

Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2007- present | Research assistant at the Institute of Anthropology "Francisc I. Rainer", Romanian Academy |
| 2013-2014 | Teaching assistant collaborator at the Faculty of History, University of Bucharest. |
| 2006-2007 | Collaborator at the Rescue Archaeology Department, National Museum of Romanian History. |

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The human body in the research of the first Romanian (physical) anthropologists. The birth of Romanian anthropology in European context
(postdoc, 2014-2015, University of Bucharest)

The body and its limits. Approaches of human remains in the Archaeology and Osteoarchaeology from Romania
(PhD University of Bucharest, Faculty of History)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The construction of the scientific knowledge (in physical anthropology and osteoarchaeology), the relevance of these disciplines in the contemporary world, and the (value ascribed to the) human body in this process.

- anthropology of the body
- history and philosophy of physical anthropology and osteoarchaeology
- sociology of scientific knowledge
- archaeological theory
- public archaeology.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Ion A. 2014. Establishing Romanian anthropology: the foundation of the Institute of Anthropology "Francisc I. Rainer". In press for publication in *Annuaire Roumain d'Anthropologie* 51.
2. Ion A. 2013. De ce avem nevoie de Arheologie publică în România? [Why do we need Public archaeology in Romania?] *Studii de Preistorie* 10: 255-261.
3. Ion A., Culea M. 2012. Analiza antropologică a opt schelete (sec.XVIII) descoperite în Pantelimon-Colțul-Pădurii [Anthropological analysis of eight skeletons (18th century) discovered in Pantelimon-Colțul-Pădurii], in Muzeul Municipiului București (ed.), *O jumătate de veac în slujba istoriei Bucureștilor. Omagiu Profesorului Panait Ion Panait la 80 de ani*, 242-267. Bucharest: Mistral, Info Media.
4. Soficaru A., Ion A. 2012. Analiza antropologică privind osemintele umane descoperite în groapa mormântului „V. A. 1950 (Episcop Vasile Aftenie 1899 – 1950)”, cimitirul Bellu Catholic. [Anthropological analysis of the human remains discovered in the "V. A. 1950 (Vasile Aftenie Bishop 1899 – 1950)"grave pit, Bellu Catholic cemetery], in "*Episcopul greco-catolic Vasile Aftenie (1899-1950). 60 de ani de la trecerea în eternitate*". Bucharest: Galaxia Gutenberg.
5. Ion A. 2011. A brief overview of "Francisc I. Rainer" human osteological collection. *Annuaire Roumain d'Anthropologie* 48: 24–32.
6. Ion A. 2010. Analiza antropologica a scheletelor a patru copii descoperiti in situl neolitic de la Cascioarele-Ostrovel [Anthropological analysis of four skeletons discovered in the Neolithic Cascioarele-Ostrovel site]. *Peuce* S.N. VIII: 27 - 36.
7. Ion A., Soficaru A., Miritoiu N. 2009. Dismembered human remains from the "Neolithic" Cârcea site (Romania). *Studii de Preistorie* 6: 47 – 79.
8. Ion A., Soficaru A., 2009. "Anthropological expertise regarding the human bones discovered during the 2008 campagne" (Sultana, com.Mănăstirea, jud.Călărași, Malu-Roșu) in "*Cronica Cercetărilor Arheologice din România.Campania 2008*", cIMeC, May 2009.
9. Ion A., Soficaru A. 2008. "Anthropological expertise regarding the human bones discovered during the 2007 campagne" (Sultana, com.Mănăstirea, jud.Călărași, Malu-Roșu) in "*Cronica Cercetărilor Arheologice din România.Campania 2007*", cIMeC, May 2008: 296-297.
10. Ion A. 2008. Oseminte umane descoperite în așezări din aria culturii Gumelnita [Human remains discovered in the settlements from the Gumelnita culture area]. *Studii de Preistorie* 5: 109-129.
11. Ion, A., Soficaru, A. 2008. Paleopathological conditions in an Eneolithic Community from Sultana-Malu Roșu. *Studii de Preistorie* 5: 153-157.

Review:

Paolo Liverani, Giandomenico Spinola, Pietro Zander. *The Vatican Necropolises. Rome's City of the Dead*. Turhout: Brepols Publishers, 2010. 352 pp., 292 figs., hbk, ISBN 978-2-503-53578-4, In *Reviews of Biblical and Early Christian Studies* (ISSN 2053-4329).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- *The body archived. Perspectives on the human body in the beginnings of the Romanian anthropology.* The "Imaginary of the human body: representation, discourse, practice" Conference (Faculty of History, University of Bucharest, May 30th 2014)
- *The body and its limits. The human body in the osteoarheological studies.* The National Conference of the Institute of Archaeology "Vasile Parvan", "Method, theory and practice in contemporary archaeology" (March 2014)
- *And your relevance is...? Archaeology and the limits of interpretation.* 19th EAA Annual Conference, Pilsen, Cehia. (September 2013)
- *The human body archived in an osteological collection.* Institute of Anthropology Francisc I. Rainer (January 2013).
- *For an archaeology of meanings. Engaging with past materialities.* Theoretical Archaeology Group Conference, Liverpool (December 2012).
- *Taking things at face value? Instruments, materials and procedures in a scientific setting. 'Beyond Globalization?'* The 2nd International Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society (RSS), Bucharest (June 2012).
- *Threads, nodes and networks. Engaging with the materiality of things from the past.* CELFIS, Department of Theoretical Philosophy of the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest (February 2012).
- *Is the body in pieces at peace? The objectification of the human body in the practice of osteoarchaeology.* The Material Culture (Re)Turn in Anthropology: Promises and Dead-ends, SACR International Conference, Bucharest (September 2011).
- *The human body objectified through the scientific narrative.* YAPG Conference, Sheffield (March 2011).
- *Archaeology and identity.* "Imaginary of alterity" Conference, Faculty of History, University of Bucharest (December 2009)
- (with Mihaela Culea): *The skulls collection of the Institute of Anthropology "Francis I. Rainer".* Francisc I. Rainer Symposium, Romanian Academy (May 2009).
- *Anthropological analysis of human bones found during the 2008 campaign* (Sultana, Mănăstirea, Călărași county, Malu-Roșu). National Session of Archaeological Reports, Targoviste (May 2009).
- *Human remains discovered in Gumelnita settlements.* Institute of Anthropology "Francis I. Rainer" (November 2008).
- *The human body understood in the context of funerary rituals. Case study: the practice of cannibalism.* "Explorations in the human body's imaginary : representations, practices, institutions" Conference, Faculty of History, University of Bucharest (May 2008).

-2014: co-organising (with Corina Dobos) the *Imaginary of the human body: representation, discourse, practice* Conference (Faculty of History, University of Bucharest, May 30th 2014)

-2013: co-organising (with Valentin-Veron Toma) the inter-disciplinary academic round table: *Discovering the human body: displaying the human body in the public space. "The Human Body" exhibition* (Bucharest).

EDITOR WORK

- Editor for *Annuaire Roumain d'Anthropologie* (Journal of the Institute of Anthropology "Francisc I. Rainer")
- Reviews Editor for the *AP: Online Journal in Public Archaeology*
- Editor for *Anthropological Research and Studies*

FIELD/LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

Fieldwork experience: Paleolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age, Greco-Roman period archaeological sites
