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ACADEMIC STUDIES

2011 – 2015: „Babeș-Bolyai" University, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Cluj-Napoca
title of doctoral thesis: „The Phenomenological Problem of the Unconscious"

2008 – 2010: „Babeș-Bolyai" University, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Cluj-Napoca
Master „Philosophy, Culture, Communication"
title of dissertation: „Overcoming Cartesianism and the Recovery of Corporality in Modern Thought"

2005 – 2008: „Babeș-Bolyai" University, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Cluj-Napoca
title of bachelor's thesis: „Self-awareness between certainty and truth"

RESEARCH AREAS AND MAIN COMPETENCES

Research areas: philosophy of history, contemporary philosophy, phenomenology of corporeality and language, psychoanalysis.

Competencies: history of classical and contemporary philosophy, German idealism (especially G.W.F Hegel), phenomenology (E. Husserl, M. Merleau-Ponty, M. Richir)

Other areas of interest: art history, cultural studies, anthropology.

SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019-2021: Project Director
Project Title: Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives on Illness and Suffering
Funding: Research Grant in the GAR-UM-2019 Program

2018-present: Researcher
Romanian Academy, "George Barițiu" Institute of History, Department of Socio-Human Research, Cluj-Napoca

2017-present: Associate Professor

"Babeș-Bolyai" University Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Department of Philosophy
2011-2015: PhD Student
"Babeș-Bolyai" University Cluj-Napoca, Doctoral School of Philosophy

TEACHING POSITION

Since 2018, I have been coordinating the seminar for the course "Introduction to Phenomenology" at the Department of Philosophy of the Babeș-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca.
Since 2023, I have been responsible, together with Prof. Dr. Ion Copoeru, for the same course offered to students in the distance learning program (ID) through the Center for Continuing Education, Distance Learning, and Part-Time Education at Babeș-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca.
At the Department of Philosophy of Babeș-Bolyai University, I have also taught the following courses and/or seminars: Contemporary Philosophy (2013-2020), Comparative Philosophy (2015), Phenomenology and Psychoanalysis (2024).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

March 2022: Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (ICUB) – documentation internship

2014 – 2015: Academic Excellence Routes in Doctoral and Postdoctoral Research (READ), Romanian Academy, Bucharest – research scholarship

2011 – 2014: Doctoral research scholarship offered by the Government of Romania

ORGANIZER OF CONFERENCES OR PANELS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES (INCLUDING FROM ROMANIA)

November 15-16, 2024: organizer, member of the organizing team of the conference "Phenomenology of artistic expression: poetry, music, visual arts", Romanian Society of Phenomenology (SRF), "Babeș-Bolyai" University Cluj-Napoca

October 29, 2021: "Intentionality and unconscious" workshop, online

May 13-15, 2021: co-organizer of the international conference SPEAKING BODIES. Embodied Cognition at the Crossroads of Philosophy, Linguistics, Psychology and Artificial Intelligence institutions: "Babeș-Bolyai" University in collaboration with the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch

November 24-25, 2017: co-organizer of the international conference New Research in Phenomenology, Psychology and Psychoanalysis

institutions: Romanian Society of Phenomenology (SRF) in collaboration with "Babeș-Bolyai" University Cluj-Napoca and the Cluj Regional Center of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

MEMBER IN ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Philosophical-Interdisciplinary Cluster Tübingen–Cluj - Phenomenological Anthropology: Language, Ethos, Finiteness

Central and East European Society for Phenomenology (CEESP)

Romanian Society for Phenomenology (SRF)

Center for Applied Philosophy (CFA), UBB Cluj-Napoca

ANNEX
List of scientific papers

Books and monographs:

Cristi Bodea, *Hiatus. Problema fenomenologică a inconștientului*, ed. Eikon, București, 2018

Coordinated volumes:

Cristian Bodea, Ion Copoeru (ed), *Time and difference. In Honorem Virgil Ciomoș on his 70th Anniversary*, Ed. Zeta Books, București, 2024.

Cristian Bodea, Horațiu Crișan (ed), *A povesti suferința. Aspecte subiective în boală și suferință*, Presa Universitară Clujeană, Cluj-Napoca, 2022

Cristian Bodea, Delia Popa (ed), *Describing the Unconscious. Phenomenological Perspectives on the Subject of Psychoanalysis*, Ed. Zeta Books, București, 2020

Guest editor at specialized journals:

Cristian Bodea, Alina Noveanu (guest editors), *Pain and Suffering*. International Journal on Humanistic Ideology, ISSN (print): 1844 – 458X, ISSN (online): 2285 – 4517, vol. X/2020

Studies and articles in specialized journals:

Diferența imaginație/phantasia. Implicații practice și dezvoltări teoretice la Marc Richir. Yearbook of the George Barițiu History Institute of Cluj-Napoca, Series Humanistica, Vol. 23 (2025), pp. 87–94. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.17655045

Imagination vs. the world: The many facets of world phenomena in Marc Richir's phenomenology, International Journal on Humanistic Ideology, vol. XIV (2024), nr. 1&2, pp. 23-35, Presa Universitară Clujeană, ISSN (print): 1844 – 458X, ISSN (online): 2285 – 4517

Incubus: The Nightmare Materialized. When Aggressiveness becomes Violence. International Journal on Humanistic Ideology, vol. XIII (2023), nr. 2, 83-99, Presa Universitară Clujeană, ISSN (print): 1844 – 458X, ISSN (online): 2285 – 4517

Wittgenstein and Phenomenology, Oskari Kuusela, Mihai Ometiță, Timur Uçan (ed.). International Journal on Humanistic Ideology, vol. 12 (2022), nr. 2, pp. 133-135, ISSN (print): 1844 – 458X, ISSN (online): 2285 – 4517

What is Visible when Acting? Acting-Out, Passage à l'acte *and the Dialectic of the Gaze in Phenomenology and Psychoanalytic Theory*, Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai – Dramatica, vol. 66, nr. 1/2021, pp. 49-66, DOI 10.24193/subbdrama.2021.1

Phenomenology and Psychoanalytic Theory. Husserl's Critique of Psychologism as Common Ground. Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai – Philosophia, vol. 65 (2020), nr. 2, pp. 115-127, ISSN (print): 1221-8138, ISSN (online): 2065-9407

What do We Suffer from? The Phenomenology of Affect in Lacanian Psychoanalysis. International Journal on Humanistic Ideology, vol. 10 (2020), nr. 1, pp. 103-119, ISSN (print): 1844 – 458X, ISSN (online): 2285 – 4517

A vorbi sau a se vorbi în psihoză, Iter-zis, vol. 1 (2019), nr. 1, pp. 143-161, ISSN: 2668-5957

Woman does not Exist (a love letter), International Journal on Humanistic Ideology, vol. 9 (2019), nr. 1, pp. 51-68, ISSN (print): 1844 – 458X, ISSN (online): 2285 – 4517

A Presence without Present. Making Sense with the Other, Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai – Philosophia, vol. 64 (2019), nr. 2, pp. 39-46, ISSN (print): 1221-8138, ISSN (online): 2065-9407

Despre sens în nebunie (About Sense in Madness), Anuarul Institutului de Istorie „George Barițiu" – Series Humanistica, vol. 16 (2018), pp. 225-235, ISSN 1584-4404

Symbolic Tautology, Non-Symbolic Phenomenology and the "Structure" of the Unconscious, Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai – Philosophia, vol. 63 (2018), nr. 2, pp. 9-18, ISSN (print): 1221-8138, ISSN (online): 2065-9407

Migrarea sensului de la fenomenologic spre simbolic (The Migration of Meaning from the Phenomenological Towards the Symbolic), Anuarul Institutului de Istorie „George Barițiu" – Series Humanistica, Vol. 14 (2016), pp. 213-227, ISSN 1584-4404

Marc Richir's Phenomenology in Conjunction with Lacanian Psychoanalysis: The (Non)Symbolic of the Transcendental, Revue Roumaine de Philosophie, Vol. 60 (2016), nr. 1, pp. 55-66, ISSN: 1220-5400

Este posibil un secol lacanian? (Is it Possible a Lacanian Century?), Revista Verso, nr. 6-7, 2015, pp. 27-30

Subiectul ca fenomen în stadiul oglinzii (The Subject as Phenomenon in the Mirror Stage), Anuarul Institutului de Istorie „George Barițiu" – Series Humanistica, Vol. 13 (2015), pp. 163-176, ISSN 1584-4404

Symbolic Institution of Language into Speech on the Grounds of Phenomenological Freedom. An Inquire into Non-Symbolic Phenomenology of Marc Richir, Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai – Philosophia, Vol. 59 (2014), nr. 3, pp. 57-67, ISSN (print): 1221-8138, ISSN (online): 2065-9407

Normality. A Working Progress, Studia Universitatis Babeş-Bolyai – Philosophia, Vol. 58 (2013), nr. 1, pp. 53-65, ISSN (print): 1221-8138, ISSN (online): 2065-9407

Studies and chapters in collective volumes:

Cristian Bodea, Ion Copoeru, *Introduction*, in Time and difference. In Honorem Virgil Ciomoş on his 70th Anniversary, Zeta Books, București, 2024.

Cristian Bodea, Ion Copoeru, *Heterogeneity, difference and temporal homogeneity (Husserl and Lacan)*, in Time and difference. In Honorem Virgil Ciomoş on his 70th Anniversary, Zeta Books, București, 2024.

Cristian Bodea, *Structuri de sens în jurul originii*, in „Provocări actuale în științele socio-umane", Presa Universitară Clujeană, Cluj-Napoca, 2024.

Cristian Bodea, *A povesti suferința. Medicina narativă (narrative medicine) în conjuncție cu teoria psihanalitică și fenomenologică,* in *„A povesti suferința. Aspecte subiective în boală și suferință",* Presa Universitară Clujeană, Cluj-Napoca, 2022.

Cristian Bodea, *Narațiuni ale inconștientului. „Patologia" vieții de zi cu zi sau un comentariu la cartea „Psihopatologia vieții cotidiene",* in *„A povesti suferința. Aspecte subiective în boală și suferință",* Presa Universitară Clujeană, Cluj-Napoca, 2022.

Cristian Bodea, *The Body Makes Sense. A Phenomenology of Ego and I in Conjunction with Psychoanalysis* în *Describing the Unconscious. Phenomenological Perspectives on the Subject of Psychoanalysis*, Ed. Zeta, București, 2020

Translation:

Bernard Nominé, *Îngerul ales al lui Dali sau Ce este o femeie pentru un bărbat psihotic?* (trad. Cristian Bodea) in *„Nu e nebun cine vrea". Introducere în psihanaliza lacaniană. Teoria și clinica psihozelor*, Ed. Școala Ardeleană, Cluj-Napoca, 2017

Participation in domestic and international scientific events:

Interfacticitatea transcendentală: dimensiunea „carnală" a istoriei și sursa libertății fenomenologice (Transcendental Interfactivity: the "carnal" dimension of history and the source of phenomenological freedom), a presentation delivered at the colloquium "Dynamics of Contemporary Philosophical Thought: Dialogues, Transformations, Perspectives" as part of the Annual Scientific Session of the Department of Social and Human Sciences, "George Barițiu" Institute of History of the Romanian Academy - Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, May 22, 2026.

Informație versus conștientizare. Criza narativității și subiectul contemporan (Information versus awareness. The crisis of narrativity and the contemporary subject),paper presented at the colloquium "Landmarks and Configurations in Contemporary Philosophy" during the Cluj Academic Days, George Barițiu Institute of History of the Romanian Academy - Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, November 7, 2025.

O contribuție teoretică fenomenologică la practica psihanalitică. Diferența imaginație/phantasia și efectele sale (A phenomenological theoretical contribution to psychoanalytic practice. The difference between imagination/phantasia and its effects), paper presented at the conference Phenomenology and Praxis, organized by the Romanian Society of Phenomenology (SRF) and the State University of Moldova, Chișinău, September 26-27, 2025.

The sublime in politics: Marc Richir on the imaginary, symbolic and real foundations of togetherness communication given at the international conference Europe - between Idea, Imagination and Reality. New Philosophical Perspectives, Europa – zwischen Idee, Imagination und Wirklichkeit. Neue philosophische Perspektiven, Cluj-Napoca, 23-26 June 2025.

The difference between imagination and phantasy at Marc Richir. Historical evolution and therapeutic implications communication given at the Annual Scientific Communications Session of DCSU, "George Barițiu" Institute of History of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, 23 May 2025.

Disturbing "the power of composition". Imagination, phantasy and wild essences in Marc Richir's phenomenology paper presented at the international conference Disturbances and Promises of Imagination and Phantasy, Bergische Universität Wuppertal, (Germany), 24-26 February 2025.

Phenomenology of marginal artistic expression. Raw art and wild essences paper presented at the national conference Phenomenology of artistic expression: poetry, music, visual arts, 15 November 2024, Cluj-Napoca.

Imagination vs. the world: The many facets of world phenomena in Marc Richir's phenomenology, paper presented at the international conference The Many Worlds of Phenomenology: Umwelt – Mitwelt – Lebenswel, Trnava (Slovakia), 4-6 September 2024.

The World as Phenomenon and the Lacanian Real, paper presented at the Annual Scientific Communications Session of the DCSU, "George Barițiu" Institute of History of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, 24 May 2024.

Time and Historicity of Self-Assumption, paper presented at the colloquium "Current Topics in Contemporary Philosophy" within the Cluj Academic Days, "George Barițiu" Institute of History of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, 28 October 2023.

Hallucination as a Time-less Experience, paper presented at the international conference Phenomenology and the Limits of Experience, organized by Romanian Society of Phenomenology (SRF) and the Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (ICUB), Bucharest, September 21-23, 2023.

The Experience of Time and the Possibility of the Real. "The Real is Not the World", paper presented at the Annual Scientific Communications Session of the DCSU, "George Barițiu" Institute of History of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, May 27, 2023.

(Interview) and Vision: Fundamental Narcissism and the Limit of the Phenomenological Unconscious. For a Phenomenology of the Real, the conference "Imaginea ca problema phenomenologică", Romanian Society of Phenomenology (SRF) and the Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (ICUB), Bucharest, November 25, 2022.

Incubus: The Nightmare Materialized. When Aggressiveness becomes Violence, International Colloquium on Cinema, Theatre and Psychoanalysis "L'expérience du cauchemar", Faculty of Theatre and Film, UBB, Cluj-Napoca, October 23, 2022.

The Nation: a Structure of Meaning around Origin, at the colloquium "Contemporary Research in Systematic Philosophy" within the Cluj Academic Days, "George Barițiu" Institute of History of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, October 21, 2022.

The Function of Intersubjectivity in the Management of Illness and Suffering - Practical Applications and Case Study, communication Presented at the Symposium of Grants of the Romanian Academy GAR-2021, November 25-26, 2021

The Ethical Value of the Real. The Unconscious as Unconventional Thinking, paper presented at the conference "Reflections on Morality in Philosophical Research" within the Annual Scientific Session of DCSU, "George Barițiu" Institute of History of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, online, November 12, 2021

A Phenomenological Acceptance of the Enactivist Sense-making, conference with international participation "Enactivism And Phenomenology: State of the Dialog", Department of Philosophy, Palacký University, Olomouc, Czech Republic, online, November 11, 2021

Consciousness generates history. Forgotten Histories and "History" Outside of Time in the Modern Version of the Unconscious, conference with international participation "Modernism, Modernization, Modernity. Historical and Methodological Perspectives" within the Cluj Academic Days, "George Barițiu" Institute of History of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, online, October 13-15, 2021

The Phenomenology of the Living Body. Towards a Theory of Bodies, International Conference SPEAKING BODIES. Embodied Cognition at the Crossroads of Philosophy, Linguistics, Psychology and Artificial Intelligence, "Babeș-Bolyai" University in collaboration with the Department of Socio-Human Research, "George Barițiu" Institute of History of the Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, online, May 13-15, 2021

Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives on Illness and Suffering: Principles and Working Methods, Symposium for the Presentation of Partial Scientific Results of the Romanian Academy Grants, Cluj-Napoca Branch, "George Barițiu" Institute of History, Institute of Archaeology and History of Art, Center for Transylvanian Studies of the Romanian Academy in Cluj-Napoca, online, November 5, 2020

Real and reality. Real and Reality. Sense as Specular Phenomena, Annual Scientific Session, Department of Socio-Human Research, Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, online, November 19, 2020

Physical Illness and Psychic Suffering, Symposium of Grants of the Romanian Academy, Romanian Academy, online, November 27, 2020

The Husserlian Critique of Psychologism from a Non-Symbolic Phenomenology Perspective, Department of Socio-Human Research, Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, November 15, 2019

What is Visible when Acting, Act and Performance – International Colloquium on Psychoanalysis and Cinema, Lacanian Field Forum – Romania and Faculty of Theatre and Film (UBB), Cluj-Napoca, October 26-27, 2019

Phenomenology and Psychoanalytic Theory, Shifting Roles. The Manifold Identities of Phenomenology, Romanian Society of Phenomenology and Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (ICUB), Bucharest, September 26-28, 2019

The Perverse Desire and the Dialectic of Gaze, European College Foundation, Cluj-Napoca, July 6-8, 2019

"Perceptive" Phantasia and Non-Specular Mimesis, Department of Socio-Human Research, Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca May 24, 2019

Intersubjectivity as Non-Specular Mimesis, 1st Marc Richir International Congress: Transpositions of Thought. The Refoundation of Phenomenology by Marc Richir, Bergische Universität Wuppertal, Wuppertal, March 27-29, 2019

The Sublime as Hypercondensation of Affectivity, Ethics of Pleasure, Tübingen, November 15-17, 2018

"Perceptive" Phantasia and Self-Image, Paradigms of Contemporary Philosophical Research, Department of Socio-Human Research, Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, October 23, 2018

A Presence without Present. Making Sense with the Other, Gestes, paroles& conceptualisation, Cluj-Napoca, October 10-12, 2018

Symbolic Tautology, Non-Symbolic Phenomenology and the "Structure" of the Unconscious, Forms, Formalism and Uniqueness – ERGO Conference of Philosophy and Humanities, Cluj-Napoca, April 20-21, 2018

The Body Makes Sense. A Phenomenology of Ego and I in Conjunction with Psychoanalysis, New Research in Phenomenology, Psychology and Psychoanalysis, Romanian Society of Phenomenology (SRF), Cluj-Napoca, November 24-25, 2017

A Short Inquiry into Kant's Theory of the Sublime and Its Relevance for Psychoanalysis, Department of Socio-Human Research, Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, November 17, 2017
Woman does not Exist – A Love Letter, College of Europe Foundation, Cluj-Napoca, July 16, 2017

What do We Suffer From? The Phenomenology of Affect in Lacanian Psychoanalysis, Über den Schmerz-philosohische und medizingeschichtliche Auseinandersetzungen, Tübingen, July 6-8, 2017

The Mystery of the Body. A Phenomenology of the Affect and Pain, Phenomenology and Post-phenomenology of the Body, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, June 6, 2017

From Pain to Suffering. From Pain to Suffering. A Phenomenology of the Affect, Department of Socio-Human Research, Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, May 19, 2017

About Meaning in Madness, Department of Socio-Human Research, Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, November 18, 2016

Affect is an effect. Passage à l'acte and acting out, College of Europe Foundation, Cluj-Napoca, July 9, 2016

The Symbolic Function of the Father and the Role of Double Negation, Department of Socio-Human Research, Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, May 20, 2016

Jacques Lacan, Seminar III, lessons 1 and 2, The Case of "President Schreber" and the Treatment of Psychoses in the Psychoanalytic Clinic, College of Europe Foundation, Cluj-Napoca, July 15-16, 2015

The (Non)ontological Status of Phenomena in Non-Symbolic Phenomenology. From the Phenomenological Freedom to the Phenomenological Unconscious), Critical and Constructive Components of Philosophical Doctoral Research, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, May 8, 2015

Non-Symbolic Phenomenology and Sense-in-the-making, Social Knowledge – Between Heuristic Fiction and Factual Corroboration, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, April 23-24, 2015

The Concept of the Unconscious in Lacanian Psychoanalysis, Research Excellence, Scientific Knowledge, Social Progress, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, April 30-31 October 2014

Obsessional Neurotic: A Man Who Lives in the Signifier – Obsessional Neurosis for Jacques Lacan, Introduction to Psychoanalysis: Obsessional Neurosis, European College Foundation, Cluj-Napoca, July 5-6, 2014

Sense Innovations in the Transcendental Phenomenology Without (Determined) Concept. Non-symbolic Phenomenology Established by Marc Richir, Paradigms of Contemporary Philosophical Research, Department of Socio-Human Research, Romanian Academy, Cluj-Napoca Branch, Cluj-Napoca, June 2-8, 2014

The Effect in the Present of the Presence Without Assignable Present, Applicative Dimensions of Philosophical Doctoral Research, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, May 9, 2014

Determinism, Belief in Coincidence and Superstition – An Overview, Introduction to Psychoanalysis, College of Europe Foundation, Cluj-Napoca, July 12-14, 2013

The Symbolic Institution of Language into Speech on the Grounds of the Unconscious Subject's Phenomenological Freedom, Fundamental and Applied Philosophical Research with Inter- and Trans-Disciplinary Perspectives, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, May 10, 2013

Normality. A Work(in)g Progress, A Part of Life: The Meaning of Work Today, Center for Applied Philosophy (CFA), Cluj-Napoca, May 17-19, 2012

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