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CURRENT AND PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS

10/2023 –	Principal Researcher PI of the ERC StG Project ‘Reviving the Ascetic Ideal in the Eastern Mediterranean (969-1375 AD)’ (2023-2028) Department of Byzantine Research, Institute for Medieval Research, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
09/2022 – 08/2023	Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellow Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin
09/2020 – 08/2022	Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Researcher Institute for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies University of Vienna, Austria
12/2017 – 08/2020	Postdoctoral Researcher (50%) Long-term Project: <i>Corpus Coranicum</i> , Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, Potsdam, Germany
04/2017 – 08/2020	University Assistant (Postdoc) (50%) Chair of Byzantine Studies, Institute for Greek and Latin Philology Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

EDUCATION

2012 – 2017	PhD in Byzantine and Eastern Christian Studies Institute of Greek and Latin Philology / Institute of Semitic and Arabic Studies; Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
2008 – 2009, 2011 – 2012	M.A. in Jewish Studies Faculty of Letters, University of Bucharest, Romania
2009 – 2011	M.A. in Medieval Studies Friedrich-Meinecke-Institut, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
2004 – 2008	B.A. in History and English Philology Faculty of History, University of Bucharest, Romania

RESEARCH PROJECTS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

05/2025 –	Affiliated Member of the Cluster of Excellence “EurAsian Transformations” (Link)
10/2023 –	ERC Starting Grant: <i>Reviving the Ascetic Ideal in the Eastern Mediterranean: Entangled Memories of Early Egyptian Monasticism in Medieval Syriac, Arabic, and Armenian Christianity (969-1375 CE)</i> RevIdEM - Grant Nr. 101078631. Funding: 1.496.657,50 EUR
09/2020 – 08/2022	Marie-Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship (REA) Institute for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies University of Vienna (Grant Nr. 841476. Funding: 186167.04 EUR)
03/2019 – 12/2019	Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Research Project: <i>Theories of Divination in Late Antiquity and Early Byzantium (2nd-7th centuries)</i> , PI: Prof. Andrei Timotin “Alexandru Dragomir” Institute for Philosophy, Bucharest
09/2018 – 10/2018	Swenson Family Fellowship in Eastern Christian Manuscript Studies Hill Manuscript Museum & Library St. John’s University, Collegeville, MI, USA.
10/2016 – 02/2017	Junior Research Fellowship “Principles of Cultural Dynamics”-Network École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France
08/2016 – 09/2016	Dahlem Junior Host Program Dahlem Research School, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
01/2016 – 04/2016	Henri Frankfort/Grete Sondheimer Fellowship The Warburg Institute, School of Advanced Studies, University of London, United Kingdom
10/2012 – 03/2016	DAAD Full PhD Scholarship at the FU Berlin

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Summer 2026	Lecture Series: “Religious Communities and Manuscript Cultures on the Medieval Silk Roads”. University of Vienna (link).
May 2025	M.A. Course: <i>Religions on the Silk Road. Ideas – Texts – Traditions</i> (in Romanian), MA in Religious Studies, University of Bucharest (Link)
Summer 2022	Vorlesung: <i>The Ascetic Ideal in Byzantium and the Eastern Mediterranean</i> (in English), Universität Wien
Winter 2019 – 2020	Seminar: <i>The Cult of Mary in Byzantium, the Christian Orient and the Qur’an</i> (in German). Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
Winter 2019 – 2020	Seminar: <i>Byzantine and Christian Oriental Hagiography</i> (in German). Freie Universität Berlin
Summer 2019	Seminar: <i>Apocalypse Now! Or Later? Visions of the End in Byzantine and Western Christianity</i> (in English). Freie Universität Berlin
Winter 2018 – 2019	Seminar: <i>Introduction to East Christian Manuscript Studies</i> (in German). Freie Universität Berlin

Summer 2018	Seminar: <i>Monks and Mystics in Byzantium (7th-14th centuries)</i> (in German). Freie Universität Berlin
Winter 2017 – 2018	Seminar: <i>A Byzantine Legend of the Buddha: The Romance of Barlaam and Joasaph</i> (in German). Freie Universität Berlin
Summer 2017	Seminar: <i>The Call of the Desert: Ascetical and Mystical Literature in Late Antiquity (4th-6th centuries)</i> (in German). Freie Universität Berlin
Spring 2016	Reading Group: <i>Classical Syriac</i> (in English). Warburg Institute, London

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES, ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

03/2026	Co-organization (with Andy Hilkens and Claudia Rapp) of the international conference <i>Sanctity and Ritual Remembrance. Christian Liturgy and Memory Practices from Medieval Iberia to Central Asia</i> (5-6 March, 2026), Austrian Academy of Sciences (Link).
09/2025	Co-organization (with Till Stüber) of the international conference <i>Legal Texts on the Move. Normative Texts Crossing Boundaries in the Medieval World</i> (4-5 September, 2025), Austrian Academy of Sciences (Link).
01/2025	Co-organization (with Giulia Rossetto and Alice Croq) of the international workshop: <i>Spaces of Book Production and Scribal Activity in the Eastern Mediterranean</i> (16-17 January, 2025), Austrian Academy of Sciences (Link).
10/2024	Co-organization (with Christian Høgel) of the international workshop <i>Between Athos and Antioch: Urban and Monastic Translator Teams & Shared Translation Practices in the Eastern Mediterranean</i> (29-30 October, 2024), Lund University.
10/2024	Co-organization (with Benedetta Contin, Lewis Read, Anahit Safaryan) of the international workshop: <i>Places of Faith, Places of Memory. Sacral Topography in the Pre-modern Caucasus</i> (3-5 October), University of Vienna/Austrian Academy of Sciences (Link).
08/2024	Co-organization, with Samuel Rubenson, of the workshop “Remembering the Desert. The Reception, Circulation and Translation of the <i>Apophthegmata Patrum</i> in the Medieval Christian East”, <i>Oxford Patristics Conference</i> (5-9 August, 2024), Oxford.
06/2024	International conference: <i>Connected Revivals? Transregional Perspectives on the Syriac, Copto-Arabic and Armenian Cultural Renaissances (11th-14th centuries)</i> (6-8 June, 2024); Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna (Link).
11/2023	Co-organization (with Giulia Rossetto) of the evening lecture: <i>Arabic Translations of the Church Fathers</i> , by Prof. Alexander Treiger (Dalhousie University); University of Vienna, Institute for Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies
04/2022	Co-organization (with Claudia Rapp) of the international workshop: <i>Monastic Literature in the Multilingual Context of Early Islamic Palestine and Sinai: Manuscripts, Scribes, Readers</i> , Universität Wien.
07/2019	Main Coordination of the Summer School <i>Comprehending “Byzantium after Byzantium.” An Introduction to Ottoman Historical Sources</i> (tutor: Dr. Georgios Liakopoulos), Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.
2017 – 2019	Annual organization of public engagement events of the Chair of Byzantine Studies at the <i>Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften</i> (“Long Night of Sciences”), Freie Universität Berlin.

2017 – 2019	Annual presentation of the undergraduate study program of Byzantine Studies at the University open-doors events (“InFU-Tage”), Freie Universität Berlin.
6/2018	Organization of the public lecture <i>On Forgotten Christian Kingdoms in Africa</i> (speaker: Dr. Alexandros Tsakos, Bergen) at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, Berlin, Germany.
3/2018	Member of the organizing committee of the Seventh Annual Conference of the International Society of Arabic Papyrology (ISAP), Berlin.
12/2017	Public Event: “Byzantium as Mediator Between East and West”, open dialogue with Manolis Ulbricht, Deutsch-Griechische Gesellschaft, Humboldt-University, Berlin.
11/2017	Public Event: “Christians and Muslims in Syria and Iraq in the Early Byzantine Period”, open dialogue with Manolis Ulbricht, Exantas e.V., Berlin.

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

7/2023	External Evaluator for PhD Thesis (Macquarie University, Australia)
11/2022	External Evaluator for PhD Thesis (University of Bergen)
2020 – 2021	Member of Doctoral Committees at FU Berlin; La Sapienza University, Roma (co-tutelle with FU Berlin); TEEME Graduate School (University of Kent – FU Berlin)
2017 – 2020	Undergraduate Examination Committees, FU Berlin
2017 – 2020	Coordination of Doctoral Research Colloquia, FU Berlin
2017 – 2020	Teaching Planning and Coordination, Institute for Greek and Latin Philology, FU Berlin (shared responsibility)
2017 – 2020	Institute Coordinator for incoming and outgoing ERASMUS+ students at the Institute for Greek and Latin Philology, FU Berlin (shared responsibility)

COMMISSIONS OF TRUST

2023 -	Editorial Board Member, <i>Eastern Christian Texts</i> (Brill)
2021 -	Editorial Board Member, <i>Eastern Christian Cultures in Contact</i> Series (Brepols, Turnhout)
2019 -	Peer-Reviewing for the journals: <i>Entangled Religions</i> , <i>RursuSpicae</i> , <i>Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies</i> , <i>Dumbarton Oaks Papers</i> , <i>Vigiliae Christianae</i> , <i>Modern Theology</i> , <i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i> , <i>Studia Patristica</i> , <i>Acta Orientalia Academiae Scientiarum Hungaricae</i> , <i>Folia Orientalia</i>
2019 -	Peer-Reviewing for academic monographs: Brill, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Gorgias Press

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Romanian (native) | **German, English** (proficient) | **French, Italian, Spanish, Modern Greek** (reading knowledge)
Ancient Languages: **Syriac, Greek, Arabic, Latin, Hebrew, Aramaic, Sogdian, Persian** (good) | **Pahlavi, Parthian, Coptic, Armenian, Church Slavonic** (basic working knowledge)

Participation in International Conferences, Workshops, Invited Lectures

1. “Al-Bīrūnī on the Commemoration of Saints among the Melkites and East Syrians in Central Asia”, International Conference *Sanctity and Ritual Remembrance*. ÖAW, 5–6 March, 2026.
2. “Editing Christian Arabic Manuscripts from the Sinai Collection: A Few Case Studies and their Challenges”, Workshop *Working with Monastic Repositories*. University of Vienna, 20 February, 2026.
3. “Commemorating the Dormition of Mary in Byzantine Antioch. The Interplay of Apocrypha, Homiletics and Liturgy in the Eleventh Century”, Center for Mediterranean Studies, CEU. Vienna, 22 January, 2026.
4. “Recovering Syro-Chalcedonian Historical Memory. The *Maronite Chronicle of 713* and Its Manuscript Transmission”, *Gotha Manuscript Talks*. Gotha Research Library/University of Erfurt, 26 November, 2025.
5. “Syriac Mysticism in Translation. New Perspectives and Case Studies from the Medieval Eastern Mediterranean”, Conference *Patristic Heritage in Eastern Christianity*, University of Padova, 27 October, 2025.
6. “The Maronite Chronicle of 713: A Hitherto Unknown Source for Late Antique and Early Islamic History”, *Tübingen Byzantine and Near Eastern Seminar*. University of Tübingen 10 July, 2025.
7. “The Earliest Arabic Translation of the *Six Books on the Dormition* (CANT 140) and Its Reception in Arabic Christianity.” Invited Lecture at the Annual Meeting of the *Association pour l'Étude de la Littérature Apocryphe Chrétienne (AELAC)*. Lyon, 26-28 June, 2025.
8. “The Arabic Version of the Six Books on the Dormition of Mary: Syro-Arabic Translations and the Memory of Christian Origins in Early Islamic Palestine and Sinai.” International Workshop: *Monks as Translators. Translation Methods in Early Syro-Arabic Melkite Literature*. Freie Universität Berlin, 19-20 June, 2025.
9. “Desert Wisdom in Translation: Researching the Multilingual Manuscript Tradition of the *Apophthegmata Patrum*”, Manuscripts Workshop. University of Innsbruck, 2-3 May, 2025.
10. “Scribes and Scriptoria in Byzantine Antioch. A Survey of Greek, Syriac, Arabic and Georgian Manuscript Production in the Eleventh Century.” International Workshop: *Spaces of Book Production and Scribal Activity in the Eastern Mediterranean*. Austrian Academy of Sciences. Vienna, 16-17 January, 2025.
11. “The Vision of God’s Glory in East Syriac Mystical Literature: From Babai the Great to John of Dalyatha.” St Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, Third Annual Academic Symposium: *I Saw the Lord (Isa 6:1). Entangled Jewish and Christian Perspectives on the Encounter with God*. Yonkers, NY, 13-15 November, 2024.
12. “The Arabic Translations of the *Corpus Macarianum* and other Homily Collections in Byzantine Antioch.” International Workshop: *Between Athos and Antioch. Urban and Monastic Translator Teams & Shared Translation Practices in the Eastern Mediterranean (10th-11th Centuries)*. Lund University, 29-30 October, 2024.
13. “Syro-Chalcedonian Manuscripts and the World of the Qur’an. New Perspectives on 7th-8th c. Syriac Chronicles and Early Arabic Christian Literature.” International Conference: *Material Evidence in Qur’anic Studies and its Digital Representation*, BBAW. Berlin, 14-15 September, 2024.
14. “Antony of St Symeon and the Apophthegmata Patrum in Byzantine Antioch.” *Oxford Patristics Conference*. University of Oxford, 5-9 August, 2024.
15. “The Age of Perfection. Memories of Early Christianity and Monastic Origins in the Medieval Eastern Mediterranean.” International Conference: *Connected Revivals? Transregional Perspectives on the Syriac, Copto-Arabic and Armenian Cultural Renaissances*. Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 6-8 June 2024.
16. “Monastic Book Culture in Syro-Palestine and Sinai. Syriac and Christian Arabic Manuscripts as Sources for Early Islamic History.” International Conference: *The Other Narratives of Early Islam. Contemporary Sources and Critical Readings*. University of Frankfurt a.M., 22-23 March 2024.
17. “Apostolic Authority and the Origins of Monasticism in the Syriac *Liber Graduum*.” International Conference: *Imagining Apostolic Connections in Late Antiquity. Alternative Lines of Authority and Pseudepigraphy*. University of Cambridge, 26-27 January 2024.
18. “Pseudo-Planets and Eclipse Deities in the Astral Sciences of Medieval Eurasia.” *Conference: “Transmission, Translocation, Transcreation. A Cultural Kinematics of Astral Knowledge*. University of Copenhagen, 13-15 November 2023.
19. “Safeguarding the Patristic Heritage at the Dawn of the First Crusade: Sinai Arab. 481 and Its Scribe, the Priest Butrus (Peter).” *Conference ‘Priests and Their Manuscripts in the Holy Land and Sinai*. Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 8-10 November 2023.
20. “Astral and Other Sciences in the Medieval Uyghur Kingdom of Qocho (Turfan).” *The 16th International Conference on the History of Science in East Asia*. Goethe University, Frankfurt a.M., 21-25 August 2023.
21. “Egyptian Desert Father or Syrian Mystic? Shaping the Memory of Macarius the Great in East Syriac Mystical Literature (7th-8th centuries).” *International Conference “The Greek Sources of East Syriac Mysticism”*. KU Leuven, 26-28 June 2023.
22. “Narratives of Recovered Antediluvian Wisdom in the Byzantine and Islamic Intellectual Traditions.” *Second Workshop on Arabo-Greek Studies*, Johannes-Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, 9-10 June 2023.
23. “Celestial Omen Texts in Late Antique and Early Medieval Eurasia. Towards a Connected History of the Astral Sciences.” *Research Colloquium ‘ZODIAC’*. Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte, FU Berlin, 5 June 2023.

24. "Christian Arabic *Apocrypha* and Homilies on the Dormition of the Theotokos." *Conference: Bible and Arab Christianity, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, 28-29 April, 2023.*
25. "The Earliest Arabic Version of the *Six Books on the Dormition of the Virgin Mary*. Manuscripts and Contexts." *Second IOTA Megaconference, Theological Academy Volos, 11-15 January, 2023.*
26. "The Book of the Egyptian Fathers: Organizing Late Antique Ascetic Knowledge in Syriac Monastic Anthologies." *All Who Encounter This Book – The Transmission and Reception of Late Antique and Medieval Texts in Syriac Manuscripts. KU Leuven, 14-16 December, 2022.*
27. "Messengers of God. Prophethood, Apostleship and Typological Thought in Late Antique Syriac Christianity." *The Qur'an and Syriac Christianity. Recurring Themes and Motifs. University of Tübingen, 5-7 December, 2022.*
28. "Greek Collections of *Ascetica* in Early Islamic Palestine." *24th International Congress of Byzantine Studies. Venice and Padua, 22-27 August, 2022.*
29. "Perception and the Spiritual Senses in Seventh-Century Byzantine Ascetic Thought. From Origen and Evagrius to Maximus the Confessor." *International Congress: Origeniana Tertia Decima, Münster, 15-19 August, 2022.* Online.
30. "The Earliest Ascetic Anthologies in Arabic. Typology, Models, Contexts of Use." *XIe Congrès d'Études arabes chrétiennes, Paris, 4-9 July, 2022.*
31. "Are there Syro-Melkite Collections of the *Apophthegmata Patrum*? Distinctive Features of Syriac and Greek *Paterika* from Early Islamic Palestine and Sinai." *Symposium Syriacum XIII, Paris, 4-9 July, 2022.*
32. "The Anonymous Syriac Commentary to Evagrius' Gnostic Trilogy – Authorship, Context, Doctrine." *Évagre en Orient. Novae a(m)bitiones, Colloque International. Strasbourg, 22-23 June, 2022.*
33. "Syriac Monastic Networks and the Transfer of Knowledge between the Eastern Mediterranean, Sasanian Iran and Central Asia." *After Rome and Further East Seminar Series (Trinity Term 2022). Oxford, 9 June, 2022.*
34. "Syriac Melkites in the Early Islamic Period: History – Identity – Manuscript Culture." *Byzantine Worlds Seminar Series. University of Cambridge, 27 May, 2022.* Online.
35. "Three Saints, Four Languages, One Ascetic Corpus. The Convoluted Transmission of Macarius/Symeon in Early Islamic Palestine." *Monastic Literature in the Multilingual Context of Early Islamic Palestine and Sinai: Manuscripts, Scribes, Readers, International Workshop (co-organised with Prof. Claudia Rapp). University of Vienna, 7-8 April, 2022.* Online.
36. "From Antioch to Samarkand: Melkite Communities East of Byzantium." *Fifth International Byzantine Seminar Lecture Series: Networks and Connectivity in and beyond Byzantium (IHAC, Northeast Normal University). Changchun, 24 November, 2021.* Online.
37. "Evagrian Mysticism in the Syriac Twelfth Century. Dionysius' Commentary on the *Kephalaia Gnostika*." *Dionysius bar Salibi: A Polymath of the Syriac Renaissance, International Conference. KU Leuven, 8-10 November, 2021.* Online.
38. "Syriac and Arabic Readers of Apocrypha in Early Islamic Palestine: The Case of the Virgin's Heavenly Journey in the *Six Books on the Dormition*." *Online Lecture Series "Visions of Paradise and Hell" (Institute for the History of Religions, Romanian Academy). Bucharest, 18 October, 2021.* Online.
39. "Bizațul în Asia Centrală. Manuscrisele din Turfan și cultul Maicii Domnului în Orientul creștin." *Lecture Series of the Romanian Society for Byzantine Studies (Institute for South-Eastern European Studies, Romanian Academy of Sciences). Bucharest, 25 May, 2021.* Online.
40. "Deification in the Syriac Fathers." *The IOTA Deification Colloquia (St. Thomas University). Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN, 26 February, 2021.* Online.
41. "Divine Incomprehensibility and Human Wonder (*tehrā*) in East Syriac Mystical Literature." *International Conference Siegel des Göttlichen. Von der Theologie zur Anthropologie und zurück. University of Bern, 30 September – 2 October, 2020.* Online.
42. "The Story of the Sleepers of Ephesus in Eastern Christianity and Early Islam." *Text and Transmission Joint Research Seminar, organised by A. Hilkens and D. Batovici. KU Leuven / University of Ghent, 22 May, 2020.* Online.
43. "Stirrings of the Mind: Movement and Contemplation in East Syriac Mysticism." *Contemplative Traditions: A Symposium in Honour of Prof. Andrew Louth (Skt. Ignatius Theological Academy). Sigetua, 12-15 December, 2019.*
44. "Between Byzantium, Sasanian Iran and the Qur'an: Greek and Syriac Hagiography in the 7th Century." *The Ninth European Conference of Iranian Studies – ECIS 9 (Freie Universität Berlin). Berlin, 9-14 September, 2019.*
45. "The Power of Books. Arethas of Caesarea and His Commentary on the Apocalypse." *The Twelfth International Congress of South-East European Studies. Bucharest, 2-7, September 2019.*
46. "Syriac Monastic Charity and its Influence on Early Islam: Glimpses from an Unpublished Paper by Arthur Vööbus (ca. 1948)." *The 18th Oxford Patristics Conference. Oxford, 19-24 August, 2019.*
47. "Aristotelian and Biblical Cosmologies in Syriac Literature (3rd-10th centuries)." *International Conference: Natural Sciences and Technologies in Manuscripts and Artefacts (Kekelidze Centre of Manuscripts/MPIWG Berlin). Tbilisi, 27-28 June, 2019.*
48. "The Macrocosm-Microcosm Analogy in Manichaeism, Zoroastrianism, and Early Islamic Gnosis." *Formative Exchanges in the Islamicate World: Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism, and Islam in Contact (Käte-Hamburger-Kolleg). Ruhr-Universität Bochum, 5-6 June, 2019.*
49. "Gathering Souls Through Parables: The *Shepherd of Hermas* Fragment from Turfan (M97) and its Manichaean Context." *Versions of the Apostolic Past: Ancient Translations of the Apostolic Fathers. KU Leuven, 22-23 May, 2019.*

50. "The Sound of Silence: Spiritual Perception and Apophaticism in East Syriac Mystical Literature (7th-8th cent.)." *The International Orthodox Theology Association (IOTA) Inaugural Conference*. Iași, 9-12 January, 2019.
51. "Philosophical Approaches to Spiritual Perception in the Multi-Religious Context of the Early Abbasid Period." *The Tenth German-Israel Seminar on the Frontiers of the Humanities (Humboldt-Foundation)*. Berlin, 19-21 November, 2018.
52. "The Leiden Physiologus and some Overlooked Manuscripts in Syriac and Arabic." *The World of the Physiologus – Animal Stories and Representations in Oriental Manuscripts (COMSt/Universität Hamburg)*. Hamburg, 28-29 June, 2018.
53. "Ascetic Struggle and Divine Providence: East Syriac Mysticism in Turfan." *International Workshop: Dall' Iran allo Xinjiang. Le comunità siro-orientali tra VI-XI sec. (ÖAW/Pontificio Istituto Orientale)*. Rome, 9 June, 2018.
54. "Georg der Araberbischof und die syrische Kommentartradition zu Aristoteles' Organon im 8. Jh." *Der 10. Deutsche Syrologentag*. Berlin, 30 May - 2 June, 2018.
55. "The Buddha in the West: Real and Imagined Knowledge about Buddhism in Late Roman Egypt." *East-West Networks of the Ancient World, Part II*. University of Bergen, 9 March, 2018.
56. "The Messiah in China: Syriac Christianity and Manichaeism in Turfan." *East-West Networks of the Ancient World, Part I*. University of Bergen, 7 March, 2018.
57. "Eclipses, Dragons, Dark Planets. On the Function and Relevance of Lunar Nodes in Late Antiquity and Byzantine Astrology." *International Conference: Theories of Divination in Late Antiquity and Byzantium* (University of Bucharest/Romanian Academy of Sciences). Bucharest, 17-18 November, 2017.
58. "Syriac Literature as a Source for Understanding Justinian's Anathemas against Origen (543/553)." *First Annual Conference of the Romanian Society for Byzantine Studies* (Nicolae Iorga Institute for History). Bucharest, 16 November, 2017.
59. "The Eclipse Dragon in Syriac and Manichaean Sources." *East-West Encounter in the Science of Heaven and Earth, International Conference on Traditional Sciences in Asia* (Kyoto University). Kyoto, 25-27 October, 2017.
60. "Isaac of Nineveh's 'Gnostic Chapters' in Sogdian: The Identification of an Anonymous Text from Bulayiq and Its Relevance." *EASR Annual Conference 2017 "Communicating Religion"*. Panel: *Versions of Late-Antique Christian Literature*. Leuven, 18-21 September, 2017.
61. "Pseudo-Macarius in the Melkite Tradition: Greek, Syriac, and Arabic Collections at St. Catherine's Monastery on Mt. Sinai." *The ARAM Society 46th International Conference on Melkite Christianity* (Oriental Institute). Oxford, 12-14 July, 2017.
62. "The Syriac Translations of Evagrius and the Spectre of Origenism." *International Conference: Translate, Mislead, Transmit. The Greek Fathers Between Latin Western and Syriac Eastern World* (Università Roma Tre). Rome, 20-21 February, 2017.
63. "Christ Descending in Disguise: An Origenist Idea in the Syriac *Physiologus*?" *German-Israel Fund (GIF) Seminar: Visitors from Heaven, Visitors to Heaven* (Freie Universität/TOPOI). Berlin, 31 January, 2017.
64. "Two Fountains Gushing Out by Nature's Impulse – Porphyry and Evagrius on Pleasure, Pain, and the Soul's Passions." *Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity: International Workshop on the Philosophy of Late Antiquity*. Oslo, 1-3 December, 2016.
65. "The Doctrine of Spiritual Senses in Eastern Syriac Christianity: Its Foundations in Late Antique Alexandria and Its Influence on Byzantine Mysticism." *IX^e Edition des Rencontres internationales des doctorants en études byzantines, INHA/Sorbonne*. Paris, 7-8 October, 2016.
66. "Babai the Great and Dionysius bar Salibi on Evagrius' Theory of Spiritual Perception." *The XIIth International Symposium Syriacum* (Pontificio Istituto Orientale). Rome, 19-24 August, 2016.
67. "Feeling the Difference: Is the Syriac Reception of Evagrius Ponticus a Turning Point in Late Antique Christian Mysticism?." *18th OUBS Graduate Conference*. Oxford, 26-27 Februar, 2016.
68. "Aristoteles Syrus. Die Organon-Kommentierung in der syrischen Spätantike." *FU Berlin/SFB 980 – Episteme in Bewegung/Episteme in Motion Lectures*. FU Berlin, 18 February, 2014.
69. "Mind, Brain, Firmament: Anatomical and Cosmological Analogies in Late Antique Gnosis and Mysticism." *Fourth Dablen Seminar in History of Science in Antiquity* (TOPOI). FU Berlin, 28 Januar, 2014.
70. "Inside the Gnostic's Mind: On the Transfigurative Function of *Nous/Haunā* in Manichaean and Eastern Syriac Religious Literature." *Der 32. Deutsche Orientalistentag* (University of Münster) – Münster, 23-27 September, 2013.
71. "Late Byzantine Jewry and the Transfer of Islamic Esotericism to Europe." *International Conference: 'The Jews of the Mediterranean' (University of Bucharest/ New Europe College)*. Bucharest, 24-25 May, 2012.
72. "Christian Kabbalah and Persian Illuminationism. Synthetic Approaches towards Ancient Esoteric Knowledge in the Works of Pico della Mirandola (1463-1494) and Šihābu d-Dīn Yahyā as-Suhrawardī (1155-1191)." *Second Dablen Seminar in the History of Science in Antiquity*. FU Berlin, 14 February, 2012.