



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Sept 2022 – Mar 2023

Fulbright Visiting Scholar

University of South Carolina, Social Insights Lab

Research project - Building an Interdisciplinary Method to Track Online Anti-Western Narratives in Romania. The research project is focused on evaluating the impact of anti-Western narratives on the Eastern border of NATO

Feb 2018–Present

Research Director

Center for Civic Participation and Democracy – CPD SNSPA, Bucharest (Romania)

Coordinator of research projects. Managing projects, coordinating teams of researchers and volunteers in doing studies about civic and political participation, online communication, promoting democracy, and Western values. Creating events, reports, and studies - with open-source data, Big Data and survey data. Most of the research is available on www.civicparticipation.ro

June 2021 – Mar 2022

Expert

Center for Civic Participation and Democracy – CPD SNSPA, Bucharest (Romania)

THESEUS – financed by SEE Grants & Norwegian Funds. „Connect the Disconnections - from Disparate Data to Insightful Analysis”/ „Conectați deconectările - de la date disparate la analize profunde”. Parteners – ANIMV Romania, University of Malta, NTNU Norway

Apr 2019–Nov 2020

Project manager

SNSPA, Bucharest (Romania)

Project manager of the “Mind the Gap: EU Cohesion Policy Helps Increasing the Quality of Life for the Citizens of Romania” project – co-financed by the European Commission.

The objective of the project - using new media and new communication technologies, to promote the values and results of the EU Cohesion Policy in Romania.

Activities: organizing, coordinating, and monitoring all activities/actions within the project and ensuring the needed resources for reaching the objectives undertaken at the highest quality standards.

2023 - Present

Associate Professor

SNSPA, Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, Bucharest (Romania)

Digital Media Communication - a course for undergraduate students

Big Data Analytics for Social Sciences – a course for master students

2019–2023

Visiting lecturer

SNSPA, Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, Bucharest (Romania)

Digital Media Communication - a course for undergraduate students

Feb 2019–Dec 2021

PR Expert

UEFISCDI, Bucharest (Romania)

Activities: promoting the project “Quality in higher learning, internationalization and databases for the development of the Romanian educational system”.

Feb 2018–May 2018

Project Manager

CPD SNSPA, Bucharest (Romania)

Advanced Research Workshop for NATO: "Challenges in Strategic Communication and Fighting Propaganda in Eastern Europe. Solutions For a Future Common Project", in Chisinau, Moldova. Partner: IDIS Viitorul.

Jan 2018–Dec 2018

Expert

SNSPA, Bucharest (Romania)

The project of internationalization of SNSPA. Objective - increase competitiveness and research quality. The project was financed by UEFISCDI

Jun 2017–May 2018

Project manager

Studio Twelve, Bucharest (Romania)

"INFOAGRICOL" project - co-financed by the European Commission. A project about promoting the values of European Common Agricultural Policy, using new media and innovative technologies of communication.

Activities: planning, organizing, coordinating, and monitoring all activities pertaining to the project.

Jan 2017–Dec 2018

Mobilization expert

UEFISCDI, Bucharest (Romania)

Project "ANCSI Administrative Capacity Development to implement actions established by the National Research, Technological Development, and Innovation Strategy 2014-2020", SIPOCA 27. Activities: analyzing characteristics of target groups for the Integrated Digital platform; elaborating and implementing the mobilization strategy for target groups for the social network of the Integrated Digital Platform; analyzing user behavior and using the obtained data to maintain and permanently develop their community

Jan 2017–Feb 2018

Expert

SNSPA, Bucharest (Romania)

The project of internationalization of SNSPA. Objective - increase competitiveness and research quality. The project was financed by UEFISCDI

Apr 2016–Feb 2019

Expert

SNSPA, Bucharest (Romania)

"Consolidating the framework for the public service quality increase and for the support of local development" (SPC) project.

Activities: contributing to the drafting of a national analysis based on collected data and offering recommendations (for modeling the collecting platform).

Nov 2014–Dec 2015

Project manager

„Multimedia for local democracy" Foundation, Bucharest (Romania)

"The Romanian Social Data Network" project. A project of creating social entrepreneurship. Activities: planning, organizing, coordinating, and controlling project activities, directly supervising technical teams, consultants, and other involved collaborators and ensuring the fulfillment of the project's objectives.

May 2014–Dec 2015

Project manager

„Multimedia for local democracy" Foundation, Bucharest (Romania)

„FA – Active Women on the Labor Market" project. Activities: Planning, organizing, coordinating, and controlling project activities, directly supervising technical teams, consultants, and other involved collaborators, ensuring the fulfillment of the project's objectives and processing project data.

More about the project - www.infopolitic.ro

- Apr 2014–Sep 2014** **Expert**
UEFISCDI, Bucharest (Romania)
Responsibilities in developing the reporting and monitoring framework of research infrastructures, human resources development scenarios within the national RDI system, as part of the activities of the PODCA “Increasing the efficiency of the electronic data monitoring process concerning the research and development infrastructures through the implementation of modern TIC technologies, in order to serve the information needs of MNE services’ beneficiaries”
- Oct 2013–Mar 2014** **Expert**
UEFISCDI, Bucharest (Romania)
Responsibilities in analyzing data and drafting institutional strategies for the INCD and developing deliverables pertaining to the activities of the PODCA „Increasing the Administrative Capacity of Romanian the public system of Research, Development and Innovation, in order to respond to the short, medium and long term strategic social development needs of Romania” project
- Feb 2013–Mar 2013** **Expert**
UEFISCDI, Bucharest (Romania)
Responsibilities in analyzing data and drafting analysis of Romanian universities from the perspective of internationalization/social cohesion and fairness, within the PODCA „Grounded public policies in higher learning: a necessary requisite for Romania’s development” project
- Oct 2010–Oct 2013** **Project manager**
„Multimedia for local democracy” Foundation, Bucharest (Romania)
POSDRU project - „Initiative for the civic society”, a project dedicated to identify ways of promoting civil society in Romania. In the project, the Multimedia Foundation was a partner with SNSPA.
Activities - coordinating all the activities, the research, the events, the report.
More details about the project - <http://infopolitic.ro/category/proiecte/proiect-isc>
- Oct 2010–Feb 2011** **Visiting lecturer**
SNSPA, FCRP, Bucharest (Romania)
History of electoral campaigns
- 2023–Present** **General manager**
Social Monitor SRL, Bucharest (Romania)
Digital media communication, media monitoring, PR campaigns, public opinion research. Big Data analysis, online communication, communication campaigns, including electoral research.
- 2007–2023** **General manager**
Creative Blueprint SRL, Bucharest (Romania)
PR and public opinion research. Communication campaigns, including electoral campaigns for members of Parliament, members of European Parliament, local authorities, and Presidential candidates.
- 2007–2021** **Executive director**
„Multimedia for local democracy” Foundation, Bucharest (Romania)
Think-tank, supporting local democracy, promoting, and strengthening local civil society in Romania. Most of the research data is available on www.infopolitic.ro
- 2005–2007** **Executive director**
Pro Institute, MediaPro group, Bucharest (Romania)

Social & political research. Think tank. Research projects & public reports.

- 2004–2005 **Research coordinator**
General Media Report SRL, Bucharest (Romania)
Business and management consultancy. PR and public opinion research
- 2000–2004 **Political scientist**
Multimedia Political Communication SRL, Bucharest (Romania)
Political analysis, public opinion research, PR

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2020 **PhD**
SNSPA, Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, Bucharest (Romania)
PhD studies - communication
Scientific coordinator - Prof.Univ.Dr. Tudor Vlad
- 2001–2002 **MA studies, no dissertation**
SNSPA, Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, Bucharest (Romania)
Master studies in political communication, electoral marketing, and organization of political campaigns.
Without dissertation
- 1997–2001 **BA in political science**
SNSPA, Faculty of Political Science, Bucharest (Romania)
Studies in political theory, political ideologies, political analysis, electoral analysis, history of political thought, communication, sociology, sociology and political psychology, political philosophy
- 2022 **Topic Modeling in R – LDA**
Data Camp (online course)
- 2021 **Introduction in R: Basic R syntax**
Coursera Project Network
- 1999–1999 **Entrepreneurial abilities development class**
Romanian-Swiss Entrepreneurship Foundation, FREE, Bucharest (Romania)
Class conceived by the University of Neuchatel-Switzerland promoted in Romania by the Romanian-Swiss Entrepreneurship FoundationFREE
- 1996–1998 **Law studies, no degree**
The Ecologic University, Faculty of Law, Bucharest (Romania)
Graduate of the first three semesters

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Foreign language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	B1	B2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - Self-assessment grid

- Communication skills**
- Good communication skills, and openness towards taking on new challenges and new teams and new projects
 - Involvement in civil society activities
 - Extensive teamwork and team leadership experience

- Organisational / managerial skills**
- Project management
 - Organizing events
 - Coordinating social research
 - I have managed teams over the past 15 years.
 - I have coordinated teams of more than 10 members – including in electoral campaigns
 - I have coordinated research and activities with more partners involved (including partners from other countries)

Job-related skills

Competences in projecting and conducting social media communication and mobilization campaigns
 Competences in analyzing and processing social research data
 Competences in processing, analyzing and reporting socio-economic information
 Competences in evaluating public policies and administrative capacity
 Rapidly adapting to using new technologies
 Passion for computer graphics

Digital skills

Excelent ability in standard software use. Considerable experience in statistical software (SPSS, R).
 Good experience in graphic editing, in creating online content, and in creating Big Data analysis reports (collecting and analyzing data).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

Edited books

- **Sultănescu D.** (2021) *Încredere și implicare. Modele de participare politică în România democratică*, Bucharest: Tritonic
- **Sultănescu, D.** (ed.) (2019), *Challenges in Strategic Communication and Fighting Propaganda in Eastern Europe*, NATO Science for Peace and Security Series - E: Human and Societal Dynamics, Amsterdam: IOS Press
- **Sultănescu, D.** (coord.) *Epoca Băsescu. Integrarea și dezintegrarea României (2007)*, Bucharest: Proiect Printing Press
- **Sultănescu, D.** (coord.) *12/XII: Revoluția portocalie în Romania (2006)*, Bucharest: Pro Foundation Printing Press

Chapters in books:

- **Sultănescu, D.** (2020), "Campanii electorale online", în Teodorescu, B., Drăgan, N.S., *În căutarea Glonțului de Argint. Marketigul electoral în România*, București: Editura Tritonic
- **Sultănescu, D.**, Sultănescu, D. C., Buti, D. (2019), "Towards a Better Understanding of Anti-Western Propaganda & Building an Efficient Model to Fight Back" in Sultănescu, Dan

(ed), *Challenges in Strategic Communication and Fighting Propaganda in Eastern Europe*, NATO Science for Peace and Security Series - E: Human and Societal Dynamics, Amsterdam: IOS Press

- **Sultănescu, D.** (2016), „Cum creștem participarea civică?” in Volintiru, C. (coord.), *Ro3D Romania: democrație, dezvoltare și demnitate*, Bucharest: Grafoart Printing Press
- **Sultănescu, D.** (2016), “Mass-media ia locul societății civile în România. Perspective și efecte”, in Iuga, V., Nicola, M., Radu, R. (ed.), *România transatlantică*, Bucharest: Club Romania
- Teodorescu, B., Curciu-Sultănescu, D., Buti, D., **Sultănescu, D.**, (2009), „O campanie total diferită, dar care nu a schimbat nimic”, in Teodorescu, Gh. (Coord.), *Alegeri 2008. Continuitate și schimbare, vol. 2*, Iași: Polirom
- **Sultănescu, D.**, „Mitologia integrării europene” în Teodorescu, B., Sultănescu, D. (coord.), *Epoca Bășescu. Integrarea și dezintegrarea României (2007)*, Bucharest: Proiect Printing Press, pp 207-235
- Cocuți M., Constantin A., **Sultănescu, D.**, „Dincolo de imagine, despre actele guvernării” în Teodorescu, B., Sultănescu, D. (coord.), *Epoca Bășescu. Integrarea și dezintegrarea României (2007)*, Bucharest: Proiect Printing Press, pp 82-135
- **Sultănescu, D.**, Sultănescu, D.C., “Alianța Dreptate și Adevăr la capăt de drum”, in Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D.** (coord.), *Epoca Bășescu. Integrarea și dezintegrarea României (2007)*, Bucharest: Proiect Printing Press, pp 32-45
- **Sultănescu, D.**, “Aparatul de stat”, in Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D.** (coord.), *12/XII: Revoluția portocalie în România (2006)*, Bucharest: Pro Foundation Printing Press, pp 255-278
- **Sultănescu, D.**, “Actul de guvernare. Primul an”, in Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D.** (coord.), *12/XII: Revoluția portocalie în România (2006)*, Bucharest: Pro Foundation Printing Press, pp 295-357
- Sultănescu, D.C., **Sultănescu, D.**, Ștefureac, R., Teodorescu, B., “Revoluția portocalie. Prezentare generală, cu un studiu de caz”, in Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D.** (coord.), *12/XII: Revoluția portocalie în România (2006)*, Bucharest: Pro Foundation Printing Press, pp 391-415
- Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D.**, “Dimensiunea uitată - cetățeanul”, in Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D.** (coord.), *12/XII: Revoluția portocalie în România (2006)*, Bucharest: Pro Foundation Printing Press, pp 415-421
- Sultănescu, D.C., **Sultănescu, D.**, Ștefureac, R., Teodorescu, B., “Anul 2004 – alegeri în România”, in Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D.** (coord.), *12/XII: Revoluția portocalie în România (2006)*, Bucharest: Pro Foundation Printing Press, pp 25-41 (traducere și sinteza a articolului din *Election Time*, 2005)
- Teodorescu, B., Curciu-Sultănescu, D., Ștefureac, R., **Sultănescu, D.**, (2005), „Year 2004 – The Romanian Elections”, in Hartinger, Sepp (ed.), *Election Time – The European Yearbook of Political Campaigning*, Leibnitz, Austria: Hartinger Consulting

Author in collective volumes

- *România dezordonată – 2003 – Anul dinaintea schimbării* (2005), Bucharest: Historia Printing Press
- *Anul Armagedon – cronică politică a anului 2002* (2004), Bucharest: Editura Historia Printing Press
- *2001 – Anul de miere al Puterii, analiză și cronologie politică* (2004), Bucharest: Historia Printing Press

Articles

- **Sultănescu D.**, Corbu N., Sultănescu D.C., Frunzaru V. (2026) "Media Leaning in Romania: An Audience-Centric Study" submitted for publication in *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*.
- Buti, D., **Sultănescu D.**, Sultănescu D.C., (2026), "Political Shifts and Social Dynamics in Eastern Europe: Exploring the Recent Rise of Romania's Populist Radical Right Movement" accepted for publication in *Romanian Journal of Communication and Public Relations*
- Fitzek S., Bârgăoanu A., **Sultănescu D.**, (2026). „Adoption of AI in Romanian PR and Communication Education: A Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) Survey Study” accepted for publication in *Heliyon* (Elsevier) – jurnal Gold Open Access
- Teodorescu, B. & Sultănescu D., (2022) Mișcarea Legionară, între istorie și percepții actuale. 65

Amestec de fascism și atitudini populiste, in Polis, **Volum X, Nr. 3 (37), Serie nouă, iunie-august 2022, pp 65-81**

- **Sultănescu, D., Buti, D., Sultănescu, D.C., (2022)** Measuring Likely Voters. A Model for Predicting Electoral Participation in Romanian Presidential Elections – accepted for publication in *Perspective Politice*
- **Sultănescu, D., Teodorescu, B., Sultănescu D.C. (2021)** “Atitudini și discursuri populiste în România. Dinamici în 233 2019-2021 și posibile explicații ale impactului AUR”, in Polis, Volum IX, Nr. 4 (34), septembrie-noiembrie 2021, pp 233-253
- Achimescu, V., **Sultănescu D., Sultănescu D.C. (2021)**, The path from distrusting Western actors to conspiracy beliefs and noncompliance with public health guidance during the COVID-19 crisis, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, Vol 31, Issue sup 1: Covid-19 Special Issue, pag 299-310
- Sultănescu, D.C. & **Sultănescu, D. (2021)** Looking for a (Covid) Miracle. The Ivermectin Issue and Its Online Patterns of Dissemination in Romania – accepted for publication in *Cybernetics and Human Knowing*. Vol. 29 (2022), nos. 3-4,
- Achimescu, V., & **Sultănescu, D. (2020)**. Feeding the troll detection algorithm. *First Monday*, 25(9). <https://doi.org/10.5210/fm.v25i9.10604>
- Sultănescu, D., Buti, D., Sultănescu, D.C., (2022) Measuring Likely Voters. A Model for Predicting Electoral Participation in Romanian Presidential Elections – accepted for publication in *Perspective Politice*
- **Sultănescu, D. (2017)**,” Cultura participativă în România. Evoluții după 4 ani”, *Polis*, Vol. V, No. 1 (15), New series, 101-120
- Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D. (2017)**, „Sistem și anti-sistem în discursul politic românesc actual. Anty-system speech in the Romanian political discourse”, *Polis*, Volum VI, Nr. 1(19), Serie nouă, 67-82
- Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D. (2017)**,” Votul pentru Stânga și Dreapta în 2016. Cât de mult se schimbă ponderea acestui vot în prezent, comparativ cu alegerile precedente?”, *Polis*, Vol. V, No. 2 (16), New series, 239-261
- **Sultănescu, D. (2016)**, „Participarea la vot, in România – tendințe diferite, in funcție de tipul de scrutin. O analiză a noilor tendințe de participare, după alegerile prezidențiale din 2014”, *Perspective Politice*, vol. IX, No. 1, June 2016, 5-20
- **Sultănescu, D. (2016)**, “Cine a fost de vină pentru accidentul de la Colectiv? Cine a profitat de pe urma accidentului?”, *Sfera Politicii*, vol XXIV, No. 1 (187), Jan-Mar 2016, 36-48
- Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D. (2016)**, „Stânga românească – începutul sfârșitului, sau un nou început? (Romanian Left – the beginning of the end or a new beginning?)”, *Polis*, Vol. IV, No. 1 (11) Dec 2015-Feb 2016, 143-158
- Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D. (2015)**, „The Electoral Republic of Romania. Arguments about the need for an analysis regarding the Romanian participatory culture”, *Polis*, Vol. III, No. 4(10), New series, 219-233
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- Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D., Aparaschivei, P. (2015)**, „Media și spațiul electoral după alegerile prezidențiale din 2014. Noul "must media" din spațiul public românesc”, *Perspective Politice*, Vol. VIII, No. 2, Dec 2015, 27-43
- Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D. (2009)**, “O campanie diferită”, *Revista română de comunicare și relații publice*, Vol. 11 No. 1 (15) / 2009, 115-126
- Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D., Sandu, D. (2009)** „Campania prezidențială din 2009. O premieră sistemică și comunicațională”, *Revista română de comunicare și relații publice*, Vol. 11 No. 2 (16), 137-146
- Teodorescu, B., **Sultănescu, D., Sultănescu, L. (2008)**, “Alegerile locale 2008 și mitul uninominalului. Influența asupra participării la urne”, *Revista română de comunicare și relații publice*, Vol. 10 No. 3 (14), 161-171

Conferences

- **Sultănescu, D., Chachev, P. D., & Sultănescu, D. C. (2025, March 31 - April 2)**. Where is

everybody? Measuring semantic source position and creating online discourse typologies from co-occurrence networks [Conference presentation]. General Online Research (GOR) Conference, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, Germany.

- **Sultănescu, D., Ruseti, S., Sultănescu, D. C., & Himelboim, I.** (2025, June 23-29). Unveiling the dynamics of media discourse on NATO in Romania amid electoral turmoil through semantic network analysis [Poster presentation, abstract accepted]. Sunbelt Conference, Paris, France.
- **Sultănescu, D., & Sultănescu, D. C.** (2025, August 26–29). Political science research in the digital age: Leveraging new media intelligence tools to navigate online political data [Conference presentation, abstract accepted]. ECPR General Conference, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece.
- **Sultănescu, D., Sultănescu, D. C., Dăneasă, A., & Tsien, E.** (2024, May 15–17). Innovative platform for tracking and analyzing key Facebook groups in Romanian society [Poster presentation]. 79th Annual Conference of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR), Atlanta, GA, United States.
- **Sultănescu, D., Sultănescu, D. C., & Teodorescu, B.** (2024, May 15–17). Populism in Eastern Europe: New types of populism – the Romanian case [Poster presentation]. 79th Annual Conference of the American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR), Atlanta, GA, United States.
- **Sultănescu, D. C., & Sultănescu, D.** (2024, June 26–30). Echoes of unrest: Unraveling the network dynamics of Romania's protests through social media lenses [Conference presentation]. Sunbelt Conference, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.
- **Sultănescu, D.** (2022). Populism in Eastern Europe—New types of libertarian populism vs classic authoritarian populism: The Romanian case. Presented at Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government, at Harvard University. <https://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/mrcbg>
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- **Sultănescu, D., Sultănescu, D. C.,** (2022) Populism in Eastern Europe. New types of populism - the Romanian case. Paper accepted for presentation at the *AAPOR 77th Annual Conference, Chicago, US*
- Sultănescu, D.C., **Sultănescu, D.,** Achimescu, V., (2021). Covid-19 and conspiracy beliefs in Romania. Presented at *International Conference Semiosis in Communication: Culture, Communication and Social Change (3rd edition), Bucharest, May 26-29, 2021*
- Achimescu, V., **Sultănescu, D.,** & Sultănescu, D. C. (2020, August 24-28). The pathway from trusting anti-Western actors to non-compliance with public health guidance during the COVID-19 crisis in Romania [Paper presentation], at ECPR General Conference Virtual Event 2020
- **Sultănescu, D.,** Achimescu, V., Sultănescu, D.C., (2020). Conspiracy narratives and compliance with public health recommendations during the COVID-19 crisis in Romania. *Academos International Conference, "Politics and Knowledge: New Trends in Social Research" 2020* (in print)
- **Sultănescu, D.,** Achimescu, V., Sultănescu, D. C. (2020). Civic participation in young democracies – using a multidimensional model of measurement. The Romanian case. Paper accepted for presentation at the *AAPOR 75th Annual Conference, Atlanta, US* (presentation canceled due to Covid19 outbreak)
- **Sultănescu, D.,** Sultănescu, D. C., Buti, D., Teodorescu, B. (2020). Populism in Eastern Europe. New types of libertarian populism vs authoritarian populism - the Romanian case. Paper accepted for presentation at the *AAPOR 75th Annual Conference, Atlanta, US* (presentation canceled due to Covid19 outbreak)
- **Sultănescu, D.,** Achimescu, V., Pîslaru, E., (2019), “Best-Worst Scaling method used to measure the public agenda in Romania. What are the most relevant issues for the Romanian public?”, *AAPOR 74th Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada*
- **Sultănescu, D.,** Sultănescu, D. C., Buti, D., Achimescu, V. (2019), “A multidimensional model of measuring and evaluating participation in young democracies. The role of new media, the Romanian case”, *Public Opinion and Democracy - AAPOR 72nd Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada*
- Achimescu, V., **Sultănescu, D.,** Sultănescu, D. C. (2018), “Is Informal Flagging for Propaganda in User Comments Helpful to Identify Anti-Western Narratives? The Benefits and Risks of Relying on User-Based Labeling”, *BigSurv18 – Big Data Meets Survey Science*, Research and Expertise Centre for Survey Methodology (RECSM) at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF),

Barcelona, Spain

- **Sultănescu, D.**, Teodorescu, B. (2017), "Anti-System Parties in Romania after 1990. A Critical Analysis of the Discourse of New Parties in Romania", *ACADEMOS Conference: "Quality of Democracy in the New Political Era"*, Bucharest, Romania
- **Sultănescu, D.**, Vlad, T., Achimescu, V., Sultănescu, D. C. (2016), "The Impact of Anti-Western Discourse in the Romanian Public Sphere. Propaganda, Public Communication & Civic Participation", *Thomas C. Dowden International Conference Media and the Public Sphere: Empowered Audiences in the Digital Age*, University of Georgia, Athens GA, USA

Other publications

Sultănescu D. (2025), "Technology is changing the way we perceive the word" in UNESCO's *World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development*, pp 78-87, <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000396638/PDF/396638eng.pdf.multi>

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GRANTS

- 2022-2023 Fulbright Visiting Scholar at University of South Carolina
- 2010-2013 European funds - „Initiative for the civic society”, „Multimedia for local democracy” Foundation, Bucharest (Romania)
- 2014-2015 European funds - „FA – Active Women on the Labor Market”, „Multimedia for local democracy” Foundation, Bucharest (Romania)
- 2014-2015 European funds - “The Romanian Social Data Network”, „Multimedia for local democracy” Foundation, Bucharest (Romania)
- 2018 NATO funds - Research Advanced Workshop: “Challenges in Strategic Communication and Fighting Propaganda in Eastern Europe. Solutions for a Future Common Project”, CPD SNSPA, Bucharest (Romania)
- 2017-2018 European Commission, Infoagricol project, Studio12, Bucharest (Romania)
- 2019-2020 European Commission, Mind the Gap: EU Cohesion Policy Helps Increasing the Quality of Life for Citizens of Romania, CPD SNSPA, Bucharest (Romania)
- 2020-2022 THESEUS – financed by SEE Grants & Norwegian Funds. „Connect the Disconnections - from Disparate Data to Insightful Analysis”/ „Conectați deconectările - de la date disparate la analize profunde”. Parteners – ANIMV Romania, University of Malta, NTNU Norway
- 2021 German Marshall Fund - “Online mapping of nationalist populist narratives, with disruptive and polarizing potential in social media”

EVENTS & REPORTS / Internationalisation of SNSPA

- Sep 2021 Report “Anti-Western narratives and the effects of disinformation in Romania”
- Sep 2021 Report “Sputnik Alert 2021”
- 2021 Reports – CPD Virality Index – “Geopolitical Actors in Romanian Facebook Conversations”
- Aug 2020 Report – “The pathway from distrusting Western actors to noncompliance with public health guidance. Covid19 crisis in Romania & effects on trust in the West”
- May-June 2020 Report – “Information Warfare & Covid19. Conspiracy beliefs & trust in the West”.

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- Sept 2018 Bucharest Security Conference – CPD reports about NATO exercises in Romania
- Feb 2018 Workshop, SNSPA – Social Media Analytics (with Dr. Itai Himelboim)
- April 2018 Advanced Research Workshop, NATO Science for Peace and Security – Chisinau. CPD SNSPA & IDIS Viitorul
- May 2017 Meetings with Atlantic Council, Alliance for Securing Democracy GMF, CSIS, CEPA, Carnegie Europe, USAID, State Department. Report presented: “West vs East in Romania’s online media”, “Anti-Western Propaganda in Romania 2017”
- May 2017 Workshop CPD SNSPA & CEPA, in Washington DC conference about disinformation “Russian disinformation and the anti-Western narratives in Romania”
- 2017-2019 Baseball Romania “Jackie Robinson Project” – events organized by US Embassy in Romania, FRBS and SNSPA. Community projects for promoting Western values and cultural diplomacy
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