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Date of birth: June 8th 1984

EDUCATION:

2014-2015:

- **Postdoctoral Fellow** at the **Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy** – project on: 'Decision-making models of patients and their surrogate decision-makers', coordinated by Prof.dr.univ. Sorin Cace.

2009-2012:

- **PhD in Sociology, University of Bucharest, Romania** – thesis on: 'Cultural Decision Models. Parallel Games with Incomparable Pay-offs', coordinated by Prof.dr.univ. Lazăr Vlăsceanu.

2007-2008:

- **MA Social Research, University of Warwick, UK.** – dissertation on: 'Game Theory, Volunteering and Social Context: A case study of Romania', graded 64% or 2.1, coordinated by Prof.dr. Mick Carpenter.

2003- 2007:

- **BS Sociology, University of Bucharest, Romania** – average: 9,50 from 10; thesis on: 'The Relationship Between Subjective Uncertainty and Communication in Group Decision-making by Consensus', graded 10 from 10, coordinated by Prof. dr. Cătălin Zamfir.

2003- 2006:

- **Minor in Electrical Engineering, Polytechnic University of Bucharest, English Department, Romania.**

WORK EXPERIENCE:

2017 (May-July):

- **Honorary Visiting Scholar** at the Sociology Department of the University of Groningen, Groningen, Netherlands, invited by Prof. Rafael Wittek.

2009-present:

- **Scientific Researcher III** at the Research Institute for Quality of Life of The Romanian Academy.
- **Production Editor** for the Social Innovation Online Journal of the Quality of Life Research Institute of the Romanian Academy (www.inovatiassocia.ro).

2014-present:

- **Teaching Assistant for 1st year Descriptive Statistics class** at the University of Bucharest, Bucharest Romania, with Prof.dr.univ. Adrian Duşa.

2012-2014 (November):

- **Researcher in Sociology** at the Romanian Social Data Archive, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania.
 - *"Integrated computer system for the identification, archiving and dissemination of indicators and data bases from the social sciences"*, funded by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sport through the National Authority for Scientific Research, Romania;
 - *"Data without boundaries"*, FP7 funded project.

AWARDS:

2017 (May-July):

- **Honorary Fellowship** for Research Stay at the **Sociology Department of the University of Groningen, Netherlands.**

2014 (June) - 2015 (September):

- **Postdoctoral Scholarship from European Social Fund/Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy.**

2012:

- **Essay contest of the Doctoral School of Sociology at the University of Bucharest "Questions about research questions"**: 2nd place with the essay: Questioning research questions, available at: <http://doctorat.sas.unibuc.ro/evenimente/competitieintrebarile-proiectului/alexandra-gheondea/>

2009-2012:

- **Doctoral Scholarship from the European Social Fund**, through the Sectorial Operational Program on Developing Human Resources (POSDRU) and the University of Bucharest.

2007- 2008:

- **OSI/FCO Chevening/University of Warwick Scholarship** for MA. Social Research at the University of Warwick, UK.

2006:

- **Honours Scholarship** at the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work for a general average of 9.64/10.

MEMBERSHIP:

Member of the **International Sociological Association** since 2012 (<http://www.isa-sociology.org>)

VOLUNTEERING:

2009:

- **Teacher of English Language** classes for the Princess Margarita of Romania Foundation. I taught English lessons to inter-generational groups of elders, youth and children.
- **Teacher of Art Therapy and Relaxation** classes for youth at Princess Margarita of Romania Foundation.

2007:

- **Member of Choir** for Warwick Student Opera. This society was organizing and performing opera shows for the local community.

LANGUAGES:

- English: advanced **TOEFL (Internet-based Test)** Nov. 2006: 109/120.
- French: intermediate
- Italian: intermediate
- Romanian: mother tongue

COMPUTER SKILLS:

- Applications: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences); R (Statistical Software for quantitative and qualitative data analysis); Nvivo (Qualitative Data Analysis software); EndNote (bibliographical references organization program); Ztree (Zurich Toolbox for Economical Experiments); MikTex (text editing in Latex); Power and Analysis 4 (power analysis tool for experimental research).
- Operating Systems: Windows, Linux, Mac;

OTHER SKILLS:

- Romanian Driver's License since 2004;
- Typing abilities: 40 words per minute.

LEISURE INTERESTS:

- Playing the piano and singing
- Sports (dancing/ballet, swimming, hiking)
- Sculpture and painting

PUBLICATIONS:

[16] Gheondea-Eladi, A. (forthcoming) **Health Research Ethics: Between Ethics Codes And Culture**, Journal of Empirical Research in Human Research Ethics.

[15] Gheondea-Eladi, A. (2017) **Revitalization and action research**, Rocznik Lubuski, 42(2): 95-110, Available online: <http://www.ltn.uz.zgora.pl/PDF/RocznikLubuski42cz2a.pdf>

[14] Gheondea-Eladi, A. (under review) **Decision-making with non-comparable pay-offs: empirical studies based on a parallel games theory**, Unpublished manuscript sent for publication 11.2015

[13] Gheondea-Eladi, A. (2016) **The evolution of certainty in a small decision-making group by consensus**, Group Decision and Negotiation, 25(1), 127-155, Available online: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10726-015-9436-8>, DOI: 10.1007/s10726-015-9436-8

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- [7] Gheondea-Eladi, A. (2013) **Teoria raționalității în sociologie: un argument metodologic** [*Rational choice theory in sociology: a methodological argument*], Revista Română de Sociologie, 24(2-3): 337-347, Available online: <http://www.revistadesociologie.ro/pdf-uri/nr.3-4-2013/20-AEladi.pdf>.
- [6] Gheondea, A., Stanilă, G., Mihalache, F. (2011) **Ocuparea neagrăcolă în Regiunile Sud-Muntenia și Sud-Vest Oltenia: Raport de cercetare** [*Non-agricultural occupations in South-Muntenia and South-West Oltenia Regions: Research report*], Bucharest: Editura Expert, Available online: http://www.catalactica.org.ro/files/ocuparea_neagricola_in_regiunile_sud-muntenia_si_s.pdf.
- [5] Gheondea-Eladi, A.(2011) **A framework for social innovation identification: a case study**. Revista Inovația Socială, 3(1), Available online: <http://www.inovatiiasociala.ro/articol/34/>
- [4] co-author in: Cace, S., Preoteasa, A.M., Stănescu, S.M., Tomescu, C. (coord.) (2010) **Legal și egal pe piața muncii pentru comunitățile de romi. Diagnoza factorilor care influențează nivelul de ocupare la populația de romi din România** [*Legal and equal on the labour market for the Roma communities. The diagnosis of influencing factors of the occupation level of Roma people in Romania*], Report for the Soros Foundation Romania, Available online: http://www.soros.ro/ro/program_articol.php?articol=251#
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[2] Voicu, B., Neguț, A., Tufă, L., Gheondea, A. (2010) **Dinamica publicațiilor sociologice ale ICCV: 1990-2009. O notă de cercetare** [*The dynamics of sociological publications of ICCV: 1990-2009*], Revista Calitatea Vietii, 2010(3-4), Available online: <http://www.revistacalitateavietii.ro/2010/CV-3-4-2010/08.pdf>

[1] Gheondea-Eladi, A. (2009) **Catalin Mamali's presentation on Manifestoes and political genealogies - Historical experiments rooted in the Manifesto of Communist Party and the Civil Disobedience**, Revista Inovația Socială, România, 1(2), Available online: <http://www.inovatiiasociala.ro/articol/65/>

WORK IN PROGRESS:

[2] Gheondea-Eladi, A (working paper) **A Tool for Improved Evaluation of Patient Decision Aids**, Working paper at the Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy.

[1] Gheondea-Eladi, A. (working paper) **How patients decide**, Working paper at the Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS:

Invited presentations:

- [What Connects Us: Shared Decision-Making and Patient Decisions](#), at the "Good Connections and Divided Societies" conference, University of Zielona Gora, Zielona Gora, Poland, 16-17 May, 2017.
- **Parallel Games with Non-Comparable Pay-offs**, Waseda Workshop on Game Theory, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, August 27, 2015.

Selected presentations:

2016:

- [Rationality as mental representation: decision-making at the cross-roads](#), ISA Forum of Sociology, Vienna, Austria, July 10-14, 2016
- **Decision-making models of patients and their surrogate decision-makers**, European Sociological Association ESA-RN16 PhD and Early Scholars Workshop Programme 'Quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods research: new insights for the study of health and illness', Lisbon, Portugal, May 18, 2016

2015:

- **Parallel Games with Non-Comparable Pay-offs**, East Asian Game Theory Conference, Tokyo, Japan, August 24-26, 2015

- **A decide pentru alții, cercetarea decidenților surogat [To decide for others: researching surrogate decision-makers]**, Al XVI-lea Seminar Internațional de Bioetica: Valori Creștine ale Educației pentru Sănătate, Bistrița, Romania, May 11-12, 2015
- **Decision-making models of patients and their surrogate decision-makers**, ICCV Anniversary Conference Quality of Life: A Challenge for Social Policy, București, Romania, April 23-25, 2015
- **A Dynamical System Model for the Social Sciences**, Department of Mathematics, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, February 11, 2015.

2014:

- **Parallel Games with Incomparable Pay-offs as tools of social and economic forecasting**, The 2nd International Conference "Economic Scientific Research, Theoretical, Empirical and Practical Approaches, National Institute for Economic Research "Costin C. Kirițescu", Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania, November 13-14, 2014.
- **Incomparable Pay-Offs and Rationality - the Parallel Games Approach**, ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, July 13-19, 2014.

2012:

- **Parallel Games with Incomparable Pay-offs**, at Micro Theory Brown Bag Seminar, Department of Economics, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, December 18, 2012.
- **Rational Choice Theory: Theory and Empirical Results**, at Polish Academic Society Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Zielona Gora, Zielona Gora, Poland, June 12, 2012.
- **Multiple Games and Incomparable Payoffs: an Experimental Approach**, at Beyond Globalization? The 2nd International Conference of the Romanian Sociological Society, Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, May 31 - June 3, 2012.

2011:

- **From Individual to Social Choice: a Parallel Games Model**, at Logic, Game Theory, and Social Choice, 7th Editions, National School of Political and Administrative Studies and University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, July 6-9, 2011.

2010:

- **An Instrument for Social Innovation Identification: a Case Study**, at "Twenty years of change: problems and perspective. Quality of life after 29 years, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, Romania, February 12-14, 2010.