

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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#### WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2024 – Present **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
Department of Political and Social Science, University of Pavia
- 2021 – 2023 **Research Assistant**  
SCISOC Consulting
- 2022 **Research Consultant**  
"Împreună" Community Development Agency Foundation in collaboration with UNICEF
- 2022 **DTM Project Assistant**  
United Nations, IOM Romania
- 2018 – 2022 **Teaching Assistant**  
Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest
- 2018 – 2019 **Administrative Assistant**  
Faculty of Automatic Control and Computer Science, Polytechnic University of Bucharest

#### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2018 – 2023 **PhD in Sociology**  
Doctoral School of Sociology, University of Bucharest, Romania  
Doctoral thesis title: "Agency and structure in digitally mediated dating. A case study of Tinder".  
Doctoral advisor: Prof. dr. Cosima Rughiniș
- 2013 – 2015 **Master's degree**  
Master of Research in Sociology, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania
- 2010 – 2013 **Bachelor's degree**  
Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Romania
- 2006 – 2010 **High School degree**  
"Nicolae Iorga" Theoretical High School, Bucharest, Romania

#### LANGUAGE AND DIGITAL SKILLS

- Language skills
- Romanian - Native proficiency
  - English – Bilingual proficiency
  - Italian – Professional working proficiency
  - Spanish - Elementary proficiency
  - French - Elementary proficiency

Digital competences Familiar with the following data analysis tools: SPSS Statistics, Stata, R, NOVA Annotation Tool, and Quirkos.  
Excellent command of Microsoft Office suite.  
Certified in Python Fundamentals (beginner level).

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 Stoicescu, M. & Flaherty, M. (2023). Tinder and Time Work through the Lens of Gender: Temporal Agency, Technology, and Intimacy. *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/01902725231205860>
- 2022 Stoicescu, M. (2022). Agency and structure in digitally-mediated dating. A case study of Tinder. *Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology*, 13(1), 31-50. <http://compaso.eu/wpd/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Compaso2022-131-Stoicescu.pdf>
- 2022 Stoicescu, M. (2022). The Moral Careers of Male Tinder Users: An Exploratory Sociological Analysis. *Sociologie Românească*, 20(2), 49-75. <https://doi.org/10.33788/sr.20.2.3>
- 2022 Stoicescu, M., & Rughiniş, C. (2022). Swiping as a Single Mom: A First Look at the Experiences of Single Mothers Who Use Tinder. *Sociological Research Online*, 27(4), 964–983. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13607804221117835>
- 2021 Stoicescu, M., & Rughiniş, C. (2021) Perils of digital intimacy. A classification framework for privacy, security, and safety risks on dating apps. 23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Control Systems and Computer Science (CSCS), Bucharest, Romania, 457-462, <https://doi.org/10.1109/CSCS52396.2021.00081>
- 2020 Stoicescu, M. (2020). Social impact of online dating platforms. A case study on Tinder. 19<sup>th</sup> RoEduNet Conference: Networking in Education and Research (RoEduNet), Bucharest, Romania, 1-6, <https://doi.org/10.1109/RoEduNet51892.2020.9324854>
- 2020 Stoicescu, M., & Rughiniş, C. (2020). Learning about self and society through online dating apps. 16<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference eLearning and Software for Education Bucharest, 513–522. [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/343055060\\_Learning\\_about\\_Self\\_and\\_Society\\_through\\_Online\\_Dating\\_Platforms](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/343055060_Learning_about_Self_and_Society_through_Online_Dating_Platforms)
- 2019 Stoicescu, M. (2019). The globalized online dating culture: Reframing the dating process through online dating. *Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology*, 10(1), 21-32. <http://compaso.eu/wpd/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Compaso2019-101-Stoicescu.pdf>
- 2019 Stoicescu, M., Matei, S., & Rughinis, R. (2019). Sharing and Privacy in Dating Apps. 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Control Systems and Computer Science (CSCS), Bucharest, Romania, 432-437, <https://doi.org/10.1109/CSCS.2019.00079>

## BOOK REVIEWS

- 2023 Stoicescu, M., (November 2023) Review of Lamdan, Sarah, Data Cartels: The Companies That Control and Monopolize Our Information. H-Sci-Med-Tech, H-Net Reviews. URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=59363>
- 2023 Stoicescu, M., (February 2023) Review of Brooks, R., Artificial Intimacy: Virtual Friends, Digital Lovers, and Algorithmic Matchmakers. H-Sci-Med-Tech, H-Net Reviews. URL: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=58218>

## CONFERENCES

- 2023 Flaherty, M. & Stoicescu, M. (2023). *Tinder and Temporal Agency: Time, Technology, and Intimacy*. Session: Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Digital Spaces. The Southern Sociological Society – SSS 2023. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, U.S., 29 March – 1 April.
- 2022 Stoicescu, M. (2022). *Agency and Structure in Digitally-Mediated Dating. A Sociological Case Study of Tinder*. The 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the International Colloquium of Social Sciences and Communication (ACUM 2022) and the National Romanian Sociologists Society Conference. 27-28 October.
- 2021 Stoicescu, M. (2021). *Time work in Digital dating. A case study of Tinder in the times of the COVID-19 pandemic*. The 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Romanian Sociologists Society. (online). 16-18 June.
- 2021 Stoicescu, M. & Rughiniş, C. (2021). *Perils of digital intimacy. A classification framework for privacy, security, and safety risks on dating apps*. The 23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Control Systems and Computer Science (CSCS). Bucharest. (online). 26-28 May.
- 2021 Stoicescu, M. (2021). *Time as argument. Time work in justifying the use of the Tinder dating app*. Conceptualizations of time in research practice. Interdisciplinary dialogues. University of Bucharest. (online). 13-14 May.
- 2021 Stoicescu, M. (2021). *Temporality in digital dating. A case study of the Tinder dating app*. ASA: RESPONSIBILITY. (online). 29 March – 1 April.
- 2020 Stoicescu, M. (2020). *The construction of expectations and the digitalization of desire. A sociological analysis of user expectations on Tinder*. The National Conference of the Doctoral Students of the Universitaria Consortium, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca & Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania. (online). 11 December.
- 2020 Stoicescu, M. (2020). *Social impact of online dating platforms. A case study on Tinder*. The 19<sup>th</sup> RoEduNet International Conference: Networking in Education and Research. Bucharest. (online). 11 December.
- 2020 Stoicescu, M. (2020). *The road to happiness on Tinder. How autonomous are users on dating apps?* The National Applied Ethics Conference for Students. Research Centre of Applied Ethics (CEEA – Centrul de Cercetare în Etică Aplicată). Bucharest. (online). 6-7 November.

- 2020 Stoicescu, M. (2020). *Predictability in digital dating. A case study of the Tinder dating app*. First International Workshop on Time as a Boundary Object and Form of Capital: Theorizing Predictability and Anticipation in a Data-Driven Society. Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest. (online). 17-18 September.
- 2020 Stoicescu, M. & Rughiniş C. (2020). *Learning about self and society through online dating platforms*. The 16<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference eLearning and Software for Education. (online). Bucharest, 23-24 April.
- 2019 Stoicescu, M., & Matei, Ş. (2019). *Seeking commitment on Tinder: Emotion work on a digital dating market*. Qualitative Research in Communication International Conference, NUPSPA, Bucharest, 26-27 September.
- 2019 Stoicescu, M. (2019). *Reconfiguring sexual capital through quantification on dating apps and platforms*. The National Conference of the Doctoral Students of the Universitaria Consortium. Bucharest, 26-27 September.
- 2019 Stoicescu, M. & Hosszu, A. (2019). *Dating Apps and Platforms as Communities of Knowledge: Playing the numbers game on Tinder*. ESA 2019 – Europe and Beyond: Boundaries, Barriers and Belonging, 14<sup>th</sup> ESA Conference. Manchester, 20-23 August.

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