

DETAILS

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 Nationality: Romanian / Italian; D.O.B. 05/11/1972

Present position PhD in Housing and Regeneration, CASE, London School of Economics

Research interests (in alphabetical order)

Housing – housing policy and development; housing markets; housing for ethnic minorities (Roma)

Regeneration – urban development and renewal; regeneration impact; neighborhood regeneration; social aspects of the built environment;

Sustainability – sustainable built environment; sustainable communities; measuring/ assessing sustainability;

Current research Assessing the impact of urban regeneration on community sustainability: empirical evidence from three Housing Market Renewal areas in the UK.

EDUCATION

2005 - 2009 *Ph.D. in Housing and Regeneration*, LSE/ CASE
 2000 – 2001 *Master in International Housing and Social Change*, LSE
 1996 – 1997 *Master in Urban Design*, School of Architecture, Bucharest
 1993 – 1996 *Diploma in Architecture*, School of Architecture, Bucharest
 1990 – 1993 *Bachelor in Architecture*, School of Architecture, Bucharest

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Teaching**

2007 – present LSE: Poverty, Social Exclusion and the Underclass Debate (SA221); Planning and Regeneration (SA436)
 2007 – 2008 Bartlett School of Architecture: The Production of the Built Environment (ENVS 1019)

Consultancy

2009 – “*The Built Environment and Health Inequalities*” – Report for the Marmot Review of Health Inequalities: Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England post-2010; www.ucl.ac.uk/qheg/marmotreview/.../Built_environment_report

2007 – British Urban Regeneration Association (BURA): “*Regeneration maps in the UK: the case of Salford in Greater Manchester*” – in-depth analysis of key actors involved in regeneration and their relationships at different levels: European/ national/ regional/ local; and politic/ economic/ social.

2006 – LSE Housing: “*Making a step change in sustainability*” (with Tunstall, R. and Paskell, C.) – sustainability model in two stages (planning and market) for Wimpey Redrow, the 2nd biggest housing developer in the UK.)

Architecture/ Planning

2003 – 2006 *Associate*, Llewelyn Davies Yeang, London

- Project management - Residential; Mixed-Use; Urban Design
- Research – “Radburn and terrace housing in areas of low demand housing” (for CABE); “Safer places” (for ODPM/ Home Office)

2002 – 2003 *Project Architect*, Levitt Bernstein Associates, London

- Design and masterplanning
- Setting up the Sustainable Design Standards for the practice

Research Assistant, London School of Economics/ CASE

- “Environment and human behaviour in 10 areas across the UK” (for ESRC)
 - “Regeneration at the core. Demolition vs. Refurbishment” (for BRE)
- 2001 – 2002 *Environmental Officer*, Affinity Housing Group, London
- Compliance with UK environmental standards and policy of new housing developments
 - Setting up an Environmental Management System, Affordable Warmth Strategy and Decent Homes Strategy
- 1997 – 2001 *Principal*, ZONA Architects (own architectural practice), Bucharest
- Three buildings built in Bucharest: two office buildings (*Ion Tiriac Insurance* and *Rohe International*) and one private residence (*Villa Rapeanu*)
- 1998 – 2000 *Lecturer in Building Design*, School of Architecture, Bucharest
- High-density housing and building specification;
 - Technical advisor for the Urban Planning Commission
- 1996 – 1998 *Architect*, TechnoProiect Architects, Bucharest

HONOURS, SCHOLARSHIPS and AWARDS

- 2005/2008 Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) Centre Linked Studentship
- 2003 First Prize (with Levitt Bernstein Associates), Straelen Housing Design Competition, Germany
- 2001 Best Results Christie Exhibition Award, London School of Economics
- 2000/2001 Michael Peacock Charitable Foundation Scholarship, London School of Economics
- 1996 Best Results ‘Horia Creanga’ Award, School of Architecture, Bucharest
- 1997 Third Prize, *L’ile. L’habitation urbaine* Urban Design Competition, Marseille
- 1996 Mention, *Bucharest 2000* Design Competition, Bucharest
- 1995 Second Prize, *Hotel Modern* Design Competition, Bucharest
- 1994 Mention, *Shinkenchiku Residential* Design Competition, Tokyo
- 1994 Commendation, Bauhaus-Weimer Design Competition, Weimar

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Does urban regeneration make a difference for the sustainability of a community? Intermediary findings from the Housing Market Renewal programme in the UK”, paper presented at *ENHR Sustainable Urban Areas*, Rotterdam, June 2007

“Sustainable housing, sustainable communities or both? Assessing the impact of housing renewal on community sustainability - A theoretical model”, paper presented at *HSA Housing and Sustainability*, York, April 2007

“Sustainable cities for the poorest: the case of Roma minority in Bucharest”, paper presented at UN Habitat World Urban Forum networking event *Sustainable Communities and the Future Shape of Cities*, Barcelona, 2004

“The Architect’s vision: East Thames Corridor” (with Levitt, D) paper prepared for the *Vision to reality for the Thames Gateway* conference, HACAS Chapman Hendy/Gallions Housing Association/Tilfen Land, London, 2003

“The un-Private House”, paper presented at the School of Architecture Annual Conference, School of Architecture ‘Ion Mincu’, Bucharest, 2000

PUBLICATIONS

Sustainable regeneration, sustainable communities or both? Findings from regenerating areas of low demand housing in the UK (forthcoming), *Urban Studies*, under revision

In the quest of sustainable communities: a theoretical framework to assess the impact of urban regeneration on community sustainability (2009), in Tsenkova, S. (Ed.), *Planning strategies for sustainable cities*, University of Calgary: Calgary

The Housing Conditions of the Roma Minority in Eastern Europe (2001), LSE Housing Report, London School of Economics: London

Regenerating urban areas (in Romanian: *Zone urbane revalorificate*) 2000, ConstructDesign, 1(7), 34-36, Bucharest

Housing, another fashionable topic? (in Romanian: *Locuinta...un alt subiect la moda?*) 2000, ConstructDesign, 1(8), 39-42, Bucharest

Housing patterns in post-communist Romania (1999), Housing Report, School of Architecture 'Ion Mincu', Bucharest

A story for children about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1994), illustrations for a colouring book about children's rights. Neacsu, L (eds), Independent Romanian Society for Human Rights (SIRDO): Bucharest

OTHER SKILLS

Professional: Qualified architect – ARB UK; OAR Romania

Languages: English (fluent) Italian (fluent) French (good) Romanian (native)

Computer: In-depth knowledge of CAD (AutoCAD, MicroStation), Graphics (Adobe, Corel), SPSS and Excel.

REFERENCES

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