

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

February 2016 – Present

**Lecturer in International Relations**

**Director of Center for European Studies**

Department of International Relations and European Integration, National University of Political Sciences and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

- teaching classes and seminars;
- conducting research;
- participating in international conferences;
- organising student workshops on EU studies.

Business or sector: Research in International Relations, European integration, Political Science

October 2015-July 2017

**Post-doctoral Researcher**

SNSPA (National University for Political and Administrative Studies) Bucharest, Romania

Part time in a research a grant of the Romanian National Authority for Scientific Research and Innovation, CNCS – UEFISCDI, project number PN-II-TE-2014-4-0534

- conducting research
- participating in international conferences
- organising an international conference (20-21 October 2016)

Business or sector: Research in International Relations, European integration. Political Science

October 2015 – Present

**Teacher of “Introduction to International Relations”**

**Learnity** - a private non-formal education community for teenagers

- teaching classes and organising non-formal educational activities with teenagers from Bucharest

www.learnity.ro

Business or sector: NGO, Non-formal education.

**Post-doctoral Researcher**

SNSPA (National University for Political and Administrative Studies) Bucharest, Romania

*Beneficiary of the „Post -Doctoral Scholarships for a Sustainable Society” project, co-financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund, Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development 2007-2013.*

- conducted desk research and field work research on the PhD topic
- represented the university at international conferences and various academic events

Business or sector: Research in International Relations, European integration.

May 2014- November 2016

April 2014-July 2014

**Political Officer, Intern****European External Action Service (EEAS), Delegation of the European Union in Prishtina (Kosovo)**

- daily political briefings on current political events in Kosovo;
- participating in meetings and taking minutes;
- electoral observation in the EU Election Mission on 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2014.

**PhD candidate, Research Assistant**

SNSPA (National School for Political and Administrative Studies) Bucharest, Romania

2010-2013

*Beneficiary of the „Doctoral Scholarships for a Sustainable Society” project, co-financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund, Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development 2007-2013.*

- conducted desk research and field work research on the PhD topic
- represented the university at international conferences and various academic events
- conducted seminars for undergrad students (2011)
- organised and moderated two graduate workshops with the topic *Europeanization – new trends in research* at SNSPA (2011, 2012) with more than 30 participants from different universities in Romania
- participated in the evaluation committee of the Admission exams (2012, 2013)

Business or sector Research in International Relations, European integration, Post graduate education

2011-2012

**Youth trainer/ Expert (project-based)**

Schultz Consulting SRL, National Agency for Youth and Sport, Romania Youth Council (Bucharest, Romania)

*Short term expert in the “Youth Worker” project, co-financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund, Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development 2007-2013.*

- participated in the design of the course curricula
- delivered 40 hours of training for developing soft skills to a group of 25 young civic activists that were certified as Youth Workers
- evaluated the curricula after the training and wrote a report with suggestions and ideas for the profile of youth workers in Romania.

Business or sector Adult education, youth training, participatory democracy

April- December 2011

**Community facilitator (project based)**

Open Society Foundation, Bucharest, Romania

“Citizen Journalism” national project implemented in 10 cities in Romania

- coordinated 2 teams of 4 high school students in writing a community blog that made them be more civically active in their local community. (Roman and Bistrita)
- held trainings for human rights education and civic culture with the students
- organized two public events for raising awareness of young people about their citizenship rights
- evaluated and reported monthly on their activities
- In the final national competition my teams won the first 2 prizes for making the most visible changes in their communities

Business or sector Non-governmental sector, Human rights education, Youth work, participatory democracy

2007-2010

**National projects coordinator, Youth trainer**

Romania Youth Council, Bucharest, Romania ( the national federation of youth NGOs in Romania)

- coordinated 2 national projects on youth civic involvement
- trained more than 60 high schools students in gaining more knowledge about how European institutions work (during the 2007 and 2009 elections for the European Parliament)
- represented Romania Youth Councils at international youth events in Brussels

Business or sector : Non-governmental sector, Youth work, participatory democracy

## EDUCATION

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2010-2013

### **Ph.D. in Political Sciences**

SNSPA (National School for Political and Administrative Studies, Department for International Relations and European Integration , Bucharest Romania

PhD Dissertation topic – “A Discursive Institutional Analysis of the Europeanization of Bosnia and Herzegovina”. PhD Advisor Prof. Dr. Iordan Barbulescu (written in English)

Research interests - EU Enlargement, Europeanization of Foreign Policy, Post-conflict Democratization, Security studies, Western Balkans

- March – July 2012 - **Guest Researcher** at **Berlin Graduate School of Transnational Studies, (Hertie School of Governance)**, Germany, under the supervision of Prof Dr Thomas Risse.
- October 2012 – January 2013 – **Guest Researcher** at the **Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana**, Slovenia, under the supervision of Prof Dr Petra Roter.
- January – April 2013 – conducting field research in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

2008-2010

### **M.A. in Political Theory and Analysis**

SNSPA (National School for Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Political Sciences, Bucharest, Romania

- internship at the NATO Summit in Bucharest (February – April 2008) - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania (media contact)
- September 2009 – February 2010 - One-semester study scholarship at **Karl Franzens University**, Center for South East European Studies, (**Graz, Austria**),

2005-2008

### **B.A. – major in Political Sciences (minor in International Relations)**

SNSPA ( National School for Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Political Sciences, Bucharest, Romania

- Graduated Pedagogy and Teaching skills module
- internships at the Pro Democracy Association, Foundation for the Development of Civil Society, “22” magazine (the Group for Social Dialogue)

## TRAINING

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2013-2014

**Future Lab Europe (leadership programme)**

The Council of Young European Citizens, a project of the European Alliance for Democratic Citizenship and European Policy Centre (Brussels) with 3 aims:

- Experiencing Europe: An annual FutureLab Europe forum lasting one week in Brussels as the common starting point for all new participants (13-19 October 2013);
- Debating Europe: Regular FutureLab Europe Policy Debates in Brussels involving members of the FutureLab Europe community who have successfully completed the annual forum;
- Creating Europe: Various FutureLabs (policy debates, platforms, public events etc.) designed and organized by the members of FutureLab Europe in their own national environment. For the organization of their own FutureLabs, the members of FutureLab Europe will receive financial and logistical support.

2011-2013

**National Program for Training Young Diplomats**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Romania) and the Romanian Diplomatic Institute

- 2-months intensive training in diplomacy
- 2-months internship at the Headquarters of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2-months internship at the Embassy of Romania in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

2008-2009

**Leadership Development Programme, South East Europe Young Leaders**

European Fund for the Balkans and College of Europe:

- Two-week Summer Academy in Germany (Berlin & its surroundings) in September 2008: the curriculum included topics related to the European Union and the development of its relations with Southeast Europe, as well as wider issues of international and economic relations. Practical training components focusing on negotiations, project management and presentation skills provided participants with essential leadership qualities.
- Group projects, between November 2008 and March 2009 a 2-week youth project conducted in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina).
- Five-day Spring Seminar in Belgium (Brussels/Bruges), in April 2009: The programme included working visits to the EU institutions and NATO in Brussels and classes in the campus of the College of Europe in Bruges.

May-August 2006

**National Program Training of Trainers (ToT)**

National Youth Agency of the Ministry of Youth and Sport,(Romania)

Certified as a professional Youth Trainer with expertise in human rights education, participatory democracy, communication, team work and leadership in civic projects

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s)

UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	

English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B1	B2	B1	B1	B1
Bosnian/Croat/Serbian	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
				B2	B1 B1 B1

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user  
 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

**Communication skills**

- very good communication skills gained through my experiences as a youth trainer (since 2006) and from interacting with large audiences as a moderator of numerous cultural and academic events (since 2008)
- very good intercultural communication skills gained during my various experiences abroad (summer schools, international conferences, workshops, trainings)
- adaptability to various communication styles gained through my experiences with non-governmental sector, public administration (internship at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, internship during the NATO summit) and corporate (Schultz Consulting)
- very good writing and drafting skills gained through my experiences in reporting on the projects I implemented, presentations at international academic conferences and as well as in drafting my PhD thesis in English.
- NGO membership - Active member of the Romanian Association of International Relations and European Studies ARRISE ECSA Romania since 2012.

**Organisational / managerial skills**

- good coordination skills and management of human resources (as a volunteer, youth trainer and NGO activist I have coordinated teams of 4 to 10 people); As the Director of the Center for European Studies I manage a team of 10 interns;
- attention to details, team work oriented – I took active part in various teams during the organisation of several high level public events (NATO summit, diplomatic meetings during my internship at the Romanian Embassy in Sarajevo) and I took initiative for organising networking events ( 2 graduate workshops at SNSPA)

**Computer skills**

- good command of Microsoft Office™ tools, Power point, Prezi, statistics - SPSS (medium level)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Publications**

**Books**

1. Troncotă, Miruna, 2016, *Post-Conflict Europeanization and the War of Meanings. The Challenges of EU Conditionality in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo*, Tritonic Publishing House, Bucharest, ISBN 978-606-749-087-9.
2. Troncotă, Miruna, 2014, *Bosnia and Herzegovina a Critical Case Study of Europeanization*, Tritonic Publishing House, Bucharest, ISBN 978-606-8571-36-2.

**Co-edited books**

1. Bărbulescu, Iordan-Gheorghe (coord.), Clara Volintiru, Miruna Troncotă, Nicolae Toderaş, 2018, *România - furnizor de expertiză în tranziție democratică pentru țările Parteneriatului Estic și Balcanii de Vest*, Institutul European din România, available at [http://www.ier.ro/sites/default/files/pdf/SPOS%202017\\_Studiul\\_2\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.ier.ro/sites/default/files/pdf/SPOS%202017_Studiul_2_FINAL.pdf)
2. Rotaru, Vasile and Miruna Troncotă, 2017, *Russia and the Former Soviet Space - Instrumentalising Security, Legitimizing Intervention*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, ISBN (13): 978-1-5275-0032-7

**Chapters in edited books**

1. Troncota, Miruna, Dragoș Ioniță, 2018, "Between Domestic Politics and International Law: Assessing Romania's Non-recognition Policy of Kosovo's Declaration of Independence" in Dušan Proroković (ed.), Kosovo: sui generis or precedent in international relations, Institute of International Politics and Economics, Belgrade, pp 208-239, ISBN 978-86-7067-249-9.
2. Troncota, Miruna, 2017, "Interventionism and Biopolitics in the Ukrainian Crisis: The Disputed Claims of Humanitarian Intervention in Russia's Legitimizing Narratives for the Annexation of Crimea", in Rotaru, Vasile and Miruna Troncota, (2017) Russia and the Former Soviet Space - Instrumentalising Security, Legitimizing Intervention, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp 243-279, ISBN (13): 978-1-5275-0032-7.
3. Troncota, Miruna, 2017, "Four Years of EU Mediation Efforts in the 'Brussels Dialogue of the Deaf': Analysing the Negotiations for the Association/Community of Serb Municipalities in Kosovo" in State-building in postindependence Kosovo: Policy Challenges and Societal Considerations edited by Ioannis Armakolas, Agon Demjaha, Arolda Elbasani, Stephanie Schwandner-Sievers, Elton Skendaj, Nikolaos Tzifakis, Kosovo Foundation for Open Society, Prishtina, pp 215-247. ISBN 978-9951-503-04-4.
4. Troncota, Miruna, 2016, "Europenizarea post-conflict și 'politica excepțiilor de la regulă' în reconstrucția Balcanilor de Vest" in Șerban Cioculescu, Octavian Manea și Silviu Petre, *Fața întunecată a globalizării. Războaie civile, state eșuate și radicalizare religioasă în lumea contemporană*, Rao publishing house, Bucharest, pp 111-146.
5. Troncota, Miruna, 2016, „The Constructivist turn in IR Theory and its Follow-up”, in Oana-Andreea Ion (coord.), Studying Europeanization. Different Theoretical Lenses and New Methodological Approaches, Tritonic Publishing, Bucharest, 2016, pp 87-117. ISBN: 978-606-749-083-1
6. Troncota, Miruna, 2016, "The Constructivist Contributions to the Europeanization Research Agenda", in Oana-Andreea Ion (coord.), Studying Europeanization. Different Theoretical Lenses and New Methodological Approaches, Tritonic Publishing, Bucharest, pp 153-195 ISBN: 978-606-749-083-1
7. Troncota, Miruna, 2015, "Still "waiting for Godot" in Sarajevo? Europeanization of Bosnia and Herzegovina – between the Contradictions of EU Conditionality and Local Ownership" in Nikolaos Papakostas and Nikolaos Pasamitros, (eds.), An Agenda for the Western Balkans. From Elite Politics to Social Sustainability, pp 95-119, Ibidem Verlag, Stuttgart, ISBN 978-3- 8382-0668-4.
8. Troncota, Miruna, 2015, "Europenizarea Balcanilor de Vest. Experimente politice și lecții încă neînvațate", în George Angheloiu (ed.), Europenizarea: studii de guvernare și de securitate, C.H.Beck Publishing House, Bucharest, pp 169-198.

#### Academic articles

1. Troncota Miruna, 2018, 'The association that dissociates' – narratives of local political resistance in Kosovo and the delayed implementation of the Brussels Agreement, *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, Volume 18, 2018 - Issue 2: External Governance of State-Building in Post-Conflict Kosovo, pp 219-238.
2. Troncota, Miruna, 2015, "Sarajevo – A Border City Caught between Its Multicultural Past, the Bosnian War and a European Future", in *Eurotimes Journal of the Institute for Euroregional Studies "Jean Monnet" European Centre of Excellence*, Volume 19, pp 119-138, ISSN 2247 / 8450.
3. Troncota, Miruna, 2014, "The Formation of the Juncker Commission and its Impact on the Western Balkans, *Europolity: Continuity and Change in European Governance*, vol 8 nr 2, pp153-178, ISSN 2344-2247.
4. Troncota, Miruna, 2011, "Balkanization of the Europeanization Process": How state-building was affected by axiological matters in the Western Balkans", in *Western Balkans Security Observer*, 6:21, pp 64-91. ISSN 1452-6115.
5. Troncota, Miruna, 2011, "Bosnia Herzegovina, Forever at Cross Roads? Constructing "the Other" in Brčko District", in Ioan Horga, Adrian-Claudiu Popoviciu (eds), *Journal of the Institute for Euroregional Studies "Jean Monnet" European Centre of Excellence, Supplement of Eurotimes*, vol 11, autumn 2011, University of Oradea, pp 47-65. ISBN 978-606-10-0709-7.
6. Troncota, Miruna, 2010, "The Western Balkans revisited - an Island of "otherness" in Europe? Building Identity in an Era of Post Identity", in Partiumi Egyetemi Szemle, IX. évfolyam – 2010/2, pp 11-37, ISSN 1582-9952.

#### Co-authored articles

1. Rotaru, Vasile, Miruna Troncota. 2017. "Continuity and Change in Instrumentalising 'The Precedent'. How Russia Uses Kosovo to Legitimise the Annexation of Crimea", in Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies Pages 325-345 Volume 17, 2017 - Issue 3, ISI web of science.
2. Bărbulescu, Jordan, Miruna Troncota. 2013. EU's "Laboratory" in the Western Balkans. Experimenting Europeanization without Democratization. The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina, *Revista Española de Ciencia Política*. Núm. 31, Marzo 2013, pp. 63-99. ISSN 1575-6548.
3. Bărbulescu, Jordan, Miruna Troncota. 2012. "The Ambivalent Role of the EU in the Western Balkans - "Limited Europeanisation" between Formal Promises and Practical Constraints. The Case of Bosnia-Herzegovina", *Romanian Journal of European Affairs*, 12:1, March 2012, edited by European Institute of Romania, pp 5-27. ISSN 1582-8271.

#### Articles in Conference Proceedings

1. Troncota, Miruna, 2016, "The European Union and the 'New War' from its Eastern borders", în EURINT proceedings "EURINT 2016 - The Eastern Partnership under strain – time for a rethink?", disponibil la: <http://cse.uaic.ro/eurint/proceedings/eurint2016.htm> ISSN 2393-2384 ISI Web of science
2. Troncota, Miruna, 2015, "Can EU and NATO build a "Security Community" in the Western Balkans?", in Nicolae Iancu, Irena Chiru, Intelligence in the Knowledge Society. Proceedings of the XXth International Conference, editura Academiei Naționale de Informații "Mihai Viteazul", ISSN 2392-7542.
3. Troncota, Miruna, 2012, "Who is Balkanizing the Europeanization of Bosnia and Herzegovina?", in Peter Jordan (ed.) Der Donauraum. Inequality, Political, Economic, gender and Spatial Aspects, nr 3-4/2012, pp 353-389, Bohlau Verlag, Wien, ISSN 0012-5415
4. Troncota, Miruna, 2010, "Bosnia Herzegovina, the Political Space of In-Betweenness - A Constructivist Analysis of Bosnia Herzegovina", in Istvan Tarrossy, Susan Milford (eds) The Western Balkans lessons from the Past and Future Prospects, editura Publikon, Budapesta, pag 69-85, volum publicat în urma școlii de vară 7th Danube Rector's Conference Summer School, Pecs, Hungary. ISBN 978-615-5001-26-0.

#### Book review

1. Democracy Promotion by Functional Cooperation. The European Union and its Neighbourhood. Challenges to Democracy in the 21st Century, May 2016, *Europe Asia Studies* 68(5):939-940, DOI10.1080/09668136.2016.1187950