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5. Studies: Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest (1965), PhD at University of Bucharest (1977; the title of dissertation: *Statutul epistemologic al antropologiei sociale și culturale / The Epistemological Status of Social and Cultural Anthropology*).

4. Position: Senior Researcher at the “Francisc I. Rainer” Institute of Anthropology, Romanian Academy. After 1989 he was invited to teach as professor of anthropology at the faculties of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Bucharest; he teaches such courses as: social anthropology, anthropology of community forms, anthropology of urban space, visual anthropology, anthropological knowledge, ethnopsychology, Romanian ethnography. He is PhD coordinator at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest.

His scientific contributions range both in the domain of field research and in theory. As a fieldworker he conducted personal (individual) and collective field researches in several regions of Romania (especially in Argeș, Vrancea, and Alba) on such themes as community studies, kinship, rites, values, ethnicity and nationalism, worldview. He discovered documents regarding Arnold Van Gennep’s affinity to Romanian traditional culture, conceptualized the complementariness between ethnicity and globalization, revealed the ancestors’ cult as the foundation of the feeling and idea of historicity, used some Romanian ethnographic data for amending Ernest Gellner’s modernist theory regarding the origin of nationalism. As to the theoretical approach, he is interested especially in epistemology of anthropology and anthropology of knowledge. After 1989, as a consequence of the permeabilization of Romania’s boundaries, he attended many international scientific meetings that took place at:

Coimbra, Prague, Moscow, Amsterdam, Oslo, Barcelona, Frankfurt/Main, Krakow, Copenhagen, Vienna, Bristol, Ljubljana etc. Some of his contributions are quoted or included in scholarly bibliographies in Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Norway, The Netherlands, Russia, U.S.A. (See also: „Geană, Gheorghiță”, în Iordan Datcu, *Dicționarul etnologilor români / Dictionary of Romanian Ethnologists*, București: Editura Saeculum I.O., 2006, pp. 414–417.)

7. Selected publications – books:

- 2005. *Antropologia culturală. Un profil epistemologic / Cultural Anthropology. An Epistemological Profile*. Bucharest: Criterion Publishing (in Romanian, with a substantial summary in English).
- 1995. “Discovering the Whole of Humankind. The Genesis of Anthropology Through the Hegelian Looking Glass”, in Han F. Vermeulen & Arturo Alvarez Roldán (eds), *Fieldwork and Footnotes. Studies in the History of European Anthropology*, pp. 60–74. London & New York: Routledge.
- 2000. “Nichtorganische Entwicklung, Eigentumsform und die moralische Krise in Rumänien nach 1989”, in Anneli Ute Gabanyi & Anton Sterbling (hrsg.), *Sozialstruktureller Wandel, soziale Probleme und soziale Sicherung in Südosteuropa*, pp. 191–204. München: Südosteuropa Gesellschaft.
- 2002. “Anthropology’s Long Journey to Professionalization. Some Problems with Cultural Anthropology in Romania”, in Peter Skalník (ed.), *A Post-Communist Millenium: The Struggles for Sociocultural Anthropology in Central and Eastern Europe*, pp. 99–113. Prague: Set Out.
- 2005. “Religia ca terapie socială” / “Religion as Social Therapeutics”, in Mircea Flonta, Hans-Klaus Keul și Jörn Rüsen (eds), *Religia și societatea civilă / Religion and Civil Society*, pp. 129–156, Pitești: Editura Paralela 45.
- 2005. „Cunoașterea ca agresiune. Despre o altă ipostază a așa-zisului rău” / “Knowing as Aggression. On Another Face of the So-called Evil”, in Carmen Strungaru, Rainer Schubert (eds), *Ce putem afla despre om de la găște? 100 de ani de la nașterea lui Konrad Lorenz /*

What Can We Learn about as Human Being from Geese? On the Birth Centenary of Konrad Lorenz, pp. 109–123, Iași: Editura Polirom.

8. Selected publications in international journals (articles appeared in journals printed by The University of Chicago Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Wiley, LIT):

- 1980. “On Mindscales”, în *Current Anthropology*, 21 (6), p. 803.
- 1997. “Ethnicity and Globalisation. Outline of a Complementarist Conceptualisation”, în *Social Anthropology*. Journal of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, 5 (2), pp. 197–209.
- 1999. “Ideas of Culture. Romanian Para-anthropologists in the First Half of the Twentieth Century”, în *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, 35 (1), pp. 23–40.
- 1999. “Enlarging the Classical Paradigm. Romanian Experience in Doing Anthropology at Home”, în *Anthropological Journal on European Cultures*, 8 (1), pp. 61–78.
- 2005. “Remembering Ancestors. Commemorative Rituals and the Foundation of Historicity”, în *History and Anthropology*, 16 (3), pp. 349–361.
- 2006. “The Carpathian Folk Fairs and the Origins of National Consciousness among Romanians”, în *Nationalities Papers*, 34 (1), pp. 91–110.

9. He also published a lot of articles and essays in such Romanian journals as: *Studii și cercetări de antropologie*, *Annuaire roumain d’anthropologie*, *Sociologie Românească*, *Revista Română de Sociologie*, *Studii și comunicări de etnologie*, *Revista de etnografie și folclor*, *Revista de filosofie*, *Viața Românească*, *Luceafărul*, *Astra* etc.

12. Affiliations: He is Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI) of Great Britain and Ireland, as well as member of: the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN, London School of Economics), Frobenius-Gesellschaft (Frankfurt / Main).

13. - He cooperated as a scientific adviser to documentary films for television: *Miorița*, *Simion Mehedinți*, *Mircea Vulcănescu*, *Francisc I. Rainer*.

- Collaborator to Radio România Cultural / Romanian Cultural Broadcasting.
- In 2000 was reviewer for the international journals *Current Anthropology* și *Nations and Nationalism*.
- member of the editorial board of the journal *Sociologie Românească / Romanian Sociology*.