

# Curriculum Vitae

## Personal information

First name(s) / Surname(s) **Gruia Badescu**

## Work experience

Dates 07/2020 -

Occupation or position held **Research Fellow**

Main activities and responsibilities •Research group leader PI, project “Urban space after political ruptures” (5 year research grant)  
•Research on urban transformations and memory practices in the aftermath of dictatorships, wars and empire (cities in Southeastern Europe, the Levant and Latin America)

Name of employer **Zukunftskolleg, University of Konstanz**, Konstanz (Germany)

Dates 09/2022 – 05/2023

Occupation or position held **Specialist Consultant**

Main activities and responsibilities Part of team contributing to curatorial concept for intervention in public space for the Memorial Walk of the 1989 Revolution in Timișoara

Name of employer **Q Group Proiect SRL**, Bucharest (Romania)

Dates 10/2018 - 11/2021

Occupation or position held **Alexander von Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellow (2019-2021) and Balzan Prize Research Fellow (2018-2019)**

Main activities and responsibilities Research for project “Reconstructing Memory in the European City”, PI. Jan and Aleida Assmann

Name of employer **University of Konstanz**, Konstanz (Germany)

Dates 06/2017 - 12/2020

Occupation or position held **Researcher and Programme Associate**

Main activities and responsibilities Research for the Urban Education Live (UEL) international project; coorganizing symposia; leading team responsible for action-research and community-led urban plan for the Traian neighbourhood in Bucharest

Name of employer **Urban Transition Association (ATU)**, Bucharest (Romania)

Dates	12/2018 - 03/2019
Occupation or position held	<b>Consultant</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Led ETH Mission to the City of Sarajevo (February 1-8, 2019); Led workshops on strategic stakeholder mapping for the ETH involvement in the urban development of Sarajevo; Authored report on stakeholders in Sarajevo and recommendations for further action
Name of employer	<b>ETH</b> , Zurich (Switzerland)
Dates	01/2018 - 04/2018
Occupation or position held	<b>Expert Consultant</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Expert input on heritage reconstruction for the ICOMOS Global Case Study; report on Sarajevo heritage reconstruction
Name of employer	<b>ICOMOS</b> , Paris (France)
Dates	02/2016 -
Occupation or position held	<b>Visiting Lecturer</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	teaching urban studies course for MA Anthropology
Name of employer	<b>National School of Political Science and Public Administration</b> , Bucharest (Romania)
Dates	12/2016 -12/2018
Occupation or position held	<b>Research Associate</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Research on memorial architecture in the Southern Cone of Latin America and in Central and Eastern Europe; organized workshops with practitioners
Name of employer	<b>University of Oxford</b> , Oxford (UK)
Dates	10/2016 – 09/2017
Occupation or position held	<b>Researcher</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Team member “Politics and policies of heritage-making in post-colonial and post-socialist contexts”
Name of employer	<b>New Europe College</b> , Bucharest (Romania)
Dates	09/2015 -12/2016
Occupation or position held	<b>Lecturer</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Taught courses and tutorials on sustainable urban development and human geography
Name of employer	<b>University of Oxford</b> , Oxford (UK)
Dates	04/2011-
Occupation or position held	<b>Vice-President and Project Manager</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-founded the NGO as a platform for local development specialists in Romania</li> <li>• Developed the Action Plan for local development through heritage and landscape of the Cahul Region of the Republic of Moldova, component of the Viva-East project, funded by the EU- Eastern Partnership (2013-2014)</li> <li>• Coordinated the editorial project on Bucharest heritage and seismic risk, funded by the Romanian Chamber of Architects, including 15 authors and a photographic essay (2016-2017)</li> </ul>

- Coordinated the CRIDL participation in the Europe for Citizens funded project “Reshaping 1989”, co-organizing workshops and events of memory and dealing with the past in three countries and sixteen local municipalities in Romania (2019-2022)

**Name of employer** *Romanian Center for Innovation in Local Development (CRIDL)*, Bucharest (Romania)

Dates 02/2013- 08/2013

Occupation or position held **Consultant**

Main activities and responsibilities Analyzed the Integrated Urban Development Plans of the 7 Growth Poles of Romania and wrote a report that served for the improvement of policy on growth poles of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration(MRDPA):

- Developed a system of criteria to analyze the Integrated Urban Development Plans.
- Evaluated the IDPs of the Growth Poles according to the set criteria
- Proposed policy recommendations for the Ministry and drafted a final report

Name of employer **World Bank**, Bucharest (Romania)

Dates 05/2012 -03/2013

Occupation or position held **Expert in Urban Development and Networking**

Main activities and responsibilities Provided technical assistance and coaching on integrated urban development for local experts and local governments of 9 cities in Georgia, Armenia and the Republic of Moldova; develop monitoring reports;

Name of employer **Local Development Group (GDL)**, Bucharest (Romania)

Dates 04/2010 - 09/2011

Occupation or position held **Urban Design Consultant**

Main activities and responsibilities

- Drafted the Integrated Urban Development Plan for Central Bucharest, including an interdisciplinary analysis of the central area, defining objectives, priorities and projects for the city centre, and incorporating proposed interventions of eight architecture and planning offices
- Coordinated the analysis and co-drafted the Design Brief for the redesign of the University Square, one of the main squares of Bucharest
- Coordinated and conducted the field research in nine Romanian cities for the National Audit of Public Spaces, project financed by the Union of Romanian Architects; drafted the final reports

Name of employer **Space Syntax Romania**, Bucharest (Romania)

Dates 01/2010 - 04/2010

Occupation or position held **"Beautiful Romania Project" UNDP Intern**

Main activities and responsibilities Researched best practices of urban historic centre revitalization

Name of employer **United Nations Development Program (UNDP)**, Bucharest (Romania)

Dates 01/2008 - 04/2008

Occupation or position held **Geotourism Apprentice**

Main activities and responsibilities

- Developed a survey on the quality of stewardship of the world's top historic destinations
- Worked with Ashoka Changemakers to identify and award actors who developed best practices in controlling pressures from tourism/overdevelopment in historic cities (the Geotourism Challenge 2008)

Name of employer **Center for Sustainable Destinations, National Geographic Society**, Washington, DC (USA)

Dates 09/2007 - 12/2007

Occupation or position held **International Editions Intern**

Main activities and responsibilities

- Worked on research and editorial projects for NGM's international partners
- Wrote story proposals with an international focus
- Assisted with the organization and scheduling of the 2007 National Geographic Magazine International Editorial Seminar

Name of employer **National Geographic Magazine**, Washington DC (USA)

## Education and training

Dates	09/2011- 09/2015; 10/2017-04/2018
Title of qualification awarded	<b>PhD</b>
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered	Architecture
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	<b>University of Cambridge</b> Cambridge (UK)
Dates	09/2008 - 09/2009
Title of qualification awarded	<b>MSc</b>
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered	City Design and Social Science
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	<b>London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)</b> London (UK)
Dates	09/2003 - 05/2007
Title of qualification awarded	<b>BA, Summa cum Laude</b>
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered	Geography (major): Place and Society, Geopolitics, International Development, Cartography, GIS European Studies (major): The Political Structure of the EU, European History, Cultures of Memory Architectural and Urban History, Comparative Economics, Transition Economies
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	<b>Middlebury College</b> Middlebury (USA) <b>Institut d'Etudes Politiques</b> ("Sciences Po") – <i>Programme International</i> Paris (France) <b>Johannes Guttenberg Universitaet- Historisches Seminar</b> Mainz (Germany)

## Selected fellowships, awards, and grants

Zukunftskolleg Intersectoral cooperation grant "Beirut- Sarajevo Intersections" with film maker Sabine el Chamaa (Beirut)- April 2021-

Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship, December 2019 - November 2021

Eric Lane Award, Clare College, to organize the workshop "Reconstructing Beirut, Reconstructing Aleppo: Insights from the Aftermath of the Lebanese Civil War for the Future Rebuilding of Syria"

Award for Best Doctoral Paper on Europe at the Convention of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago (2015)

Aspen Institute Romania 2013 Fellowship for Young Leaders- awarded annually to 20 young leaders from South East Europe, Turkey and the Caucasus who have made an impact to their communities

National Geographic Society, Young Explorer Grant to research role of architectural reconstruction in post-war reconciliation: a Study of Sarajevo and Beirut (2008 - 2010)

Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Scholarship (one of 35 recipients of six-year scholarship from 957 students nominated by US universities in 2008)

William H. and Patricia Kleh Scholarship, Middlebury College (2003 - 2007)

Gold Medal – International Geography Competition, Durban, South Africa (2002)

## Selected academic publications

### Books and edited collections:

Synchronous Pasts: Transforming heritage in the former Yugoslavia (co-edited with Britt Baillie and Francesco Mazzucchelli) (2021) Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 1-400.

Curating Change in the Museum (co-edited with Simina Bădică and Damiana Oțoiu) (2018). Martor, Bucharest: the National Museum of the Romanian Peasant, pp. 1-239

București. Orașul Vulnerabil [Bucharest. The Vulnerable City] (with Raluca Munteanu) (2017): Bucharest: OAR, pp. 1-238.

#### Academic articles

'The city as a world in common: Syncretic place-making as a spatial approach to peace' (2022). *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* 16(5)  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17502977.2022.2132093>

'Urban Geopolitics in 'Ordinary' and 'Contested' Cities: Perspectives from the European South-East' (2022) *Geopolitics*, pp. 1-26, <https://doi.org/10.1080/146>

'Architects as Memory Actors: Ruins, Reconstructions, and Memorials in Belgrade' (2021). *Contemporary Southeastern Europe* 8 (2), pp. 51-82, <https://doi.org/10.25364/02.8:2021.2.4>

'Homelands and Dictators: Migration, memory, and belonging between Southeastern Europe and Chile' (2021), *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*,  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14782804.2021.2014305>

'Architectural Reconfigurations and Urban Remaking After Ruptures: Interrogating Frontier Urbanism in Rijeka/Fiume' (2021). *Central European Horizons*, 2(1), pp.43-70,  
<https://doi.org/10.51918/ceh.2021.1.3>.

'Rewritten in stone: imperial heritage in the sacred place of the nation' (2020), *Cultural Studies*, 34 (5), pp. 707- 729. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09502386.2020.1780283>

'Traces of Empire: Architectural Heritage, Imperial Memory and Post-War Reconstruction in Sarajevo and Beirut' (2019). *History and Anthropology*, 30 (4), pp. 366-38.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/02757206.2019.1617708>.

'Entangled Islands of Memory: Actors and Circulations of Site Memorialisation Practice Between the Latin American Southern Cone and Central and Eastern Europe' (2019). *Global Society*, 33 (3), pp. 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13600826.2019.1598946>

'Making Sense of Ruins: Architectural Reconstruction and Collective Memory in Belgrade' (2019) *Nationalities Papers*, pp. 182-197. <https://doi.org/10.1017/nps.2018.42>.

'Between Repair and Humiliation: Religious Buildings, Memorials, and Identity Politics in Post-war Sarajevo' (2019) *Journal of Religion & Society*, 19, pp. 19-37.

'"Achieved without Ambiguity?": Memorializing Victimhood in Belgrade after the 1999 NATO Bombing' (2016) *Memories and Narratives of the 1999 NATO Bombing (special issue) Südosteuropa. Journal for Policy and Society*, 64(4), pp. 500-519. <https://doi.org/10.1515/soeu-2016-0044>.

'(Post) colonial Encounters in the Post-Socialist City: Reshaping Urban Space in Sarajevo' (2016) *Post-socialist Cities (Special Issue). Geografiska Annaler: Series B, Human Geography*, 98 (4), pp. 321-329.

'Dwelling in the Post-War City: Urban Reconstruction and Home-Making in Sarajevo' (2015) *Revue d'études comparatives Est-Ouest*, 46(04), pp.35-60. <https://doi.org/10.4074/s0338059915004027>.

#### Book chapters

Urban Memory After War: Ruins and Reconstructions in Post- Yugoslav Cities' (2022). In *Contested Urban Spaces: Monuments, Traces, and Decentered Memories*, edited by Ulrike Capdepón and Sarah Dornhof. London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp 229-252.

'War ruins and facing the past: Architectural modes of engagement' (2022). In *Thinking with Ruins. Interdisciplinary approaches to functions, interpretations and (mis-)uses of remnants of the past*, edited by Enass Khansa, Konstantin Klein y Barbara Winckler. Berlin: Kadmos, pp. 307-325.

- 'The modernist abject: Ruins of socialism, reconstruction, and populist politics in Belgrade and Sarajevo' (2022). In Jody Jensen, (ed.), *Memory Politics and Populism in Southeastern Europe*. Abingdon: Routledge, pp. 27-46
- 'Beyond Yugoslavia: Reshaping Heritage in Belgrade' (2021) in Gruia Bădescu, Britt Baillie, Francesco Mazzucchelli (ed.) *Transforming Heritage in the Former Yugoslavia*, Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 27-53.
- 'Introduction: Heritage in 'Conflict-Time' and Nation-Building in the Former Yugoslavia.' (with Britt Baillie and Francesco Mazzucchelli) (2021) in Gruia Bădescu, Britt Baillie, Francesco Mazzucchelli (ed.) *Transforming Heritage in the Former Yugoslavia*, Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 1-24.
- 'Globalizing postsocialist urbanism' (with Liviu Chelcea and Slavomira Ferenčuhova) (2021) in Michele Lancione and Colin McFarlane (eds) . *Global Urbanism: Knowledge, Power and the City*. Routledge, pp. 71-79.
- 'Transnational place-making after political violence: Agencies and practices of site memorialization in the Latin American Southern Cone' (2020) in Aline Sierp and Jenny Wüstenberg (eds), *Agency in Transnational Memory Politics*. New York: Berghahn, pp. 155-179.
- 'Cosmopolitan Heritage? Post-War Reconstruction and Urban Imaginaries in Sarajevo and Beirut' (2020) in Marco Folin and Heleni Porfyriou (eds.) *Multi-ethnic Cities in the Mediterranean World, 19th - 20th Centuries. Controversial Heritage and Divided Memories*, Abingdon: Routledge, pp. 121-138.
- 'Urban Monuments and the Spatialization of National Ideologies' (with Vjeran Pavlaković) (2019). In Zlatan Krajina and Deborah Stevenson (eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Urban Media and Communication*. Abingdon: Routledge, pp. 67-80.
- 'Post-War Reconstruction in Contested Cities: Comparing Urban Outcomes in Sarajevo and Beirut'. In Jonathan Rock-Rokem and Camilo Boano (eds.) (2017) *Urban Geopolitics: Rethinking Planning in Contested Cities*. London: Routledge, pp. 17-32.
- 'Local Development and Cultural Territorial Systems in the Republic of Moldova' (2015), in Francesco Rotondo et al (ed.) *Cultural Territorial Systems. Landscape and Cultural Heritage as a Key of a Sustainable, Local Development*. Heidelberg: Springer.
- 'Cultural Territorial Systems in Armenia' (with Sarhat Petrosyan) (2015) in Francesco Rotondo et al (ed.) *Cultural Territorial Systems. Landscape and Cultural Heritage as a Key of a Sustainable, Local Development*. Heidelberg: Springer.
- 'City Makers, Urban Reconstruction and Coming to Terms with the Past in Sarajevo' (2014) In Kotzen, Bronwyn and Sofia Garcia (ed.) *Reconstructing Sarajevo: Negotiating Socio-political Complexity*. London: LSE Cities.
- 'Dezvoltarea urbană integrată: dileme și perspective' (Integrated Urban Development: Dilemmas and perspectives) (2012) in Alexandru-Ionuț Petrișor (ed.) *Planificare integrată și cercetare interdisciplinară pentru dezvoltarea urbană durabilă și competitivă a României (Integrated Planning and Interdisciplinary Research for the Sustainable Urban Development of Romania)*, Bucharest: INCD URBAN-INCERC Publishing, pp. 135-172.
- 'Politics, Architecture and Identity in Rebuilding West Germany' s Cities after the Second World War' (2011) In Olga Fejtová et al, eds. *Europäische Großstädte zwischen dem Ende des Weltkriegs und des Kalten Kriegs (1945-1989) (Documenta pragensia 30)* Prague: Scriptorium, pp. 85-133.

## Organized events, exhibits, design studios

- Cities, Memory and Communal Sense – Lecture Series (University of Konstanz)
- Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Memory and Justice, workshop with Prof. Elizabeth Jelin (organized with Valeria Vegh-Weis)- September 2022
- Memory, Space, and Place– Workshop. Memory Studies Association Annual Conference, July 2022, online
- Welt in Wandel - Gemeinsinn Lecture Series (Bischofvilla, Konstanz)
- Mémoire et espace urbain à Bucarest, workshop and walk, Bucharest, 20 April 2022 (co-organized with Damiana Otoi)

- Memory, Place and Resistance: Alternative Practices in Contested Memory Space. Panel organizer and speaker. Memory Studies Association Annual Conference, July 2021
- Heritage After Empire in Central and Eastern European Cities. Panel organizer and speaker. Council of European Studies (CES) Annual Conference, June 2021
- Who has the 'right to speak' in memory-work? Online workshop organized under the framework of the Memory Lab, January 2021
- Curator, Urban Change and Memory - organised by the Balzan Research Group at the University of Konstanz (18-25 August 2019)
- Principal coordinator. Cities and Regions in Flux after Border Change:Reconfiguring the frontier, reshaping memory and visualizing change in twentieth century Europe, conference, Rijeka, Croatia (10-12 July 2019)
- Curator. Building Bridges: Linking Memories of Past Dictatorships in Europe through Museums and Memorial Sites, symposium, University of Bucharest (3-5 December 2018)
- Curator, Architects, reconstruction, and responsibility, workshop, Mansion Zoqaq al Blat, Beirut (6 November 2017)
- Organizer, Reluctant Heritage: Revisiting Museums and Memory Sites in Central and Eastern Europe in a Transnational Perspective conference, CEREFREA Villa Noël Bucharest, (4-5 November 2016)
- Organizer, City in Transitions: Spaces of Confusion, Places of Hope, International Network of Urban Research and Action (INURA) 2016 international conference and retreat, Bucharest and Sibiel (3-11 September 2016)
- Convener, Heritage-making, Uses and Museumification of the Past in Relationship to Nation-building summer school, French Institute of Anatolian Studies (IFEA), Istanbul, Turkey (26 June-9 July 2016)
- Convener, Places of Amnesia: Interdisciplinary perspectives on forgotten pasts conference, University of Cambridge, April 2016
- Convener, Places of Amnesia lecture series, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge (September 2014-May 2015)
- Convener of the Metamorphoses of the Contemporary City International Graduate Symposium, Cambridge (September 2014)
- Curator, LSE Cities Sarajevo Urban Design Workshop, a partnership of the LSE Cities Programme, the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Sarajevo, CESI Sarajevo, (May 2014)
- Curator, "Making Sense of Ruins: Reconstruction in Belgrade", October Salon, October 2014, Belgrade
- Convener, City Seminar, Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge (September 2011-September 2013)
- "Voids in the City", Cities Methodologies Bucharest, October –November 2010, Bucharest: interdisciplinary studio (architects, planners, artists, sociologists) within the framework of Cities Methodologies Bucharest.

## Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue	<b>Romanian</b>									
	<b>Understanding</b>				<b>Speaking</b>				<b>Writing</b>	
Other languages	Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
Self-assessment	<i>European level (*)</i>									
<b>English</b>	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
<b>French</b>	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
<b>German</b>	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user
<b>Spanish</b>	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user
<b>Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian</b>	B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user	B2	Independent user	B1	Independent user
<b>Arabic</b>	A1	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A1	Basic User	A2	Basic User	A1	Basic User

(\*) *Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) level*