

# CURRICULUM VITAE

Born in Bucharest in 1982, Ilinca Păun Constantinescu earned her PhD degree in architecture in 2013. She currently practices architecture at Ideogram Studio, teaches theory of architecture at "Ion Mincu" University of Architecture and Urbanism Bucharest, and leads cultural projects within the IDEILAGRAM Association. Together with her team from IDEILAGRAM, she edited *Shrinking Cities in Romania. Orașe românești în declin* (DOM publishers&MNAC Press, 2019) and realized researches and exhibitions such as: *Shrinking Cities in Romania* (MNAC Bucharest, 2016), *On Housing* (Timco Halls Timișoara, 2018), *Uranus Now* (MNAC, 2019-2022, initiated by Zeppelin).



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

Since 2022 Member of the CTUAT Bucharest  
Since 2016 president and founder of the *IDEILAGRAM* association  
Since 2019 co-founder of *Planeta Petrila* association  
Since 2012 co-founder of the architecture office **Ideogram Studio**, together with Tudor Constantinescu;  
**Since 2023** Lecturer at UAUIM Bucharest, Department of Theory and History of architecture  
**2009-2022** teaching assistant at the UAUIM Bucharest;  
courses: "Introduction to Contemporary Architecture";  
  
2014 - 2016 curator at the Photographic Archive of the Romanian Union of Architects architect at **PAAN Studio**, Bucharest- Architecture & Interior Design  
2010 - 2012 architect at **2mtdv**, Bucharest- Architecture, Design and Urban Planning office;  
2007 - 2010 architect at **2mtdv**, Bucharest- Architecture, Design and Urban Planning office;  
**2006 - 2007** Intern at **Bothe Richter Teherani Architekten**, Hamburg- Architecture, Design and Urban Planning office;

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2020 Europalia Fellowship, Research in the Charleroi mining region, residence at *Charleroi danse*  
2015-2016 New Europe College Fellow, 'Niculae Vlădescu' fellowship, theme „Shrinking Cities by the Watercourse. The Danube, Forbidden or Ignored Resource”

2015	Salzburg Sommerakademie, Curatorial Practice, Erste Stiftung fellowship
Since 2013	<b>Doctor in Architecture; Title of the PhD thesis: "Shrinking Cities in Romania. A contemporary approach on Urban Contraction and Decline", Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Arch. Ana Maria Zahariade (Summa cum laude, Ad Astra Award for Virtuousness in Research in the Social Sciences and Humanities Field, 2014)</b>
2009-2013	PhD Programme, Doctoral School : "Space, Image, Text, Territory" at the UAUIM Bucharest.
2010-2011	PhD Research at TU Berlin, visiting student, guiding Teacher Prof. Jörg Stollmann, Chair for Urban Design
2007-2009	French-Romanian Master Programme at UAUIM Bucharest, "Développement urbain intégré"; (Diploma 9/10)
2001-2007	"Ion Mincu" Architecture and Urban Planning University, Bucharest, Architecture Department; (GPA 8.83/10-top 5%, Diploma 9.28/10- top 3%)
2005-2006	<b>Universität Stuttgart</b> , Architecture Department; Erasmus Scholarship; Prof. J.Jessen, Prof. W.Sobek
2004	<b>Bauhaus Weimar</b> , DAAD Scholar;

## RESEARCH, CULTURAL PROJECTS

2023	Cultural Exploitation Petrița/ Days of the Open Mines, project coordinator, with Mihai Danciu PIANO EXPRESS, 5 pop-up concerts in the bucharest public space (project coordinator with Adriana Toacsen)
2022	Definitions and principles for the Housing Quality Index, a research project initiated by OAR
2021- 2022	New European Bauhaus on the Danube Workshop, Ulm School of Design Foundation
2020-2021	World Bank Reports: Contributions by Vera MARIN, Ilinca PAUN CONSTANTINESCU, Contributor: Zina MACRI Romania Case Study, Age-Ready Cities ASA Romania: Recognizing the Importance of the Age-Ready Built Environment Cities in Transition: A literature review of urban shrinkage and its implications for Romania
2019- 2022	Member of UAUIM team in the ERASMUS project Triplex confinium - Tackling gaps and mismatches in the field of higher education for architecture and urban planning while exploring and addressing discontinuities along the national borders in-between Romania, Hungary and Serbia, Erasmus+ project- K203 (2019-2022) <a href="https://triple-confinium.eu/ro/">https://triple-confinium.eu/ro/</a>
2020-2021	<i>Fading Borders</i> , Romanians pavillon at the Venice Architecture Biennale (team, <i>Fading Borders</i> de Poster = <i>Shrinking Cities in Romania</i> de IDEILAGRAM + <i>Away de Teleleu</i> + Mazzocchiao)
2019-2022	Research and exhibition URANUS ACUM, financed by AFCN and OAR. (MNAC, Izvor Park, Academia Romana). Curator, with Ștefan Ghenciulescu and Dorothee Hasnas.
2017-2018	Research and exhibition „On housing”, within BETA 2018, initiated and coordinated by OAR Timiș. Head of the research team (2017), main curator (2018)
2016	Project Coordinator of the <i>Shrinking Cities in Romania</i> project, AFCN grant <b>Curator of the <i>Shrinking Cities in Romania</i> exhibition, MNAC Bucharest (National Museum of Contemporary Art), 20 april- 09 october 2016</b>
2015-2016	LABORATOR BRĂILA - Alternative approaches of the urban peripheries within a city with stagnant growth (B-LAB), expert within the team
2014	Project Coordinator: <i>Cincinat Sfințescu, the founder of Romanian Urbanism</i> (UAR Grant);

August 2015	Project Coordinator: <i>Days of Industrial Heritage in Petrita</i> (OAR and German Embassy Grant);
Sept-Oct 2014	Project Coordinator: <i>StartUP Petrita</i> (OAR and German Embassy Grant);
June-July 2013:	Project Coordinator: Petrita: Post-Industrial Urban Regeneration Workshop, Ground Survey (UAR Grant)
Feb-May 2013	Project Coordinator: Petrita: French Romanian Workshop „Patrimoniul industrial ca sursă de regenerare” (The industrial Heritage as a Regeneration Source), (UAR & OAR Grants)
Aug-Oct 2012	Project Coordinator: Petrita: Post-Industrial Urban Regeneration Workshop
2011-2014:	Team Member Photographic Archive of <i>Arhitectura</i> Magazine: 1945-1989 (UAR Grant)
2013:	Team Member, Translation into Romanian of <i>Collage City</i> by Colin Rowe and Fred Koetter (AFCN Grant)
2008-2010	ACUM: “Artă - comunități urbane - mobilizare (ACUM). Reinsertia socială a proiectului artistic și arhitectural” (Art- Urban Community-Mobilization)
2005:	Coopération Francaise-Roumaine, Bucarest-Paris <a href="http://www.uauim.ro/paris_bucarest/">http://www.uauim.ro/paris_bucarest/</a>

## EDITORIAL PROJECTS

2020	Uranus Acum,/ Uranus Now Editura Universitară Ion Mincu, 2022 (co -editor with Ștefan Ghenciulescu and Dorothee Hasnaș)
2014-prezent	ASSOCIATE EDITOR of the publication "studies in History and Theory of Architecture - sITA, coordinator of issue 5/2017
2017-2019	book <i>Shrinking Cities in Romania. Orașe românești în declin</i> (2vol) (editor, coordinator proiect), editura DOM, Berlin și MNAC, București, 2019
2018	DESPRE LOCUIRE. Locuirea colectivă, între produs și proces / ON HOUSING. Collective Housing: In-Between Product and Process, exhibition catalogue, 86pag, editor
2013-2015, 2018	scientific consultant for the collection CFA initiated by Magda Teodorescu (Cărți fundamentale pentru Arhitecți), proiect traducere carte: Orașul colaj de Colin Rowe și Fred Koetter, (2013), Cele șapte lămpi ale arhitecturii, John Ruskin (2015), Istoria critică, Kenneth Frampton (2016), New Yorkul în delir, Rem Koolhaas (2018)
2014-prezent	Editoria assistant of sITA „studies in History and Theory of Architecture – sITA, coordinator of nr. 5/2017
2014	(Cincinat Sfințescu. The Beginnings of Romanian Urban Planning), (Project financed by OAR și UAR)

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Frumoasele adormite. Potențialul stațiunilor balneare în România*, in Guide for Băile Govora (Ghid de bune practici: Băile Govora), ed. Ș.Hârleață and R. Tîrcă, Studio Govora 2022
- *Grădini urbane și comunități*, in Degete verzi, Fundația9, 2021
- *Shrinking Cities in Romania. Orașe românești în declin* (2vol) (editor, coordinator proiect), editura DOM, Berlin și MNAC, București, 2019
  - Why we need to talk about shrinking Cities in Romania / De ce să vorbim despre shrinking cities în România* (vol. 1, pag 58-122)
  - An exploration of Urban Decline / O explorare a degradării* (vol. 1 pag 286-290)
- *Conflicting Perspectives on Industrial Heritage / Percepții conflictuale asupra patrimoniului industrial*, Ilinca Păun Constantinescu, Dragoș Dascălu, Cristina Sucală, (pag. Vol. 2, 58-102), in *Shrinking Cities in Romania. Orașe românești în declin* (2vol) (editor, coordinator proiect), editura DOM, Berlin și MNAC, București, 2019
- *Amenajarea declanșează reabilitarea. Blocul din piața Sf Ștefan nr. 1*, în Zeppelin #156, 2019-2020

- *Do Demographics influence the Ideal City?*, în *Mazzocchiao #5*, Premizele unui oraș ideal. Băile Govora, editura universitară „Ion Mincu”, 2019
- *Despre locuire. O expoziție și o discuție deschisă*, în *Zeppelin #153*, 2018
- *Un decalog al orașelor post-miniere*, în G. Pașcu, O. Țiganea (ed.), *Peisajul Industrial Anina: Reprezentări și interpretări patrimoniale*, Alba Iulia 2017
- *Documentarul Planeta Petrila / Planeta Petrila Documentary*, în *Buletinul Comisiunii Monumentelor Istorice, serie nouă, „Patrimoniul în actualitate”*, 2017
- *Orașe românești în declin*, revista *Sinteza / noiembrie 2017*
- *What are Shrinking Cities?*, in *Utopian Cities, Programmed Societies*, Victoria Summer Camp`s Journal, 2019

*Conflicts on Dealing with the Industrial Heritage. The Case of Petrila Mining City*, Ilinca Păun Constantinescu, Dragoș Dascălu, Cristina Sucală, Public Historian 2017

*Despre declinul și contracția orașelor românești. O cercetare, un proiect cultural, o expoziție-eveniment*, Foreign Policy România # 52, 2016

*Dix ans après. Shrinking Cities in România/Orașe românești în declin*, în *Zeppelin #156*, 2016

*UrbanEye, un festival necesar / UrbaEye, a Necessary Festival*, Revista Urbanismul #20 /2015

*The Shrinking Cities Problematic In Romania* in Vol. II – *Urban Markers: Explorations, Tactics and Actions into Brăila, Romania*, Eds.: Angelica Stan și Irina Pața, 2016

*Ultima tonă de huiă. Ultimul tren către Europa?* Ilinca Păun Constantinescu, Dragoș Dascălu, *Igloo #167 / nov 2015*

*Shriking Cities în România- Cercetare in urbanism si amenajarea teritoriului*, Revista Urbanismul – Serie Noua – Nr. 19 / 2015

*Proiectul cultural „Cincinat Sfîntescu”, arhivă organizată și interpretată teoretic*, Andreea D. UDREA, Toader POPESCU, Irina CALOTĂ, Ilinca PĂUN CONSTANTINESCU, Revista Urbanismul – Serie Noua – Nr. 19 / 2015

*Cincinat Sfîntescu, începuturile Urbanismului Românesc (2015)* (Andreea Udrea, Toader Popescu, Irina Calotă, Ilinca Păun Constantinescu), Editura Ion Mincu, ISBN 978-606-638-110-9

*Reetichetări urbane. De la industrial la rural? Urban relabeling. From Industrial to Rural? Venice Biennale 2014*

*Ruine urbane în transformare- Arhitectura Magazine Nov 2014*

*StartUP Petrila- Zeppelin Magazine Nov 2014*

*SCENARIOS 2030 - POSSIBLE FUTURES OF SHRINKING CITIES IN EUROPE, (to be published in 2014)*

*Training School Final Report, TU Dortmund, Germany*

*Proiect cultural la mina Petrila. Ateliere – relevu – clasare*, Observatorul Urban martie 2014

*Peisaje industriale și scenarii de locuire*, interview de Sabin Borș, IglooHabitat and Architecture, no. 136 / march 2013

*Shrinking Cities in Romania- Former Shinking Cities in Valea Jiului*, Built Environment magazine nr. 38, (editor: Sir Peter Hall), Shrinking Cities special issue, april 2012

*Profesori ai Școlii de Arhitectură*, Ed. Universitară „Ion Mincu”, București, 2012 (co-author)

*Shrinking City versus Sprawling City*, în: "Polaritățile Arhitecturii", Coord.: lect.univ.dr.arh. Liana Iliu, Coord.gen.: prof. univ.dr. Smaranda Elian, editura PIM, Iasi 2011

*Manifeste timide: concurs pentru reabilitarea Ștrandului Tineretului în "ACUM 4, Spațiul public și reinsertia socială a proiectului artistic și arhitectural/ dosare bucureștene"*, coord.: Ana Maria Zahariade, Anca Oroveanu, Editura Universitară „Ion Mincu” 2010

## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, Jury

2022 Shrinking Cities project presentation at Sibiu, Brasov, Târgu Mureș-  
within the Architecture Biennale

2022 Oslo-Bucharest

- 2020 Charleroi, 2020  
Petrila & Boucle Noire //, Performance Architecture Landscape LOCI Bruxelles / Louvain - la-Neuve Bruxelles, în cadrul Europalia, 2019
- 2019 Ipoteze de locuire în orașe în declin, Sociologia locuirii, BIFE, București 2019  
Prezentare de carte și dialog în cadrul "Performance, architecture and landscape" symposium WASP, București 2019  
Speaker în cadrul Utopian Cities, Programmed Societies, Victoria, 2019  
Speaker în cadrul Building Home Forum, București 2019
- 2018 Petrila, 2018 (Exploatarea culturală Petrila. Reimaginarea patrimoniului Industrial.- workshop și conferință, Moderator secțiunea „Orașe în declin”)
- 2017 Architecture and Photography. Photography and Architecture, with Oana Țiganea and Irina Tulbure, NEC, 2017
- 2016 Bochum, Industrial Heritage, Historical Culture and Regional Identity in regions/ cities undergoing structural transformation. Small Harbor Cities by the Danube in Romania. Corabia, vessel of an unused heritage
- 2015 Bochum „Industrial Heritage and the Construction of regional Identities”, Industrial Heritage as source for Urban Regeneration. Petrila: a Divided Town  
Arhiva de fotografii a UAR. Istorie și present, Ilinca Constantinescu, Irina Tulbure (UAUIM), Congresul Național al Patrimoniului Arhitectural , Palatul Cotroceni, 2015
- 2014 Reinvent your Nest- *The small cities in Romania*  
Orașul Memorabil- Shrinking Cities- *The Dynamics of Brașov City*  
Street Delivery- *Romanian Industrial Heritage- Petrila*  
Anuala de Arhitectură- Building Communication: *about StartUP Petrila*  
TU Berlin – City and regional planning student visit to Bucharest – lecture about the shrinking Cities in Romania
- 2013 *Undertaking Postindustrial Regeneration in Petrila* (with Ina Stoian) in *De la arhitectură la patrimoniu construit... și mai departe*, Congresului Național privind protejarea, reabilitarea și valorificarea patrimoniului arhitectural, urban și peisagistic, Sinaia, 27 Sept 2013  
*Scenarios for Small and Fast-Shrinking Cities*, Shrinking Cities in Europe Final Conference, Zeche Zollverein, Essen, 13 Sept 2013  
Scenario Planning for Shrinking Cities, Training School 9-12, 14 Sept 2013  
Training School Dortmund  
*Industrial Heritage at Petrila*, `Punctul pe î Broadcast, Radio România Internațional *Shrinking Romania* TU Berlin Conference at the Chair of Urban Design: Shrinking (Cities in) Romania, 18 April 2013
- 2011 Workshop: COST Action TU0803, *Cities Regrowing Smaller*, Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto, 11-12 may 2011  
Conference: CITTA conference, (4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Planning Research), 13. May 2011, Porto, Portugal  
Conference: "*Shrinkage in Europe; causes, effects and policy strategies*" 16-17 February 2011, Paper: **The shrinking model of former mining cities in Romania**, in the program workshop *Causes*, 16 February; 15.30 – 17.30, Amsterdam University, Room GS.04, Chair: Karina Pallagst.

## AWARDS

- 2019 "Research through Architecture / Architecture and Experiment" Section  
2020 Award for Uranus now. Within Architecture Annual, Urban and community  
2021 BETA 2020 prize for Uranus now. Urban and community project, teamwork  
BETA 2020 nomination for the Shrinking Cities in Romania book in the Initiatives / Experiments / Visions section  
Anuala de Arhitectură, Premiul secțiunii „Cercetare prin arhitectură / arhitectură și experiment” pentru Uranus acum. Proiect urban și comunitar / echipă BETA 2020 premiu pentru Uranus acum. Proiect urban și comunitar, echipă

- 2019 Administration of the National Cultural Fund Prize, Section "Cultural activation in the public space" / Petrila cultural exploitation / team
- 2019 Nomination for architecture publication, *Anuala de Arhitectură București / Shrinking Cities in Romania. Orașe românești în declin*
- 2018 „Matei Brâncoveanu” Award for the exhibition „On Housing”
- 2018 Prize for Architectural Publications, section magazines - for sITA - studies of Architecture History and Theory / Bucharest Architecture Annual 2018 / team
- 2017 Prize of the section "Vision and research through architecture" for the Shrinking Cities (IDEILAGRAM association) research, at the *Anuala de Arhitectură* / teamwork
- 2016 Prize of the Architectural Publications section (ex-equo) - for sITA - studii de Istoria și Teoria Arhitecturii / *Bienala Națională de Arhitectură, ediția a XII-a: Recuperarea reperelor* / teamwork
- 2015 Ce-Re Award, Public Participation Awards Gala, Petrila with a good mine / teamwork
- 2014 *Ad Astra Award* for excellence in research (for PhD thesis)
- 2013 Architecture and Children, Stories with Houses and Houses as Stories, project initiated by the School and Fun Foundation, kindergarten Șotron, in partnership with Ideogram Studio, project selected by OAR to represent Romania at the Gold Cubes awards, at the International Congress of the U.I.A.

## COMPETENCES

### FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

**Romanian:** native speaker;

**English:** highly proficient: (Cambridge Proficiency in English);

**German:** proficient;

**French:** proficient;

**Spanish:** intermediate;

Bucharest, March 2024

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