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Personal information

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Education

PhD in Sociology University College Cork, Ireland (2014)
MA in Theology Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-N., Romania (2019)
BA in Sociology Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-N., Romania (1997)

Research interests

Social theory Interpretive sociology, reflexive-historical sociology, political anthropology, phenomenological sociology
Themes Modernity, identity, Romania, Eastern Europe, media, technology, liminality, tricksters, corruption
Methodology Social Network Analysis, social statistics, social semiotics

Researcher profile

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Google Scholar bibliometrics

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Academic positions

- 03.2018–present Research Fellow in Sociology (CS III), **George Barițiu History Institute**, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- 10.2020–02.2021 Junior Researcher, **Polish Institute of Advanced Studies**, Warsaw, Poland
- 10.2006–present Associate Lecturer, **Journalism Department, Babeș-Bolyai University**, Cluj-N., Romania
- 10.2001–06.2004 PhD Student, University College Cork, Ireland

Research monographs

- 2018 Bența, Marius Ion, *Experiencing Multiple Realities: Alfred Schutz's Sociology of the Finite Provinces of Meaning*, Routledge, London. ISBN 978-0-415-79332-2. WSOUID: **WOS:000473576700001**;

Co-edited books

- 2021 O'Connor, Paul; Bența, Marius Ion, *The Technologisation of the Social: A political anthropology of the digital machine*, Routledge: London/New York. [**FORTHCOMING**]
- 2018 Horvath, Agnes; Bența, Marius Ion; Davison, Joan, *Walling, Boundaries and Liminality: A political anthropology of transformations*, Routledge: London/New York. ISBN 9781138096417. WOSUID: **WOS:000474280400001**

Chapters in books

- 2021 Bența, Marius Ion, *The smart womb: Digital technologies and the maze of trickster politics*. In: Paul O'Connor, Marius Ion Bența (eds.), 'The Technologisation of the Social: A political anthropology of the digital machine', Routledge: London/New York. [**FORTHCOMING**]
- 2020 Bența, Marius Ion, *Duplicity, corruption, and exceptionalism in the Romanian experience of modernity*. In: Agnes Horvath, Arpad Szokolczai, Manussos Marangudakis (eds.), 'Modern Leaders: Between Charisma and Trickery', Routledge: London/New York, pp. 211-228.
- 2018 Horvath, Agnes; Bența, Marius Ion; Davison, Joan, *On*

- the political anthropology of walling. Introduction.* In: Agnes Horvath, Marius Ion Bența, Joan Davison (eds.): 'Walling, Boundaries and Liminality: A political anthropology of transformations', Routledge: London, pp. 51-71. WOSUID: [WOS:000474280400002](#)
- 2018 Bența, Marius Ion, *Oppressive walling: Babel and the inverted order of the world.* In: Agnes Horvath, Marius Ion Bența, Joan Davison (eds.): 'Walling, Boundaries and Liminality: A political anthropology of transformations', Routledge: London/New York, pp. 51-71. WOSUID: [WOS:000474280400005](#)
- 2018 Bența, Marius Ion, *Fluid Identity Fluid Citizenship: The Problem of Ethnicity in Postcommunist Romania.* In: Arpad Szakolczai, Agnes Horvath, Attila Z. Papp (eds.): 'The Political Anthropology of Ethnic and Religious Minorities', Routledge: London/New York, pp. 46-59. ISBN: 978-0-8153-8212-6. (REPRINT)

Publications in peer-reviewed journals

- 2020 Bența, Marius Ion, *The Gospel and political modernity: The theological dimension of permanent liminality.* In: 'International Political Anthropology', Vol. 13(1), pp. 13-28. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.3763246](#)
- 2020 Boland, Tom; Bența, Marius Ion, *Special Issue: Crisis, liminality and performance.* In: 'International Political Anthropology', Vol. 13(1), pp. 3-4. DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.3766274](#)
- 2017 Bența, Marius Ion, *Fluid Identity, Fluid Citizenship: The Problem of Ethnicity in Postcommunist Romania.* In: 'Nationalism and Ethnic Politics', Vol. 23(1), pp. 52-65. DOI: [10.1080/13537113.2017.1273679](#).
WoS: Emerging Sources Citation Index
- 2006 Opriș, David I.; Rusu, Alina S.; Bența, Marius Ion, *Latent vs. manifest social networks: A psychophysiological and sociometric empirical investigation,* *International Journal of Psychophysiology*, Volume 61(3), pp. 363-363. (MEETING ABSTRACT)
WOSUID: [WOS:000239614800249](#)

- 2005 *Studying Communication Networks with Agna 2.1*, in: 'Cognition, Brain, Behavior', Vol. 9(3), pp. 567-574. DOI: [10.5281/ZENODO.2539249](https://doi.org/10.5281/ZENODO.2539249)
- 2004 Bența, Marius Ion, José Lopez, *Society and its Metaphors: Language, Social Theory and Social Structure*. In: 'Irish Journal of Sociology,' Vol. 13(1). (REVIEW)

Conferences and keynotes

- 2019 Bența, Marius Ion, *The flux and the void in contemporary smart technologies*, International Political Anthropology Summerschool, Acquapendente (Italy), 23rd–28rd June.
- 2019 Bența, Marius Ion, *Paradise now, apocalypse tomorrow: Digital metaverses in the contemporary race for escapism*, Media Culture Days, Cluj-N., 15th–17th May.
- 2018 Bența, Marius Ion, *The smart maze: Liquid surveillance in a world of political confusion*, Living in a Liquid Society – Romanian Sociological Society Conference, Timisoara, 14th – 15th September.
- 2018 Bența, Marius Ion, *Trickster, fiddlers, and trolls: Benchmarks for a genealogy of the media*, International Political Anthropology Summerschool, Acquapendente, 24th June – 1st July.
- 2018 Bența, Marius Ion, *How to build walls that sell. Notes on the commodification of national identity*, Nationalism and the Market international Conference, La Sapienza University, 20th – 23rd June.
- 2016 Bența, Marius Ion, *Finite provinces of modernity: Walls, windows, and liminal spaces*, International Political Anthropology Summerschool, Acquapendente, 26th June – 2nd July
- 2014 Bența, Marius Ion, *Didactica jurnalismului și dilemele ei morale în contextul relativismului axiologic al unei realități construite social [Moral dilemmas of teaching Journalism in a socially constructed axiological relativism]*, National Journalism Symposium, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-N. (Romania).

- 2009 Tăutu, Lavinia; Rusu, Alina S.; Bența, Marius Ion, *Social Network Analysis: A tool for the study of the psycho-physiological effects of Animal Assisted Activities in humans*, 5th Joint Meeting of East Central and West Central Europe Regions of the International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE), Vienna (Austria).
- 2007 Bența, Marius Ion, *Știrea, manipulare sau construcție a realității?* [News writing: reality manipulation or reality construction?], National Journalism Symposium, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-N. (Romania).
- 2007 Rusu, Alina S.; Bența, Marius Ion, *Expérience vs. expérience: l'analyse socio-anthropologique d'un cas d'auto-isolation en cave*, 'Latini Dies' International Congress of Cognitive-Behavioural Therapies, Cluj-N. (Romania).
- 2006 Opriș, David I.; Rusu, Alina S.; Bența, Marius Ion, *Latent vs. manifest social networks: A psychophysiological and sociometric empirical investigation*, 13th World Congress of Psychophysiology, Istanbul (Turkey).
- 2002 Bența, Marius Ion, *The Place of Selfness and Otherness in Life-World's Ontological Structure*, Irish Philosophical Society Postgraduate Colloquium, 19th – 20th April, Galway (Ireland).

Research projects

- 2020–2022 *Norms and social practices in local public institutions: corruption and counteracting corruption*, George Barițiu History Institute, Cluj-N.; position: Research Fellow (CS III); funding: Romanian Academy; position: project coordinator
- 2018–2019 *Romania's Unification Centennial in the media: The structuration of public agenda*, George Barițiu History Institute, Cluj-N.; position: Research Fellow (CS III); funding: Romanian Academy; position: project coordinator
- 2001–2004 *Identity Project*, University College Cork (Ireland); funding: Higher Education Authority of Ireland and University College Cork; position: Doctoral Researcher
- 2000–2004 AGNA (Applied Graph & Network Analysis); developing

a scientific and educational desktop application for social network analysis and sequence analysis; position: independent researcher

Affiliations

From 2016 International Political Anthropology
2018 Romanian Sociological Society

Skills: Languages

Speaker Romanian, English, French
Reader Portuguese, German, Spanish, Italian
Beginner Russian, Ancient Greek, Chinese

Skills: IT

Office LaTeX, Microsoft Office, Apple suite
Math./Prog. Java, SPSS, Python
Multimedia Adobe suite (Audition, Premiere, After Effects, Photoshop, Illustrator)

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