

INFORMAȚII
PERSONALE

Alexandra Mercescu

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EXPERIENȚĂ
PROFESIONALĂ

- 03/2020 - Lecturer
Faculty of Law / Department of Public Law, West University of Timișoara / Romania
- 2017 -2020 Assistant Professor
Faculty of Law / Department of Public Law, West University of Timișoara / Romania
- 2012- Attorney-at-Law, Timis Bar, Romania (currently non-practising)

EDUCAȚIE ȘI FORMARE

- 01/2021- 09/2021 Degree in “Droit de l’animal”
Aix Marseille Université
- 11/2011 - 09/2016 PhD in Comparative Law (with highest distinction and “félicitations du jury”)
École de droit de la Sorbonne/ Sorbonne University / France
under the supervision of Professor Pierre Legrand
- 10/2010 - 06/2011 Master’s Degree “Globalization and Legal Pluralism”
(ranked 1st and distinction awarded)
École de droit de la Sorbonne/ Sorbonne University / France
- 10/2006 - 06/2010 Bachelor’s Degree in Law (ranked 2nd out of 168 graduates)
Faculty of Law / West University of Timișoara / Romania

**COMPETENȚE
PERSONALE**

Limba maternă	Romanian (native language)
Limbi străine	English (fluent, CAE certificate) French (fluent, DALF certificate; PhD in French) German (intermediate, ÖSD certificate).
Domenii de cercetare	(Comparative) legal theory, comparative public law, interdisciplinarity, legal epistemology, legal methodology, legal education, rule of law, Central and Eastern European legal cultures, animal law
Comunicare	I am interested in mediating between law and society, I therefore constantly seek to develop my skills in this direction through written and oral contributions to public intellectual and civic platforms.

**BURSE PREMII ȘI
GRANTURI**

March 2021	Erasmus+: Digitally Shifting EU's Law & Legal Studies' Content in Higher Education
2020 - 2021	re:constitution Fellowship - Exchange and Analysis on Democracy and the Rule of Law in Europe (a programme facilitated by Democracy Reporting International, Forum Transregionale Studien and Stiftung Mercator)
2019-2021	National Science Centre (Poland) "SONATA" research project no. 2016/21/D/HS5/03912 on "The political aspects and legitimacy of the discretionary power of the Court of Justice of the European Union".
December 2017	1st Prize of the Centre français de droit comparé for the best dissertation in comparative law, in France, in 2016 (a prize granted annually since 1957)
November 2017	"Dumitru Mareș" Prize for Research in Law at the "Gala Premiilor UVT", West University of Timisoara
06/2016 -09/2016	Van Calker Scholarship of the Swiss Institute of Comparative Law

**RESPONSABILITĂȚI
ACADEMICE**

Cercetător afiliat

2020-present	Nomos: Centre for International Research on Law, Culture and Power (Jagiellonian University, Poland)
2018-2022	CLEST (Centre for Legal Education and Social Theory, Wroclaw University, Poland)
2025	External Reviewer for Polish National Science Foundation
2024	Guest editor: Simone Glanert, Alexandra Mercescu, Comparative Animal Law!, 12(2) Global Journal of Animal Law, 2024.
2024	Member of the editorial board of the Nomos Journal for the Study of Law, Culture and Power
2023	Member of the editorial board of the Romanian Journal of Comparative Law
2022	Member of the evaluation committee for the re:constitution Fellowship, 2023-2024 cohort
2022	Editor of the Routledge Series Nomos Studies in Law, Culture and Power
2021	Reviewer for The American Journal of Comparative Law
2020	Reviewer for "Archiwum Filozofii Prawa", Polish Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (IVR)
2018	Member of the editorial board of the Journal of the University of Latvia, special issue;
2017/2018	National Rapporteur for the 20th Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law, on the topic "Teaching Comparative Law and Multicultural Classes", Fukuoka, Japan;

AFILIERI ȘTIINȚIFICE

11/2020 -	Member of the Coordinative Council of Nomos: Centre for International Research on Law, Culture and Power
01/2019 -	Member of CLEST (Centre for Legal Education and Social Theory)
05/2018 -	Board Member, Central and Eastern European Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists (CEE Forum)

**ORGANIZAREA
REUNIUNILOR
ȘTIINȚIFICE**

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|---------------------------|---|
| 05/2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 | Co-organizer (University of Kent (UK), Aix Marseille (France) and Lewis and Clark Law School (US)) of the 1st edition of Comparative Animal Law Workshop, online |
| 06/2022 | Co-organizer (with Dr Manuel Anselmi - Bergamo University) of the conference "Comparing Populisms and Democracies: Local Specificities in the Rule of Law Crisis (and its Resolution?)"
Among the main speakers: Prof. Wojciech Sadurski, Adam Czarnota, Martin Krygier, Nadia Urbinati |
| 06/2022 | Co-organizer (with Dr Lucian Bojin) of the workshop "Constitutionalism Under Crisis from Pandemics" at the Onati Institute for the Sociology of Law |
| 02/2021 | Co-organizer (with Balazs Fekete from ELTE Faculty of Law and Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest) of the workshop "Entangled Stories of Law and Literature: A Hungarian-Romanian Conversation", online |
| 10/2019 | Main convenor of the panel "Justice, glocally constructed"
41st Annual Association for Interdisciplinary Studies Conference 2019
University of Amsterdam / The Netherlands |
| 05/2018 | Main organizer of the 10th Central and Eastern European Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists, topic: "Constitutional Identity and Social Memories in Central and Eastern Europe" / 70 participants from 15 countries, 4 keynote speakers including well-renowned constitutionalist Jiri Priban (Cardiff University)
West University of Timișoara / Romania |
| 05/2017 | Co-organizer (with Dr Lucian Bojin) of the 4th edition of the workshop "Law and Ideology", jointly organized by the Centre for Legal Education and Social Theory (CLEST), Wrocław University / Poland and West University of Timișoara / Romania |
| 06/2015 | Co-organizer (with Tommaso Amico di Meane) of the workshop "Why and How Comparing Apples with Oranges in Comparative Law: Methodological Narratives, Old and New, in Comparative Law" on the occasion of the Intensive Doctoral Week (Semaine Doctorale Intensive)
Sciences Po School of Law Paris / France |

PUBLICAȚII SELECTATE

Cărți

Rethinking Comparative Law, Cheltenham, Edward Elgar, 2021 (with Simone Glanert and Geoffrey Samuel).

Pour une comparaison des droits indisciplinée, Helbing Lichtenhahn Verlag, Basel, 2018. [Reviewed in Journal of Comparative Law 17(1):2022]

Volume coordonate

Law, Culture and Identity in Central and Eastern Europe: A Comparative Engagement (ed.), London, Routledge, 2023 (with Cosmin Cercel and Mirosław Sadowski);

Constitutional Identities in Central and Eastern Europe (ed.), Berlin, Peter Lang, 2020;

Cărți în limba română

O filosofie a dreptului, Universul Juridic, București, 2026.

O scurtă introducere în drept [A Short Introduction to Law], Humanitas, Bucharest, 2019 (with Raluca Bercea).

Despre juristi [On jurists], Raluca Bercea și Alexandra Mercescu (ed.), Universul Juridic, Bucarest, 2017;

Articole și capitole în limba engleză

“The Romanian Constitutional Court Doing ‘Militant Democracy’ (Twice and More to Come),” (2025) 33(1) Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe, pp. 251-261.

„Teaching Legal Methodology in Romania,” in Tomáš Gábriš și Katarzyna Žák Krzyžanková (coord.), Methodology of Law and Methodology of Legal Scholarship: The State of the Art in Europe, Alphen aan den Rijn, Kluwer Law International, 2025, pp. 271-292.

“Animal Law in Romania: A Global Discourse in Place” in Federico Dalpane and Maria Baideldinova (eds), Animal Law Worldwide, The Hague, Springer-T.M.C. Asser, 2024.

“Comparative Animal Law!” (with Dr Simone Glanert), (2024) 12(2) Global Journal of Animal Law.

“Units of Comparison (Beyond) National Law”, (2024) 19(1) Journal of Comparative Law 383.

PUBLICAȚII SELECTATE
CONTINUARE**Articole și capitole în limba engleză continuare**

“Constitutional Signaling in Neoliberal Times: A Romanian Perspective”, in Rafal Manko, Adam Sulikowski, Przemysław Tacik and Cosmin Cercel (eds), *Law, Populism and the Political in Central and Eastern Europe*, London, Birkbeck Law Press, 2024.

“Introduction. Central and Eastern Europe Between Law, Culture, Identity and Comparison” (with C. Cercel and M. Sadowski), in *Law, Culture and Identity in Central and Eastern Europe: A Comparative Engagement* (ed.), London, Routledge, 2023.

“A Call to Impossibility: The Methodology of Interpretation at the European Court of Justice and the PSPP Ruling” 13(2) *European Journal of Legal Studies* 87 (2021) (with Dr Sorina Doroga).

“Should the European Court of Justice Develop a Political Question Doctrine?” 7(1) *International Comparative Jurisprudence* 15 (2021) (with Dr Sorina Doroga).

“Non sequiturs in Constitutional Adjudication: Populism or Epistemic Deficit?”, in Fruzsina Gárdos-Orosz, Zoltán Sente (coord.), *Populist Challenges to Constitutional Interpretation in Europe and Beyond*, London, Routledge, 2021;

“Non-binding Sources in Law: On their Merits (and their Limits)”, *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law* (2021);

“Protests in Romania: Civil Society, Populism and Civic Constitutionalism” in *Constitutional Identities in Central and Eastern Europe*, Alexandra Mercescu (ed.), Berlin, Peter Lang, 2020, pp. 209-225.

“Teaching Comparative Law, Pragmatically (Not Practically)”, *Law and Method* (2020);

“Redressing Romanian Legal Education (in Comparative Garments)”, in Csaba Varga (ed), *Comparative Law and Multicultural Legal Classes: Challenge or Opportunity?*, Springer, 2020, pp. 133-154.

“Change of Mind, Change of Style: Lawyers’ Writing Manners”, 15(3) *International Journal of Law in Context* 310 (2019);

“What Kind of Critique for Central and Eastern European Legal Studies? Comparative Law as One of the Answers”, *Folia Iuridica*, vol. 89, 2019;

“Comparative Law in the Negative: How Not to Compare Now”, 5(2) *Romanian Journal of Comparative Law* 21 (2014);

Articol în limba franceză

“La comparaison des droits face à l’interdisciplinarité”, 2022 13(1) *Romanian Journal of Comparative Law* 7.

Publicație tradusă în limba germană

Die Gründung von Hochschulen und Hochschulniederlassungen in Rumänien. (trans: zu Hohenlohe Diana). 8(1) *Zeitschrift für Hochschul-, Berufs- und Bildungsrecht* 5-28 (2019).

**PREZENTĂRI ȘI
CONTRIBUȚII LA
CONFERINȚE**

Invitată să susțină prelegeri

The University of Kent (UK), Groningen University (The Netherlands), Ghent University (Belgium), Wrocław University (Poland), Rouen University (France), ELTE Faculty of Law (Hungary), Sorbonne University (France).

16-17/04/2026
Oñati, Spain

Onati Institute for the Sociology of Law, Academia in the Era of Culture Wars: University Ethos and Academic Freedom of Expression, 16-17 April 2026, Onati, Spain; To Speak or Not to Speak: Academic Freedom in Comparative Perspective

03/2026
Bologna, Italy

Militant Constitutionalism Workshop, University of Bologna, "Romania's Militant Constitutionalism: A Case of Strategic Time-Buying"

04-05/2025 and 2026
Berlin, Germany

Max Planck Approaches to Legal Research, 2025, 2026, Berlin, Germany "The Merits and Limits of Interdisciplinarity; Comparative Law"

10/2023
Milan, Italy

ICONS Italy, Politica e Istituzioni tra Transformazioni e Riforme, Università Bocconi

09/2023
Groningen, Netherlands

The Public, the Private, and the Hybrid: Comparative Law in the Age of Governance conference, with a presentation entitled "Doing Business as Usual in Comparative Law?",

07/2023
Oñati, Spain

Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law Constitutionalism and Political Economy: New Trajectories and Opportunities for Socio-Legal Studies Workshop, with a paper entitled "Does Economics Rule in a Court of Law?"

06/2023
Lausanne, Switzerland

Drawing Legal Pictures, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, with a paper entitled "Beyond (National) Units of Comparison".

24/03/2021
Online

Spring with the Rule of Law Webinar organized by SWPS University (Warsaw) and Riga Graduate School of Law; Discussant for Professor Martin Krygier's talk, "The Ideal of the Rule of Law and Why It Matters"

**PREZENTĂRI ȘI
CONFERINȚE
CONTINUARE**

07-13/07/2019
Lucerne, Switzerland

29th World Congress of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, the workshop Between Experience and Community. Pragmatic Inquiries in Legal Theory and Philosophy, with a paper entitled “Culture” in Action: A Pragmatist Reading, a Comparative Law Critique, University of Lucerne

23-25/05/2019
Coimbra, Portugal

20th International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law, “The Limits of Law”, with a paper entitled “Law’s Other Limits”, University of Coimbra

07/2018
Oñati, Spain

workshop “Social Ontology of Law in Legal Education”, with a paper entitled “Celebrating (while Rethinking?) Legal Education in Romania”, Oñati Institute for the Sociology of Law

03/2014
Charlottesville, USA

“The Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities” workshop, presentation “The Legal Origins’ Theory: A Challenge to Comparative Law”, Virginia University.

IMPLICARE PUBLICĂ

Interviu

[Democracy Reporting International - Romania’s elections and the rule of law](#)

Bloguri juridice și platforme
civice

[Juridice.ro - Law, liberty and responsibility](#)

[Contributors.ro - Identity politics, rights and the family referendum](#)

Podcast

[DEMOS - How does populism affect the judiciary in Romania and Hungary?](#)