


## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

7 Jan 2013–Present

**Legal Advisor**

Scandic Distilleries S.A., Oradea (Romania)

Responsible within the international arbitration department of the company.

Involved in the arbitral and pre-arbitral phases of two ICSID arbitrations, as well as in the annulment phase of one ICSID award, on behalf of the Claimants.

Involved in the enforcement phase of an arbitral award under the auspices of the Washington Convention. Responsible for drafting, managing and signing international contracts regarding legal, financial consultancy.

1 Jan 2016–Present

**Associate Expert**

New Strategy Center, Bucharest (Romania)

<http://newstrategycenter.ro/who-we-are-3/>

Providing expertise and consultancy in the strategic field.

Contributing to Policy Papers and position papers in the field of international law, investment and energy law, as well as in the field of international relations.

1 Sep 2015–Present

**Managing Editor**

European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration, Brussels (Belgium)

<http://efilablog.org>

*Managing Editor* of the EFILA Blog, an online platform designed to focus on the present challenges and debates that pertain to the field of international (investment) law and arbitration, EU law and public policy, as well as the dynamics of these multiple legal, political and economic spheres.

The Blog appears under the aegis of the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA) and it features opinions on the latest developments in this field, on a weekly basis, written by eminent professionals and academics from around the world.

Nov 2014–Present

**Editor**

Revista VERSO, Bucharest/Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

Editor at one of Romania's leading cultural magazines, with responsibilities in the area of legal philosophy, political science, international relations and legal theology.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Oct 2007–Jul 2011

**Bachelor's Degree - Law**

EQF level 6

Faculty of Law - Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca (Romania)

Oct 2011–Jul 2012

**Master's Degree - "European and National Business Law"  
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EQF level 7

Faculty of Law - Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

- EU Competition Law
- Business Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Comparative Corporate Law
- Law of International Sales

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English - CAE (ESOL)					
German	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user  
 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Digital competence Excellent command of Microsoft Office (including Word, Excel, Outlook).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications **Volumes:**

- „Tentatia politicului: Reflectii conservatoare dupa sfarsitul istoriei”, Eikon, Bucharest, 2015 [EN: The Temptation of the Political: Conservative Reflections *after* the End of History]
- „Dilemele controlului de constitutionalitate: Incursiune în paradigmele spațiului euro-american”, Rosetti International, Bucharest, 2013 [EN: The Dilemmas of Constitutional Review: Inquiry in the Euro-American Paradigms].

**Contributions to collective volumes:**

- „Paradoxes of (Sovereign) Consent: On the Uses and Abuses of a Notion in International Investment Law”, in Crina Baltag (ed.), ICSID Convention After 50 Years: Unsettled Issues, Kluwer International, 2017.
- „A Hermeneutical Perspective upon the 'Mitigation of Damages' Principle: The Metamorphosis of a Concept in International Law”, in Andrea K. Bjorklund (ed.), Nappert Prize in International Arbitration, ICC/McGill, Paris, 2015.
- „Anomie și dreptate – paradoxurile deconstrucției dreptului” în volumul colectiv Grațian Comos (ed.), Restructurări dilematice, Ed. Argonaut, Cluj-Napoca, 2013 [EN: Anomia and Justice: The Paradoxes of Legal Deconstruction].

**Articles in Academic Journals:**

- „The Floating Island: A Post-Westphalian Enquiry upon Taiwan's Sovereignty Dilemma (And Its

Investment Treaty Bypass)", forthcoming late 2017.

- „Turning Enemies into Adversaries: TTIP Negotiations and the Quest for a New Westphalia Momentum", The Turkish Commercial Law Review, Volume 2, Issue 1 (Summer 2016) [also presented at CEILA, Queen Mary University of London] (co-author: Emanuela Matei).
- „Lights and Shadows of the WTO-Inspired International Court System", European Investment Law and Arbitration Review, Volume 1/2016 (co-authors: Filippo Fontanelli, Koorosh Ameli, Ilias Bantekas, Nikos Lavranos, Mauro Rubino-Sammartano, Emma Spiteri Gonzi).
- „Beyond the Norm: The Hermeneutic Function of Treaty Preambles in Investment Arbitration and International Law", Revista Romana de Arbitraj [Romanian Arbitration Review], No. 4/2015.
- „Tendințe europene în dreptul investițiilor: competente, standarde de protecție și aplicații arbitrale", Revista Romana de Arbitraj [Romanian Arbitration Review], Anul 11 / Nr. 1 ianuarie-martie 2017, Volumul 41 [EN: European Trends in Investment Law: Competence, Protection Standards and Arbitral Reflections].
- „Apusul Westphaliei: aplicații ale noii lex mercatoria în arbitrajul internațional", Revista Romana de Arbitraj [Romanian Arbitration Review], No. 2/2016 [EN: The Twilight of Westphalia: Applications of the New Lex Mercatoria in International Arbitration].
- „Dilemele autonomiei dreptului în modernitatea târzie" în Studia Iurisprudentia UBB nr. 1/2014 [EN: The Dilemmas of Legal Autonomy in Late Modernity].
- „Politica de Securitate și Apărare a Uniunii Europene – paradoxuri și realități" în Revista de Științe Politice și Relații Internaționale nr. 4/2013 [EN: The Security and Defence Policy of the European Union: Paradoxes and Realities].
- „Parteneriatul public-privat: concept, evoluție și reglementare" în Revista Română de Drept al Afacerilor nr. 5/2013 [EN: The Public-Private Partnership: Concept, Evolution and Regulation].
- „Funcții și disfuncții ale constituționalismului modern: o hermeneutică decizionistă asupra discursivității Constituției" în Revista de Drept Social nr. 6/2013 [EN: Functions and Disfunctions of Modern Constitutionalism: A Decisionist Hermeneutic upon the Discursive Nature of the Constitution].
- „Noțiunea de preț în Noul Cod Civil: o perspectivă comparatist-critică" în Studia Iurisprudentia UBB nr. 4/2012 [EN: The Concept of Price in the new Romanian Civil Code: a Comparative-Critical Approach].
- „Indicații geografice și mărci: în căutarea unei identități comercial-spațiale" în Revista Română de Dreptul Proprietății Intelectuale nr. 3/2012 [EN: Geographical Indications and Trademarks: In Search of a Commercial-Spatial Identity].
- „Exigențele evitării dublei impuneri cu privire la impozitele directe: paradigme globale și metamorfoze europene" în Revista Română de Dreptul Afacerilor nr. 2/2012 [EN: The Exigencies of Avoiding Double Taxation in regard to Direct Taxation: Global Paradigms and European Metamorphosis].

#### Policy Papers, Reports:

- „A Delicate Sense of (Economic) Balance: Turkey, Russia and the Other Strategic Map", New Strategy Center, Policy Brief (June 2017).
- „Strategic Challenges in South East Europe and the Black Sea Area", New Strategy Center (Bucharest) - IRMO (Zagreb), Policy Paper, February 2017, report by Cosmin Ioniță (coord.), Sergiu Celac, Horia Ciurtin, Sandro Knezović, Miruna Troncotă.
- „Left Behind? Reassessing the Balkan Quest for EU Integration", European Institute of Romania, Policy Briefs Series, No. 2 (2017).
- „EFILA Task Force Paper regarding the proposed International Court System (ICS)", report by Koorosh Ameli, Ilias Bantekas, Horia Ciurtin, Filippo Fontanelli, Nikos Lavranos, Mauro Rubino-Sammartano and Emma Spiteri Gonzi, January 2016.
- „În căutarea consensului pierdut: Mituri despre protecția investitorilor în TTIP și cum își propune UE să revoluționeze sistemul de soluționare a disputelor", CRPE Policy Brief 41, January 2016 [EN: In Search of Lost Consensus: Myths about Investor Protection in TTIP and How the EU Tries to Revolutionize the Dispute Settlement System].

**Contributions to Specialized Blogs/Cultural Press [selection]:**

- „EU member states divided in face of Commission crackdown on intra-EU ISDS”, *BorderLex*, 27 October 2016.
- „Diffusing the 'Powder Keg' through Regional Multilateralism: The Case for Investment Autarchy in the Balkans”, *Kluwer Arbitration Blog*, 19 July 2016.
- „Intra-EU BITs in a Fragile Union: On Non-Papers and Other (Legal) Demons”, *EFILA blog*, 28 June 2016.
- „Dincolo de Atlantic: Breviar despre TTIP și necesitatea unui nou parteneriat”, *Contributors.ro*, 2 August 2016 [EN: Beyond the Atlantic: Brief Observations about TTIP and the Necessity of a New Partnership].
- „Across the Strait: The Case for a Special EU-Taiwan Trade and Investment Partnership”, *EFILA blog*, 3 May 2016.
- „Redefining the 'Centre': International Economic Law and Grand Strategy in a Multipolar World”, *EFILA blog*, 26 January 2016.
- „The Future of Investment Treaties: Metamorphosis or Deconstruction?”, *EFILA blog*, 8 September 2015.
- „The Compensation Standard for FET Breaches: The Far Limits of Legal Analogy”, *Kluwer Arbitration Blog*, 30 January 2015.
- „TTIP și noua conexiune transatlantică”, *Contributors.ro*, 3 October 2014 [EN: TTIP and the New Transatlantic Connection].
- „Lectii post-electorale pentru Europa”, *Contributors.ro*, 5 June 2014 [EN: Post-Election Lessons for Europe].
- „Eșecul iluminismului juridic”, *Verso*, No. 66-67/2009 [EN: The Failure of Legal Enlightenment].

**Conferences, Lectures, Presentations**

- Presentation at the 2017 ILA-ASIL Asia-Pacific Research Forum entitled 'The Geopolitics of International Law: Contemporary Challenges for the Asia-Pacific', Taipei (Taiwan), 20 May 2017.
- Lecture at the Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research about the EU's Investment Court System, Taipei (Taiwan), 19 May 2017.
- Presentation of a study regarding the strategic dimension of trade and investment in the Balkans (at the Croatian Defense Academy), joint New Strategy Center-IRMO conference, March 2017, Zagreb.
- Presentation at the debate entitled 'Strategic challenges in the area between the Adriatic and the Black Sea' organized by New Strategy Center (Romania) and The Institute for Development and International Relations – IRMO (Croatia), Bucharest, 20 February 2017.
- Presentation at the the Institute for Comparative Law from Belgrade, Serbia, 15 November 2016.
- Key Note Lecture at the Centre for European and International Legal Affairs (CEILA), Queen Mary University of London, 28 January 2016, co-lecturer Emanuela Matei.
- Participation at the debate regarding TTIP and ISDS organized by the Representation of the European Commission to Romania, 6 October 2015, Bucharest.
- Presentation of an international law study at the International Conference "Perspectives of Business Law in the Third Millennium", November 15-16, 2013, Bucharest.

**Honours and awards**

In 2014, I was awarded the Honorable Mention in the Nappert Prize in International Arbitration and International Commercial Law (organized by McGill University) for my paper "Hermeneutical Perspective upon the 'Mitigation of Damages' Principle: The Metamorphosis of a Concept in International Law"

See: <http://www.mcgill.ca/wainwright/channels/news/announcing-winners-2014-nappert-prize-238434>

**Memberships** Junior/Academic Member (since 2015) of the European Federation for Investment Law and Arbitration (EFILA), Brussels.

Member (since 2015) and Associate Expert (since 2016) of New Strategy Center (Bucharest), a renown think-tank in the strategic field.

Member (since 2015) of the Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) under the auspices of LCIA.

Member (since 2014) of the Romanian Association for Law and European Affairs (RALEA) [Asociatia Romana de Drept si Afaceri Europene (ARDAE)]