



Curriculum Vitae Elena Ungureanu

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WORK EXPERIENCE

01/10/2018 – CURRENT Romania

UNIVERSITY TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Transilvania University of Braşov, Lecturer (February 2025 – present)

Department for Teacher Training, Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

- Courses taught in Romanian: Classroom Management, Fundamentals of Pedagogy, Theory of Curriculum
- Courses taught in English: Qualitative Research, Education for global Citizenship (Master's level)
- Design of educational activities: Development and implementation of teaching, learning, and assessment activities

Transilvania University of Braşov, Associate Teaching Staff (October 2024 – January 2025)

Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

- Courses taught in Romanian: Theory and Methodology of Teaching / Theory and Methodology of Assessment
- Courses taught in English: Ethics, Integrity and Academic Writing (Master's level)
- Design of educational activities: Development and implementation of teaching, learning, and assessment activities

University of Bucharest, Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences, working with emeritus prof. dr. Emil Păun (2018 - 2025)

- Seminars/Courses taught: Fundamentals of Pedagogy, Pedagogy I, Pedagogy II - Psychopedagogical Module (Semester I and II), School as a Learning Organization (Master Level, sem II).
- Educational Activity Design: Developed and implemented teaching, learning, and assessment activities.
- Digital Tools Integration: Expertly utilized digital platforms and applications such as Google Classroom, Google Suite, Panopto, Padlet, Mentimeter, etc., to enhance interactive and engaging learning experiences.

National University of Music Bucharest, (2022)

- Conducted seminar sessions for the course 'Pedagogy I' as part of the Psychopedagogical Module, emphasizing contemporary pedagogical practices.
- Integrated Google Classroom and various other applications to enhance interactivity and engagement in teaching and learning activities.

20/06/2022 – 01/05/2025 Bucureşti, Romania

RESEARCH ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST - LEARNING CENTER

- training activities with students in the domain of academic writing and education for sustainable development;
- research activities, monitoring of implemented programs;
- designing face-to-face as well as online learning experiences with students and academics in the University of Bucharest.
- Erasmus+ project writing on education for sustainable development as a coordinator in partnership with Aix Marseille University, Sapienza University of Rome & Tallinn University for 2024 call. This is the second application.

01/04/2016 – CURRENT Bucharest, Romania

EXPERT/RESEARCHER IN R&D ACADEMIC PROJECTS UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

Researcher, FDI Mind the Gap Project 2022 - Ongoing - Coordinated by prof. Romiţă Iucu

- Project Involvement: Conducting research and developing methodology for mapping cross-disciplinary skills in higher education. The project aims to prevent university dropout.

Researcher, Erasmus E-Belong 2 Project 2023 - Ongoing - Coordinated by conf. Camelia Rădulescu.

- **Project Focus:** Conducting in-depth research as part of the E-Belong 2 initiative, aimed at exploring and identifying key factors that foster and sustain a sense of belonging within academic environments.
- **Tool Development and Coordination:** Design and development of qualitative research tools, enhancing data collection and analysis processes.
- **Conference Leadership:** Actively participated in, and organized academic conferences, presenting findings and fostering collaborative networks.
- **Educational Development:** Designing and delivering specialized training sessions for students, aimed at cultivating academic and personal growth within university settings.

External expert UNI-T Academy, Aix-Marseille University - Project from February 2024 - Ongoing

- advisory role, advising the Steering Committee on the development and implementation of the UNI-T strategy
- produce a project analysis document, in order to improve the activities carried out by the consortium.

Researcher, Erasmus E-Belong Project (2021 - 2023) - Coordinated by conf. Camelia Rădulescu.

- **Project Role:** Involved in CIVIS's E-Belong project, collaborating with seven European universities. E-Belong – Fostering a Sense of Belonging in Online Learning Environments, selected by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ Program, Strategic Partnerships for Digital Education.
- **Tool Development:** Developed qualitative research tools for higher education faculty and analyzed collected data.
- **Strategy Development:** Contributed to developing a strategy for integrating support services into the academic community.
- **Pilot Project Contribution:** Aided in piloting solutions for integrating support services.
- **Multicultural Environment:** Worked in a diverse cultural setting.

Education and Training Expert, RodaWell (2016-2019) - Coordinated by prof. Lucian Ciolan

- **Project Contribution:** Played a key role in defining the activities of Rodawell's Educational Center for Children's Wellbeing within a multicultural team.
- **Training Activities:** Designed and conducted training activities as part of a Romanian-Danish team, focusing on innovative educational approaches.
- **Research Assistant:** Assisted in a quantitative longitudinal study developed within the project.
- **Publication Editor:** Edited the Rodawell Manual: "Wellbeing Education - A Romanian-Danish Recipe."

01/10/2021 – CURRENT Bucharest, Romania

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH INDEPENDENT PROJECTS INDEPENDENT

Co-Researcher – Global Citizenship Education Course

Ethnographic study, ongoing

- Documenting how dialogue emerges and is negotiated in a university course on global citizenship.
- Using Bakhtin's concepts (polyphony, heteroglossia, dialogism) to analyze dialogic dynamics and the construction of meanings around global citizenship.

Researcher, Solidex Project (2022 - Ongoing) - Coordinated by prof. Cătălina Ulrich Hygum (UB)

- **Project:** "SOLIDarity EXperiences (SOLIDEX) through the Eyes of Children" – A comparative study examining children's perceptions of solidarity in Romania and the USA.
- **Role:** Instrumental in the project's conceptual development, working under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Catalina Ulrich in cooperation with colleagues from West University of Timisoara, Stefan cel Mare University in Suceava & University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, USA.
- **Responsibilities:** Conducted fieldwork, gathering and analyzing data to gain insights into children's perspectives.
- **Contributions:** Actively engaged in writing conference presentations and scientific papers, showcasing the study's findings and implications.

Researcher, Musicians Health in Romanian Conservatoires Project (2020 - Ongoing) - Coordinated by phd. Raluca Matei (John Hopkins University)

- **Project:** An independent research initiative led by Ph.D. Raluca Matei (Johns Hopkins University), focusing on the health of musicians in Romanian conservatoires.
- **Role:** Specialized in qualitative data analysis, contributing to a deeper understanding of the health dynamics within this specific artist community, analyzing data.
- **Collaborations:** Co-authoring research papers, combining expertise with fellow researchers to articulate findings and recommendations for the welfare of musicians in academic settings.

Co-Developer and Workshop Leader, Academic Writing Workshops in colaboration with prof. Dragoş Iliescu:

- Designed and delivered a foundational course in Academic Writing for first-year students (since 2021 - ongoing), aimed at improving their research and writing capabilities.
- Collaborating with Prof. Dragoş Iliescu in the creation and implementation of targeted workshops for Bachelor, Master, and Ph.D. students, commencing in the second semester of the 2023-2024 academic year, to enhance their academic writing skills.

Lead Developer and Facilitator, Dialogic Approaches in Higher Education for UB Peer Learning Program

- Initiated and conducted the workshop 'Dialogic Approaches in the Peer Learning Program' across three editions (2022 - ongoing), focusing on enhancing dialogic skills among academics.

Lead Developer and Facilitator, Dialogic Approaches in Higher Education for CIVIS Alliance

- Developed and facilitated a specialized online session for the CIVIS Workshops in Innovative Pedagogies, on 30th January 2024, emphasizing dialogic methods in academic contexts.

Co-Developer & Co-facilitator ARCE Workshops for emergent researchers (7/14th March 2024)

- As a one of the founding members of the ARCE thematic network Qualitative, Ethnographic Approaches in Educational Research I participated in the development and co-facilitating of an workshop for doctoral students on using case study and observation in educational research. The workshop was developed with Catalina Ulrich-Hygun, Layla Safta-Zecheria and Octavia Bors-Georgescu.

01/04/2023 – 01/12/2023

NON-FORMAL COURSE DEVELOPMENT IN SECONDARY EDUCATION TECHSOUP ASSOCIATION

Content provider for TechSoup NGO

- Development of an online course on Dialogic Teaching for Teachers in secondary education.
- Gathering data for later analysis.
- https://cursuri.predauviitor.ro/courses/course-v1:asociatia_techsoup+PV-Predare-dialogica-01+2023-1/about

01/10/2012 – 15/12/2018 Bucuresti

TRAINING EXPERIENCE NON-ACADEMIC JUKAVA

YogaGym Instructor (2012 - 2018)

- Program Design and Instruction: Conducted YogaGym classes, a unique blend of yoga and gymnastics with secular foundations.
- Course Management: Organized and led classes for adults, focusing on promoting holistic wellness and physical fitness.

Trainer in Adult Education in collaboration with Protrain (2015)

- Training Program Development: Created the "Befriending Stress" training program, designed to equip individuals with effective stress management techniques.
- Program Delivery: Successfully delivered the training program, emphasizing practical strategies for stress resilience.

Junior Trainer (2012-2013)

- Workshop Facilitation: Organized and facilitated workshops and courses for children aged 6-10, focusing on developmental and educational activities.
- Camp Trainer Activities: Actively participated as a junior trainer in the Jukava 2013 Camp, maintaining communication with parents throughout the duration of the camp.

07/03/2011 – 01/09/2011 Bucharest, Romania

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT ORION LEARNING NETWORK

- Advisory Services: Provided guidance on the selection and application process for universities in the United States.
- International Communication: Facilitated communication with partner universities in the USA, as well as with various organizations in Romania, including NGOs and the Fulbright Commission.
- Content Creation: Authored informative articles and interviews, offering valuable insights for applicants to U.S. study programs.

15/09/2007 – 01/07/2011 Bucharest

EDITOR/REPORTER, MASS MEDIA

Editor, Avocatnet.ro (2009-2010)

- Content Development: Crafted and researched informative and analytical articles for the economic and legal online publication Avocatnet.ro.
- Public Relations: Maintained relationships with public institutions and key collaborators for specialized information sourcing.
- Corporate Communication: Engaged with companies in the fiscal sector and beyond for organizing Avocatnet.ro conferences.

Reporter and Producer, Italics Online (2008-2009)

- Event Coverage: Attended business events, capturing essential insights.
- Interviews: Conducted the series "3 Ideas in 3 Minutes" featuring interviews with Romanian company managers.
- Corporate Engagement: Coordinated with Romanian companies to schedule interviews.

Media Pro - Acasa TV (2008)

- Reporting: Produced reports for the show "Povești Adevărate" on Acasa TV.
- Social Cases Management: Identified and maintained relations with social cases for the show.
- Scriptwriting: Developed scripts for each report.
- Liaison Work: Coordinated with authorities such as hospitals for filming approvals and procedural facilitation.

Euro Channel International TV (2007-2008)

- Host, 'De ce se întâmplă?': Managed the weekly environmental show. Responsibilities included topic selection, expert interviews, and scriptwriting.
- Editor, 'Blue Cafe Travel': Contributed to the weekly travel show focusing on Romanian tourism. Responsibilities included voice-over work.
- News Editor: Compiled domestic and international news, adding voice-overs.
- Reporter: Covered social and political issues for 'Puncte de vedere' and 'Teme la zi'.

● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

01/10/2016 – 03/05/2022

DOCTORAL STUDENT University of Bucharest, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

Successfully defended doctoral thesis titled "Representations of Knowledge in Educational Discourses in Primary Education" on January 25, 2022. My doctoral supervisor was prof. Emeritus Emil Păun. This critical work was an ethnography of educational knowledge practices.

Activities:

Orchestrated and executed doctoral research in two pre-university educational institutions. This qualitative research included classroom observations, interviews, and content analysis.

Expertly processed and analyzed qualitative data, contributing to a deeper understanding of primary educational discourses.

Participated in international educational conferences such as ISATT 2019 and JURE EARLI 2019, funded by the University of Bucharest's grants aimed at encouraging research excellence among doctoral students.

Authored several academic articles, disseminating significant findings and contributing to the field of educational research.

Thesis Representations of Knowledge in Educational Discourses in Primary Education

01/10/2014 – 01/07/2016

MASTER DEGREE MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

01/10/2011 – 01/07/2014

PEDAGOGY BACHELOR DEGREE University of Bucharest, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

01/10/2005 – 01/07/2009

BACHELOR PROGRAM POLITICAL SCIENCES - NO DEGREE National School of Political and Administrative Sciences

● **PUBLICATIONS**

Publications

Doctoral Thesis

- Ungureanu, E (2022). Reprezentări ale cunoașterii în discursurile educaționale din învățământul primar. Coordonator prof. univ. dr. Emil Păun. Universitatea din București.

BDI Articles

- Ungureanu, E. (2018). An Analysis of Proposed Educational Policy Measures for Rural Education. *Revista de Pedagogie*, 2018(2), 103-126. <https://doi.org/10.26755/RevPed/2018.2/103>.
- Ungureanu, E. (2020). A Discourse Analysis of Interactions in the Classroom. *Revista de Pedagogie*, 2020(2), 49-69. <https://doi.org/10.26755/RevPed/2020.2/49>.
- Ungureanu, E. (2024). Constructing ability in the classroom: A descriptive analysis of pedagogical practices in primary education. *Journal of Educational Sciences*, 25(1).DOI: 10.3592/JES.2024.1.11
- Ungureanu, E. (2024). Literacy as a Social Practice: Exploring Teacher Representations. *Journal of Educational Sciences*, 25 (2). 10.35923/JES.2024.2.06
- Ungureanu, E. (2025). First-year Students' Knowledge Understandings During the Transition From High School to University. *Revista de Pedagogie*, 2025(1). Acceptat. În curs de publicare.
- Ungureanu, E. (2024). Sustainability in European university alliances: A thematic analysis of mission statements. *Bulletin of the Transilvania University of Braşov, Series VII: Social Sciences Law*, 17(2).

Book Chapters:

- Ungureanu, E. (2022). O lectură a conceptului de cunoaştere educaţională din perspectiva dezvoltării durabile. In E. Păun (Coord.), *Şcoala viitorului sau viitorul scolii. Perspective asupra educaţiei postpandemice*, (191-216). Polirom. (Volumul a primit premiul „Vasile Conta”, oferit de Academia Română, ediţia 2024)
 - Ungureanu, E. (2023). Activităţi de învăţare - Scriere academică. In C. Rădulescu, L.Ciolan, A. Petrescu, C. Mironov, B. Almăşan, T. M. Colniceanu, A. Perică, E. Ungureanu, R. Chircă, A. Vlad, & M. Stîngu (Eds.), *Activităţi de Suport în învăţare pentru studenţi. Consiliere educaţională, coaching şi dezvoltare personală pentru performanţă* (pp. 319-328). Editura Universităţii din Bucureşti.
 - Ungureanu, E. (2024). Evaluarea competenţelor transversale în învăţământul superior. In L. Ciolan, T. M. Colniceanu, C. Mironov, A. Petrescu, A. Popovici, C. Rădulescu, & E. Ungureanu (Eds.), *Mind the gap. Puncte pentru tranziţiile educaţionale şi pentru dezvoltarea competenţelor transversale*. Editura Universităţii din Bucureşti.
 - Ungureanu, E. (2024). Descrierea metodologiei de analiză a competenţelor transversale din programele de studii universitare. In L. Ciolan, T. M. Colniceanu, C.Mironov, A. Petrescu, A. Popovici, C. Rădulescu, & E. Ungureanu (Eds.), *Mind the gap. Puncte pentru tranziţiile educaţionale şi pentru dezvoltarea competenţelor transversale*. Editura Universităţii din Bucureşti.
 - Ungureanu, E.(2024). Reprezentări ale cunoaşterii în procesul de educaţie. Editura Universităţii din Bucureşti. (Teza de doctorat)
- Ungureanu, E. 2022. What Does It Mean to Know in the Classroom? *Sfertul Academic*. <https://antropedia.com/sfertulacademic/elena-ungureanu-ce-inseamna-cunoaste-in-clasa-de-elevi/>.

● CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Conferences (as presenting author)

International conferences

Ungureanu, E., Ulrich-Hygun, C., Safta-Zecheria, L., & Roşu, L.-M. (2024, August 28). Performing individual and collective identities when learning about solidarity: Lessons from a participatory citizenship education project with children [Conference presentation]. **ECER 2024 Conference - Education in an Age of Uncertainty: Memory and Hope for the Future, Nicosia, Cyprus.**

Ungureanu, E., Impedovo, M. A., Radulescu, C., Le Roux, B., Cotorobai, S., & Colniceanu, T. M. (2024, August 28). Investigating Erasmus+ partnerships as third spaces for fostering academic sense of belonging [Conference presentation]. **ECER 2024 Conference - Education in an Age of Uncertainty: Memory and Hope for the Future, Nicosia, Cyprus.**

Safta-Zecheria, L., Ungureanu, E., Ulrich Hygun, C., & Rosu, L.-M. (2024, July 23-26). Noise or voice in the ethnography of children's solidarity practices [Conference presentation]. **EASA (European Association for Social Anthropologists) Conference, Barcelona, Spain.**

Ungureanu, E., Radulescu, C., Impedovo, M. A., Cotorobai, S. M., Le Roux, B., Apostolou, I., Simon, C., & Ojwang, T. (2024, 20-23th March). Symposium: Fostering meaningful educational innovation: Practices and challenges of inclusivity in higher education. **18th Annual Conference of the TEPE Network, Aix-en-Provence, France.**

Ungureanu, E., Safta-Zecheria, L., Ulrich-Hygun, C., & Coza, M.-M. (2023). Children's perspectives on solidarity: A participatory research approach. **European Conference on Educational Research, Glasgow.**

Ungureanu, E., Colniceanu, T. M., Radulescu, C., Ciolan, L. E., Popovici, A. E., & Mironov, C. (2023). Mapping transversal competencies in higher education. **European Conference on Educational Research, Glasgow.**

Ungureanu, E. (2019). Pedagogical practices in primary classrooms in a Romanian learning context. The **Conference of International Study Association on Teachers and Teaching (ISATT), Sibiu, Romania.**

Ungureanu, E. (2019). Pedagogical practices in primary classrooms in a Romanian learning context. **Junior Research of the European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction, Aachen, Germany.**

National Conferences

Ungureanu, E., Popovici, A. E., Mironov, C., Colniceanu, T. M., Radulescu, C. (2023). Mapping Transversal Skills in Higher Education. Case Study: University of Bucharest. National Conference of Research in Education (CERED), **Cluj Napoca, Romania.**

Safta-Zecheria, L., Ungureanu, E., Ulrich Hygum, C. (2023). How is solidarity represented in the curriculum and textbooks of intercultural education?. **CERED, Cluj Napoca, Romania.**

Ungureanu, E. (2022). Ethical challenges in qualitative research. **CERED 2022, Bucharest, Romania.**

Ungureanu, E. (2019). A thematic analysis of school curricula in language and communication in primary education: How is the student represented? **CERED, Timișoara, Romania.**

Speaker

Ungureanu, E. (2022/2023/2024). Cum faci predare prin dialog. Beneficiile și idei de aplicare la clasă. Predau Viitor, festival digital (online).

01/01/2017 – 20/09/2021

Seminars (as participant)

- Digitalization of the Erasmus+ Program: Strategies and Tools," organized by the UNICA Network (Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe), September 14, 2021.
- Pensa Training - "Professionalization of Teachers Using Digital Technology to Support Autonomy and Citizenship," June 2021.
- UNICA EduLAB Working Group, June 9, 2021.
- "Project-Based Learning in Higher Education," (April 19, 2021, led by Prof. Dr. Catalina Ulrich Hygum).
- "Introductory Elements on Publishing in Social Sciences" (April 21, 2021, led by Dr. George Gunnesch-Luca and Prof. Dr. Dragos Iliescu).
- 2021 European Learning & Teaching Forum on "Embedding and Facilitating Sustainability," February 18-19, 2021.
- UNICA-CIVIS EduLAB Seminar "Innovative Pedagogies and Virtual Mobility in the (Post) COVID-19 Era," December 4, 2020.
- International Webinar "Innovating HE Pedagogy in Turbulent Times," under the auspices of the Universitaria Consortium, June 23, 2020.
- Participation in the CIVIS Summer School (September 7-11, 2020) conducted online.
- Attended a presentation by researchers Dr. Charles A. Nelson, Dr. Nathan A. Fox, and Dr. Charles H. Zeanah, November 11, 2019, Bucharest.
- Attended a presentation by Prof. Heinz Bachmann from the Pedagogical Academy of Zurich, "Teaching and Learning in Higher Education," November 11, 2019, Bucharest.
- Participated in the "Neuroscience in Education" event, hosted by the Institute of Educational Sciences, March 17, 2017.

VOLUNTEERING

15/11/2020 – 01/05/2022 University of Bucharest

Instructor at the Learning Center of the University of Bucharest

- Developed and taught an online Academic Writing Workshop.
- Responsibilities included organizing registrations and communicating with students participating in the workshops organized by the Learning Center.

30/03/2022 – 20/04/2022 Universitatea din București

Instructor - Unibuc Peer Learning Program

- Participated with a training program, which I developed and conducted during the training/peer learning sessions aimed at the academic staff of the University of Bucharest.
- Developed a training program focused on pedagogical innovation.
- The program was conducted in an online environment.

01/09/2019 – 25/02/2020 University of Bucharest

Contributing editor

- Contributed to the editing of a collective volume dedicated to Prof. Dr. Emil Păun, titled "Dialogues on Education and Pedagogy," published by Ars Docendi in 2019. The book was launched during an anniversary event on February 25, 2020, in Bucharest.
- Edited the collective volume "The School of the Future or the Future of the School: Perspectives on Post-Pandemic Education," coordinated by Prof. Emeritus Emil Paun, for Polirom Publishing.

04/12/2019 – 08/12/2019 University of Bucharest

Volunteers Coodinator

- Coordinated the team of volunteers at the 3rd National Conference of the "Education for Sciences" Community, held from December 6 to 8, 2019.

University of Bucharest

Volunteer at the National Conference of Science Community Education for Sciences (2015, 2017, 2019)

01/05/2022 – 26/10/2022

Member in the Organizing Committee of CERED Conference 2022

● **SCHOLARSHIPS**

01/10/2016 – 01/10/2019

Doctoral scholarship from University of Bucharest
