gender and Volunteerism as part of the online course “I know Gender: An Introduction to Gender Equality for UN Staff”

Programme Officer - South Sudan

November 2009 – January 2011

United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), Juba, South Sudan:

General Program Support for start up projects, Proposal Writing and Business Development, Planning, Monitoring and Reporting, UN Coordination in all inter-agency planning and monitoring and evaluation activities, Crosscutting Issues Work Groups set up and coordination on Gender, Environment and Capacity Building.

Capacity Building Advisor - Dominican Republic

Aug 2008 – Sept 2009

United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (UN-INSTRAW): Development of framework and strategy for INSTRAW's Capacity Building Programme; Development of training and capacity building materials on topics within the field of gender and development, specifically rewriting UNFPA's long distance Gender Mainstreaming Course and putting together a Tutor Resource Pack.

Project Coordinator & Peace Advisor- Burundi

March 2007 – June

2008

Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research-TFF: Capacity Building with a National Peace Coalition of 13 local organisations, the Amahoro Youth Club and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Training and Consultancy - Eastern Europe and Burundi

2006 – 2008

Romanian Peace Institute, UN World Food Programme, Norwegian Refugee Council, International Medical Corps, Catholic Relief Services, Trauma Healing and Reconciliation, Burundi: Gender Based Violence &

HIV Aids, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Gender Policy Operationalization, Gender and Development, Peace & Conflict related issues for different local and international organizations.

- Peace, Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) - Romania** 2001 – 2008
- **Trainer & Consultant on Gender & Peace building** 2005 – 2008
Training, education and research on peace, conflict and gender issues.
 - **Director of the Centre for Gender Awareness and Equality** 2003 – 2005
Coordination and support of fundraising, programme management and implementation, budget setting, monitoring & evaluation; team supervision; training and capacity development.
 - **Program Manager** 2001 – 2003
Program development and implementation on peace and gender related issues, team coordination, building of institutional capacity, internal financial administration, and organizational management. Facilitation of trainings on different topics.

Visiting Lecturer - Austria 2007 – 2009
European University Centre for Peace Studies: Teaching Courses to MA students: Gender, Peace building & Conflict Transformation; Orientation for Students and Setting of Academic Goals, Community & Peace building.

Course Co-Director - Romania 2006 – 2008
Transcend Online Peace University (TPU): Course “Conflict Transformation by Peaceful Means – the TRANSCEND Method” (Language: Romanian).

Assistant to Academic Director - Austria 2006 – 2007
European University Centre for Peace Studies: Administrative, communicational and liaison responsibilities, supporting the work of the academic director and the educational process, gender mainstreaming in the academic curricula.

Co-founder and Member of the Board - Romania 2003 – 2006
The Society for Gender Equality: Programme development, establishing policy, representation in different national and international networks.

NGO Development Consultant - Iraq Mar 2004 – May 2004
Mission of People in Need (PIN). Al Amarah, Iraq. Project on Mentoring Local Iraqi NGOs. Training and capacity building, consultancy dialogue workshops, liaison with different stakeholders.

Member and Secretary of Gender and Development Committee (GAD) - Romania 2003 – 2005
Peace Corps, Romania: Meeting preparation and coordination, networking with other civil society organisations, project coordination.

National Programme Commissioner of the Explorers Section - Romania 1999 – 2001
National Organization of the Romanian Scouts (ONCR): Elaborating pedagogical materials, developing activity resources for the explorer scout section, implementing the European programme “Passport for Europe”; training for scout leaders with the Adult Resources Team at a regional and national level; coordinating a working group of leaders;

Local Scout Leader - Romania 1997 – 1999
National Organization of the Romanian Scouts (ONCR): Developing projects, organizing and participating at various national and international camps and training courses, seminars, workshops and forums at local and national level.

Training Background in Gender, Peace & Conflict and Capacity Building through Arts

- **Utopia Theatre** (acting, dancing, music), Director Yeye, San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic, 2009 - 1 month.
- **Drumming Course and Practice Group**, The Neijing School, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 2009 - 3 months.
- **Training of Trainers within Women Peacemakers Program**, Follow Up and International Consultation, The International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR), Netherlands, 2006, 2007 & 2008 - 5 weeks.
- **International Civilian Peacekeeping and Peace-building Training Program (IPT)**, Core Course & Specialization Course on Humanitarian Assistance; Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution (ASPR), Austria, 2006 Jan - Feb - 4 weeks.
- **Theatre of the Oppressed Workshop**, Austria, 2006, Augusto Boal school
- **Trainings in Nonviolent Communication (NVC)** with Liv Larsson & Marshall Rosenberg at European Peace University (EPU), Austria.
- **Training on “From Gandhi to Modern Social and Political Movements: Preparing for Nonviolent Action in Practice**; Trainer: Jørgen Johansen. (PATRIR), 2004 May - 1 week.
- **Intensive Preparation Training for field missions in conflict areas**; People in Need, Czech Republic, 2004 March – 1 week.
- **Training on Integrating Gender in Project Design and Management**; The Gender and Development Committee, Peace Corps Romania, 2003 October – 3 days.
- **TRANSCEND Summer Peace Institute - Peace building, Globalization and Social Justice**; Trainers: Johan Galtung, Kai F. Brand Jacobsen, Susan George, Dot Keet. Romania, 2002 July - 3 weeks.
- **Training programmes on Peace building, Conflict Transformation and Post War Rebuilding**, Romania, Trainers: Johan Galtung & Kai F. Brand Jacobsen (TRANSCEND & PATRIR), 2001 & 2002 June – two weeks.
- **Training for Trainers**, National Organization of the Romanian Scouts and the Catholic Scout Association of Ireland, 1999.

Key Achievements

- **Multi Award winner children’s book author** on integral education themes - Imagine Creatively 2017-2019
www.imaginecreatively.com
- **Consultancy work** on gender and peacebuilding with a variety of UN agencies and international organisations: UNOPS, UN-INSTRAW, UN-WFP, Norwegian Refugee Council, International Medical Corps, Catholic Relief Services, Transcend, Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research (TFF), Romanian Peace Institute (2006-2012).
- Part of the **Management Team of the first Peace and Conflict Institute in Eastern Europe and Director of its Gender Center** 2001- 2005.
- **Part of the planning team for developing in premiere a national strategy for the Romanian Scout Association** organizing the first Scout National Forum and a national seminar on strategic planning for the scout association. 2002-2003.
- **Published pioneering books in Romania** on gender-based violence from a peace perspective and peace and conflict issues (focused on the war in Iraq), including publications for girls and adolescents on empowerment & gender partnership themes (see Publications). 2003-2005.
- **Developed monitoring tools and indicators for implementing gender policies in field programming** (for UN-WFP Burundi, 2008, and UNOPS, South Sudan 2010)
- **Coordinated international Campaign against gender-based violence; Local, national and regional level** (Eastern Europe involving Moldova and Ukraine) - *Regional and national coordinator*. 2003, 2004 Nov. 25th Dec. 10th -16 days.
- **Ran innovative leadership programmes and workshops for women and young girls**; Gender sensitive educational programs for women and men, young and adult; GLOW camps (Girls Leading our World with Peace Corps, Romania) - *Organizer, Trainer, Guest Workshop Facilitator for different organizations*. 2001- 2005.
- **Facilitated numerous training programmes and workshops on gendered violence and gender inequality, peace and conflict** in Romania, Bosnia & Hertzegovina, Iraq, Burundi, Dominican Republic for local and regional civil society organisations and state institutions. Transcend affiliated international trainings on gender and peace building - *Trainer*. 2001 – 2009.

- Part of the first Romanian Scout National Programme Team to develop a programme framework and progress system for the Explorers section (as National Commissioner for the 14-18 age branch) (1999-2001)

Affiliations to International Organizations

- Member of the Faculty: **Transcend Online Peace University** www.transcend.org/tpu, 2009, 2013. **European University Centre for Peace Studies** www.epu.ac.at, 2008, | **Hacettepe University**, Turkey, www.peace.hacettepe.edu.tr, since 2012.
- Member of Arts Research Committee: **Centre for Global Non-Killing**, www.nonkilling.org, since 2009.
- Member of Work Group: **UN-INSTRAW Gender Training Community of Practice**, www.un-instraw.org, 2008.
- Associate since 2007 & Board Member 2008-2010: **The Transnational Foundation for Peace and Future Research, (TFF)**, Sweden, www.transnational.org
- Member: **Transcend a Peace and Development Network for Conflict Transformation by Peaceful means**; www.transcend.org, Since 2004.
- Member: **The International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR)**; Women Peacemakers Programme www.ifor.org/wpp, 2005.
- Affiliate: IPDTC, International Peace and Development Training Center, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2005, www.patrir.ro

Writings and Publications

- Coordinated and published **3 editions of the first moon agenda for women in Romanian**, 2020, 2021 and 2022. A collaborative art project that involved more than 25 artists and designers. www.soriculuna.ro
- **Six illustrated storybooks for children** since 2017 with three international book awards since 2017. Imagine Creatively platform www.imaginecreatively.com
- **UN Women Training Centre** – Satellite Module on Gender and Volunteerism for the “I know Gender: An Introduction to Gender Equality for UN Staff” Online Course (2016)
- **UNFPA Distance Learning Course on Gender Mainstreaming: Taking Action, Getting Results** (Course updated and rewritten, 2008 – 2009, including putting together a **Tutor Resource Pack**)
- **Through War to Peace: A Dead End - Iraqi experiences** - co-author with Sabin Muresan and K. F. Brand Jacobsen, 2005, Eikon Publishing House, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- **Gender Inequality: the Invisible Violence** - a peace studies perspective on violence against women on direct, structural and cultural levels, main author with contributions from Lorena Vaetisi, 2005, Eikon Publishing House, Romania.
- **Steps to Equality Land: A Challenge for Girls and Boys** - illustrated publication for teenagers on gender inequalities, 2005, Eikon Publishing House, Romania.
- **Iraqi Field Report** in the PATRIR Peace Journal, no. 6-9/ 2004, co-author with Sabin Muresan.
- **Girls, YES! –A Young Woman’s Guide to Self-affirmation**, 2003, informative publication on gender inequalities and stereotypes affecting women in Romania and how they can be transformed.
- **On attacks, safety valves and solutions**, article in Feminist Studies Magazine „Analyze”, no. 11/2001.

Interests & Activities

- Storytelling as integrated head-heart-hands methodology for transformative learning.
- Transformative approaches to capacity building, women’s empowerment and peacebuilding.
- Androgynous semantic realignment (Dr Pat Allen)