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WORK EXPERIENCE

[13/09/2023 – Current]

Teaching associate

Technical University of Cluj-Napoca Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning

City: Cluj-Napoca

Country: Romania

Business or sector: Education

- Didactic activity in the Specialized Design - Urbanization studio of the 5th year
- Didactic activity in the Design Synthesis studio of the 5th year (coordination of projects and student works)

[06/05/2022 – Current]

Content Editor and Writer

ArchDaily <https://www.archdaily.com/author/maria-cristina-florian>

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Country: Switzerland

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Name of unit or department: Editorial team - architecture publication

Business or sector: Information and communication

- Covering the latest news in the architecture world, including important announcements from globally recognized offices, conferences and international events, legislature updates, and more
- Writing longer editorial articles focused on larger topics of interest
- Working with the editorial team to select the most relevant subjects, researching and staying informed, staying in touch with external collaborators and with architecture offices from around the world, attending important events in person

[06/05/2021 – 02/06/2022]

Architect

Vlad Sebastian Rusu B.I.A. <https://www.vladrusu.ro/>

City: Cluj-Napoca

Country: Romania

Name of unit or department: Architecture

Business or sector: Construction

- Worked with a team to develop the conceptual proposal for several national competitions (the rehabilitation and expansion of the Nicolae Bălcescu Highschool in Cluj-Napoca - 7th place, and the redesign of the central square of the city of Brașov - 3rd place, both organized by the Romanian Order of Architects)
- Studied local regulations and codes to develop the project documentation and submittal packages for several urban parks projects
- Coordinated the design and technical development of three public parking buildings
- Devised strategy and design of the signage system for a Mixed-Use Sports Hall

[10/09/2019 – 01/05/2021]

Architect

Dico și Țigănaș birou de proiectare S.R.L. <https://dicositiganas.ro/ro/>

City: Cluj-Napoca

Country: Romania

Name of unit or department: Architecture

Business or sector: Construction

- Collaborated with an international team on the development of the winning proposal for a transplant hospital competition for the city of Cluj-Napoca, contest organized by the National Order of Architects
- Coordinated with healthcare professionals on the development of the final configuration of the same hospital
- Participated in the development of a Mixed-Use Sports Hall from concept through delivery
- Devised overall strategy and design of the signage system for a Mixed-Use Sports Hall
- Worked in a team to develop the technical project and execution details for a multifunctional research and testing building, part of an industrial park in Blaj

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

[01/10/2023 – Current]

Doctoral Student

Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning

City: Cluj-Napoca

Country: Romania

[10/2012 – 06/2019]

Integrated Bachelor's and Master's Degree

Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning

City: Cluj-Napoca

Country: Romania

[10/2015 – 02/2016]

Erasmus Student Exchange Programme

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Campus Sint Lucas Brussels

City: Bruxelles

Country: Belgium

[09/2008 – 07/2012]

High School Diploma

Colegiul Național Emil Racoviță

City: Cluj-Napoca

Country: Romania

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Romanian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

French

LISTENING B1 READING B1 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

DIGITAL SKILLS

Micrsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) | Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Indesign | Vray for Sketchup (Medium Level) | AutoDesk Revit | Archicad (BIM) | SketchUp Pro 2021

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

[02/2022]

OAR Competition "2022 Piața Sfatului – Brașov Central Square" - 3rd Place

Competition organized by The Romanian Order of Architects (OAR) with the purpose of redesigning and developing the city's main public space in accordance to its changing needs and the accumulated history of the space. Participated while working at Vlad Sebastian Rusu B.I.A., as part of an interdisciplinary team.

[08/2021] **OAR Competition "2021 Nicolae Bălcescu Highschool, Cluj-Napoca"**

Competition organized by The Romanian Order of Architects (OAR) with the purpose of finding the optimal balance between the functional modernization of the high school, site integration, architectural appearance, technical solutions, economic solutions, and functional solutions for expanding the high school in the competition area, and to transform the adjacent streets into a vibrant urban space of high-quality.

Participated while working at Vlad Sebastian Rusu B.I.A., as part of an interdisciplinary team.

[05/2020] **OAR Competition "2020 Comprehensive Transplant Centre, Cluj-Napoca" - 1st Place**

Competition organized by The Romanian Order of Architects (OAR) with the purpose of providing an example of good practices both in terms of medical architecture and with regard to the insertion of a volume of contemporary architecture in a historical, heterogeneous site.

Participated while working at Dico și Țigănaș Architecture Office, as part of an international team.

[01/01/2022 – 20/02/2022] **Online Course "Writing/s in Architecture: Building Bridges with Words"** Online, Certificate of Completion

ACEDGE course with instructor Ar. Apurva Bose Dutta, author, award-winning architecture journalist, curator and publisher.

An interactive course focused on developing practical and theoretical writing skills in the field of architecture. It includes theoretical courses, interactive debates, bibliographies and sources for personal documentation, testing the acquired skills through an individual exercise verified by the instructor.

[01/04/2022 – 01/05/2022] **Online Course "UrbanismX: Urban Design for the Public Good: Dutch Urbanism"** Online, Verified Certificate

Interactive course offered by DelftX, an online learning initiative of Delft University of Technology.

The course focuses on the field of urban policies and their impact on the quality of life. It focuses on the solutions implemented in the Netherlands and analyzes how they can help improve the urban environment and increase the safety of residents.

[16/06/2017 – 25/09/2017] **OAR Competition "2017 Rethinking Someș, Cluj-Napoca"** Cluj-Napoca, România - Locul 5

Participated as part of a team in the Rethinking Someș international contest organized by OAR for the redevelopment of the banks of the Someș river.

[01/05/2017 – 06/05/2017]

Conference and Presentation of the Project "Nomad Vendors" at the Mikser Festival "Migration"

Belgrad, Serbia

Following an international competition, the "Nomad Vendors" project, developed by the team I was a part of, was selected as a finalist. We were invited to the conference and exhibition on the theme of "Migration" within the Mikser Festival in Belgrade to present and support the project.

PUBLICATIONS

[2021]

[Essay "Social Platforms as the new Public Space" în cartea "Non-Architecture - Living Together Book"](#)

The Non-Architecture competition aims to find unconventional solutions in the field of architecture. After the completion of each competition theme, a book is published containing the winning projects together with other additional materials. This essay was chosen for publication following an open call for submissions to further develop the theme presented in the book.

[Essay "In Praise of Thresholds" în cartea "Non-Architecture - Pandemic Society Book"](#)

The Non-Architecture competition aims to find unconventional solutions in the field of architecture. After the completion of each competition theme, a book is published containing the winning projects together with other additional materials. This essay was chosen for publication following an open call for submissions to further develop the theme presented in the book.

VOLUNTEERING

[01/11/2014 – 30/11/2014] **"Obiect Urban" Pavilion for the Transilvania Architecture Biennale 2014** Cluj-Napoca

The design and construction of a pavilion for the representation of the Transilvania Architecture Biennale, built on the main boulevard of the city of Cluj-Napoca.

"Habitat Gheorgheni" Workshop, part of Architecture Days 2015 Cluj-Napoca

The design and construction of temporary interventions in the East Park in Cluj Napoca to draw attention to its hidden potential. Workshop organized by the Association of Architecture Students.