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WORK EXPERIENCE

RESEARCHER II	Research Institute for Quality of Life, INCE, Romanian Academy
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania.
RESEARCHER	Research Centre for Medical Image Analysis & Artificial Intelligence (MIAAI), Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, Danube Private University (DPU), Krems, Austria.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(2014 - 2015) **Postdoctoral Fellow**

Research Institute for Quality of Life, INCE, Romanian Academy
"Interethnic imaginary in Bucharest. Case study: ethnic otherness and the collective imaginary among contact areas between the Roma and Romanians", within the project funded through Structural Instruments Pluri and interdisciplinarity in doctoral and postdoctoral programs, POSDRU/159/1.5/S/141086.

(2007 - 2010) **Doctor in Sociology**

West University of Timisoara, Doctoral School at the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology
In my thesis, I developed a new sociological and anthropological concept in the study of ethnic communities: the "interethnic imaginary" which I developed further in my book: "Political Power and the Sacred. Psychosocial Approaches to the Collectively Imaginary".

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(2005 - 2007) **MA in Political Communication.**
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, Bucharest, Romania
Skills: Political Communication; Political and Electoral Marketing, Political Analyst; Political Leadership.

(2010 - 2013) **BA in Political Science**
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Faculty of Political Science
Skills: Theory and Political Philosophy; Comparative Politics; International Relations; European Studies; Public Policy; Central and Eastern Europe Policy; Democracy and Minorities Studies; Political Sociology; Electoral Marketing.

(2001 - 2005) **BA in Communication and Public Relations**
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, Bucharest, Romania
Skills: Communication and Public Relations; Mass media and Society; Publicity.

Mother tongue(s) **Romanian**

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
German	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

DATA SCIENCE Data Science through advanced knowledge in Python and statistic expert.
Maxqda 2020 and JASP analytics program in qualitative methods.
Basic knowledge in R and SQL, selection of scientific articles, regression analysis, and literature review.
Good command and skills in graphic design (Corel Photo Paint and Corel Draw).
General knowledge of systems operation for Windows and Linux.

Books

- **Fitzek, S.** (2026). *Blockchain as an Audit Layer in EU Healthcare: Trust, Governance, and Evidence Artifacts aligned with the GDPR, EHDS, and NIS2.* Springer Singapore. Hardcover ISBN: 978-981-92-4691-5, XXXI, 304 pp. https://link.springer.com/book/9789819246915
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- **Fitzek, S.** (2023). Introduction to DATA SCIENCE. A PYTHON Path for a Non-computer Scientist [eBook],

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Bukarest: Comunicare.ro, ISBN: 978-973-711-642-0, pp.356. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8127847
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- **Fitzek, S.** (2020). "Sacrul și puterea politică. Abordări psihosociale ale imaginarului colectiv", Bucharest: Pro Universitaria, ISBN 978-606-26-1198-9, 282 p.
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Scientific articles and reviews

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- **Fitzek, S.**, Stănescu, S. M., & Neagu, G. (2017, November 17-18). Insertion of vulnerable people in social economy structures in Romania. Annual scientific session, Romanian Academy, Cluj Napoca, Institute of History „George Barițiu", Department of Socio-Human Research.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2017, October 27-28). The political and social situation in Romania. International Conference of Catholic Bishops, COMECE, (Re)thinking Europe, Vatican, New Hall Sinode.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2017, October 4). A sociological radiography of the Communist movement from 1921 to 1923. 13th International Conference on Social Science, ICSS XII 2017, Vienna. EUSER (European Centre for Science Education and Research).
- **Fitzek, S.** (2016, October 27-28). Archetypes, communication, and perceptions within the interethnic imaginary. Conference Discursive forms. Dream and Reality, University Vasile Alecsandri from Bacău.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2016, September 24). Immigrant status: A compared study between Germany and Austria. International Congress in Social Sciences (ICSS), Universidad Complutense Madrid CAP II - Ciencia Política y de la Administracion II, Spain.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2016, June 18). A semiotic interpretation of the interethnic imaginary. Conferința Semiosis in Communication – Knowing and Learning. SNSPA București, University Roehampton (Londra) and International Association of Semiotic Studies (IASS-AIS).
- **Fitzek, S.** (2016, June 11). Socio-economical profile of the Romanian family. Conference: Social Sciences and the Contemporary Challenges. 20 Years of Teaching Sociology, University of Oradea in partnership with the Sociologists Association from Romania, Sociologists' Society from Romania, and ICCV.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2015, May 22). Presentation on "Party Cartel in The Romanian Political System". International Conference: Young researchers in the social sciences, West University of Timisoara.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2015, April 25). Presentation on "The role of Collective Imaginary on Public Security. Being confident or being afraid; the trust and fear among female persons, in Bucharest". International Conference: Quality of Life: A Challenge for Social Policy. Institute for Research on Quality of Life, Romanian Academy.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2014, November 13-14). The Romanian social worker facing challenges and meeting economic opportunities provided by the European Union. In Economic Scientific Research - Theoretical, Empirical and Practical Approaches - ESPERA 2014. Organised by the National Institute of Economic Research "Costin C. Kiritescu" and the National Bank of Romania.
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- **Fitzek, S.** (2014, October 17-18). The role of Social Worker in the Public Policies. In Annual Conference of Research in Sociology and Social Worker. Organised by the University Lucian Blaga from Sibiu.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2014, September 19-20). Romanian-Roma Inter-Ethnical Political and Social Imaginary from Bucharest. In International Conference in Social Sciences. Organised by EUSER, MCSER, ICCV, and the

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- **Fitzek, S.** (2014, November 3-7). Euro-entrepreneurship: University qualifications for the Europeanization of Romanian society. Workshop presentation. Organised by the Institute for European Studies of the Free University of Brussels.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2014, October 24-26). Social economy from a communication perspective. In Towards the Good Society – European Perspectives. Organised by Romanian Sociological Association and Romanian Academy.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2012, September 27-30). The European social model and the Nordic welfare state in post-Lisbon era. In European Sociology: New Challenges and Opportunities. Organised by University of Oradea, ICCV, Romanian Sociological Association, and Institute for Quality of Life.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2012, May 31-June 3). Current trends in welfare state developments: the potential of the European social economy. In Beyond Globalisation?. Organised by Bucharest University and Romanian Sociological Society.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2011, September 22-23). New-Populist Elites in Post – Communist Romania. In Political Communication in the Era of New Technologies. Organised by the Polish Communication Association and the University of Warsaw.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2010, June 10). Influence, power, and leadership. A new theory of human relations in modern society. In Romania after 20 years: social change issues. Quality of life. Organised by ICCV (Research Institute of Quality of Life, Romanian Academy).

Projects

- **Fitzek, S.** (2026). **Co-Principal Investigator for Danube Private University**, WWTF ESS26 proposal *"Anticipating Collective Resilience: Theory-Guided Simulation as an Exploratory Tool for Crisis Communication Research" (ACR-SIM).* Contributed to the social-science and methodological framework, crisis-communication design, grounding and validation strategy, and interpretation of group-level response patterns. Proposal submitted in 2026; funding decision pending.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2026–present). **Researcher / Methodological Lead for XAI Evidence Synthesis, AI-PredictChemo, Danube Private University.** Methodological leadership for the health-AI implementation and evidence-synthesis components of an AI-based breast-cancer treatment-response prediction project. Responsibilities include clinician and patient acceptance, trust and implementation of clinical AI, evidence-synthesis methodology, the breast-cancer XAI scoping-review workflow, reproducibility and quality-assurance procedures, statistical planning, and EU AI Act-related trustworthiness considerations.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2025 – 2025). Contributed as Digital Transformations & Professional Development Analyst to the project "AI Ready – Intelligent Educational Ecosystem SNSPA for Career Guidance and Employability in the Digital Labour Market," Code CNFIS-FDI-2025-F-0229. Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, SNSPA, Bucharest. Responsibilities included: analyzing trends in digitalization and AI's impact on student career pathways; defining a future-competencies framework for SNSPA students; conducting qualitative focus-groups and gap-analysis (R2); authoring the Curriculum Adaptation Guide (R3) with AI-focused modules; and facilitating stakeholder workshops to validate curricular recommendations.

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- **Fitzek, S.** (2023 - 2023) Contributed as a Research Expert to the project *"Monitoring and Integrated Evaluation of Public Service Performance," Code SIPOCA 616/ MySMIS 127589*. This project, contracted by the General Secretariat of the Government, involved sectoral evaluations of public service performance based on developed methodologies, particularly focusing on qualitative research and data collection methodologies. The project encompassed a comprehensive study with 120 focus group interviews and was implemented in collaboration with SC CC SAS SRL, SC IRES SRL, SC ENCORE RESEARCH SRL, SIMAVI, ICCV, and subcontractors. My role was pivotal in ensuring rigorous data collection and insightful analysis, contributing to the project's successful completion between December 12, 2022, and November 9, 2023.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2022 - 2023). Contributed as an evaluator to the project *"National Program for Reducing School Dropout (PNRAS)"*, funded by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR), Component 15, Education. The project involved evaluating grant applications from schools with a high risk of dropout, focusing on administrative compliance, eligibility, and qualitative assessment. (Code: SG-PNRAS, managed by UEFISCDI).
- **Fitzek, S.** (2022 - 2023) Trainer and Coordinator in the *"Startup Kickstart Project"*, code POCU/829/6/13/141279, within the Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, SNSPA. Contributed to the design and implementation of entrepreneurial training programs aimed at developing business skills and supporting startups. The project targeted over 350 individuals, with a focus on rural and underrepresented groups
- **Fitzek, S.** (2022). Evaluator for the project *"Provision of Furniture, Educational Materials, and Digital Equipment to Pre-University Schools"*, funded by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR). (Code: D-2400-046K-2455).
- **Fitzek, S.,** (10/2021 – 12/2022). Expert project researcher in qualitative methods, ICCV/INCE in "Analysis, streamlining and updating of the legal framework in tourism", SIPOCA Code: 392, MySMIS2014+ Code: 116156"
- **Fitzek, S.** (2018 - 2019) member of a team project: *Social policy in Romania and Belarus: a comparative approach"* project submitted within the cooperation between the Romanian Academy and Belarus Academy of Science, Foundation for Fundamental Research of the Republic of Belarus, 2018-2019 (Romanian team coordinator, CS 1 Simona Stănescu)
- **Fitzek, S.** (2017 - 2018) member of the Research Institute for Quality of Life in the sectorial project: *Identification and analysis of perception on quality of life and health* within the project *National Register of Chronic Patients in Romania* (coordinator partner: National Institute for Research and Development in Informatics - ICI Bucharest) Program 1 - Development of the national research-development system, Subprogram 1.2. Institutional performance Institutional development, projects carried out in RDI consortia, 2017 competition
- **Fitzek, S.** (2016-2017) ICCV's contribution to the Romanian Development Strategy, realized by the Romanian Academy: Zamfir, Cătălin (coord), Ionuţ Anghel, Daniel Arpinte, Cosmin Briciu, Sorin Cace, Alexandra Deliu, Dana Eremia, Simona Ilie, Monica Marin, Flavius Mihalache, Ana Maria Preoteasa, Mihnea Preotesi, Adina Mihăilescu, Gabriela Neagu, Cosmina Pop, Iuliana Precupeţu, Mariana Stanciu, Simona Stănescu, Manuela Stănculescu, Cristina Tomescu, Elena Tudor and Elena Zamfir (authors). (2016). A strategy of relaunching the quality of life in perspective 2037: Directions, Priorities, Objectives, Targets, Restrictions, Opportunities, pp. 361-390, in Vlad Valentin-Ionel (coord), Romania's development strategy for the next 20 years, Vol. III, Part I, Bucharest: Romanian Academy; http://www.academiaromana.ro/bdar/strategiaAR/doc13/StrategiaIII.pdf

- **Fitzek, S.** (April 2015 - October 2015), Technical Manager, ICCV (Institut Quality of Life Research) within the project "Equal opportunities in education" POSDRU/181/2.2/S/154888, cod SMIS: 57985
- **Fitzek, S.**, (2012) researcher (Type C) expert in Quality-of-Life Research Institute at the Romanian Academy: *Growth mechanisms and instruments for facilitating the access to higher education based upon both horizontal and vertical development of partnerships between education institutions, both central and local structures of the educational system and social actors.* (Project Code: POSDRU/56/1.2/S/41506)

Selected Academic Supervision and Doctoral Co-Supervision

- **PhD Co-Supervision, Danube Private University:** 2 active PhD co-supervision commitments in medical imaging and implant research, with methodological/statistical responsibility (2026–present).
- **Bachelor Supervision, Human Medicine, Danube Private University:** 3 completed Bachelor theses co-supervised and formally assessed in 2026.
- **Master's and Diploma Co-Supervision, Danube Private University:** 6 completed Master's/Diploma-level thesis co-supervisions in medical imaging and dentistry documented across 2024–2026, with methodological/statistical responsibility.

Specializations and Scholarships

- (July 2025) – Participant, Seminar on Blockchain Technology and Information Security, Belt and Road Countries, CIFAL Shanghai, UNITAR, Shanghai, China.
- (May 2025) *Erasmus visitor professor* invited by the Faculty of Human Sciences, Universidade Católica Portuguesa – Porto, as part of the Erasmus research and teaching program for teacher mobility.
- (May 2016) *Erasmus visitor professor* invited by the Faculty of Communication and Journalism Aldo Moro, Bari, Italy as part of the Erasmus research and teaching program for teacher mobility.
- (May 2014) *Erasmus visitor professor* invited by the Faculty of Tourism within the University of Girona (Spain) within the Erasmus lecturing program for teachers.
- (June – July 2013) *Erasmus visitor professor* invited by the Faculty of Journalism and Public Relations from the University of Applied Sciences from Gelsenkirchen (Germany) within the Erasmus, forming a program for teachers.
- (October 1st, 2010, to May 1st, 2011) participation with a certificate in the political courses organised by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Institute for Popular Studies, Bucharest, Romania.
- (August 09th to August 22nd, 2009) International Summer School Sarajevo 2009: Transitional Justice in Southeast Europe, organised by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.
- (March 2006) Scholarship from Robert Schuman Foundation to European Parliament in Bruxelles and Strasbourg.

Professional memberships, standardization and academic service

- Institutional Representative of SNSPA on ASRO Technical Committee CT 401 – Artificial Intelligence, 2026–present
- Editorial Board Member, BMC Medical Education (Springer Nature), 2025–present

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- Technical Program Committee Member and Reviewer, Frontiers in Education (FIE) Conference, 2026. Reviewed original and revised conference submissions in AI-supported education, research methodology and responsible technology implementation.
- Member of the Romanian Sociological Association since 2015
- Administrator and editor of the „Romania Socială" platform, http://www.romaniasociala.ro
- Reviewer and consultant for the Roumanian Journal of Sociology. https://www.arsociologie.ro/en/
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- Reviewer for International Journal of Artificial Intelligence in Education, Springer Nature, 2024. Reviewed the manuscript titled "ChatGPT in the Classroom: Evaluating its Role in Fostering Critical Evaluation Skills", evaluating research quality, methodology, and contributions to the field of artificial intelligence in education.
- Editor, *Journal of Theoretical and Applied Sciences* (*Revista de Științe Teoretice și Aplicate – RST Journal*) – since 2025. https://www.rstjournal.com/despre/conducerea/

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