

PERSONAL INFORMATION



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

24.02.2025 – present

Lecturer

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, Timișoara (Romania)

- Courses: Evolutionary Psychology, Decision Making and Behavioral Economics, Group Dynamics
- Seminars: Social Psychology, Evolutionary Psychology, Decision Making and Behavioral Economics, Group Dynamics, Social Cognition

01.01.2022 – 31.12.2024

Research assistant

Institute for Advanced Environmental Research (ICAM), Timișoara (Romania)

- Conducting research related to environmental issues
- Writing project proposals in relation to environmental issues

01.10.2017 – 23.02.2025

Teaching assistant

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, Timișoara (Romania)

- Courses: Decision Making and Behavioral Economics
- Seminars: Social Psychology, Decision Making and Behavioral Economics

01.01.2019 – 01.10.2020

Research assistant in Big Data

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, Timișoara (Romania)

- Collecting and analysing complex data (Big Data)
- Publish research articles

01.03.2013 – 01.06.2017

Statistics consultant and mentor

Freelancer, Groningen (The Netherlands)

- Offer statistics consultancy to young researchers
- Statistics mentoring of University of Groningen students

16.09.2015 – 16.01.2017

Teaching assistant

University of Groningen, Groningen (The Netherlands)

- Conducting the seminars of Statistics 2
- Grading assignments

15.08.2010 – 18.08.2012

English teacher

Freelancer, Timișoara (Romania)

- Teaching English to young children

30.08.2009 – 14.03.2010

Volunteer – Development instructor

ADPP Mozambique, Nsauca (Mozambique)

- Organizing workshops to train local tribes in the techniques of making soap, candles, and clay ovens
- Delivering presentations on health, hygiene, agriculture, and environmental conservation

30.08.2008 – 29.08.2009

Volunteer

One World Institute, Øyer (Norway)

- Participating in second-hand clothing collection activities and managing the network across approximately 15% of the country’s territory

01.09.2006 – 30.04.2008

Volunteer

Asociația Casa Olarului, Timișoara (Romania)

- Organizing and delivering ICT classes for children from disadvantaged backgrounds

EDUCATION

01.10.2017 – 11.05.2021

Ph.D. in Psychology – summa cum laude

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, Timișoara (Romania)

04.09.2015 – 20.02.2017

MSc in Social Psychology

University of Groningen, Groningen (The Netherlands)

03.09.2012 – 31.08.2015

BSc in Psychology - cum laude

University of Groningen, Groningen (The Netherlands)

01.09.2003 – 17.06.2008

M.Eng. in Genetic Engineering

Universitatea de Științe Agricole și Medicină Veterinară a Banatului din Timișoara, Timișoara (Romania)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue

Romanian

Foreign languages

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Conversation	Oral speech	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Portuguese	B1	B1	A2	A2	A1
French	B1	B2	A2	A2	A2
Spanish	A2	A2	A1	A1	A1
Italian	B1	A2	A2	A1	A1
Dutch	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

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

Communication skills

Clear communication and information delivery skills, developed during my experience as a teaching assistant and university lecturer

Organizational/managerial skills

Group management and task allocation skills, developed during my experience as a teaching assistant and university lecturer

Digital skills

SELF-EVALUATION				
Processing information	Communication	Content creation	Security	Troubleshooting
Experienced user	Experienced user	Experienced user	Experienced user	Experienced user

SPSS, WHLM, Comprehensive Meta-Analysis, Microsoft Office, Photoshop

Drivers licence

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Other awards

Study scholarship of 1 an, through the programme ATRIUM POCU/380/6/13/123343
Scholarship Pioneers Into Practice, financed by European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)
Member of Mensa Romania

Publishing activity

Semenescu, A., Feher-Gavra, B., Albulescu, P., & Gavreliuc, A. (2025). Environmental cynicism scale-Development and validation. *Journal of Environmental Psychology, 104*, 102588.

Spatan, S., & Semenescu, A. (2024). Feeling of Certainty and the Shiftiness of Knowledge Utterances. *Rivista Italiana di Filosofia del Linguaggio, 18*(2).

Semenescu, A., & Coca, D. (2022). Why people fail to bike the talk: Car dependence as a barrier to cycling. *Transportation Research Part F: Traffic Psychology and Behaviour, 88*, 208-222.

Gavreliuc, A., Gavreliuc, D., & Semenescu, A. (2022). To Steal or Not to Steal: Self-Discrepancies as a Way to Promote Pro-social Behavior: The Moderating Role of Self-Interest. *Frontiers in psychology, 13*.

Semenescu, A., & Gavreliuc, A. (2021). Structural, psychological and contextual predictors of car use. *Frontiers in psychology, 12*.

Gavreliuc, A., Gavreliuc, D., & Semenescu, A. (2021). Beyond the façade of generosity—Regional stereotypes within the same national culture influence prosocial behaviors. *Plos one, 16*(5), e0250125.

Semenescu, A., Gavreliuc, A., & Sârbescu, P. (2020). 30 Years of soft interventions to reduce car use—A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Transportation research part D: transport and environment, 85*, 102397.

Semenescu, A., & Gavreliuc, A. (2019). Car use reduction: a matter of reasoned calculus, morality or habit? An integrative perspective. *Romanian Journal of Psychology, 21*(2).

Conferences

Conferința națională a doctoranzilor din Consorțiul Universitaria – Cluj, 19-21 September 2018
Fourth International Conference on Social Sciences and Education, Indonezia, 18-19 April 2020
International Congress on Sustainability Science & Engineering, USA, 3-5 August 2020
Conferința APR „Psihologie și Tehnologie: Conectați la Viitor”, România, 11-14 November 2021
7th International Conference on Traffic and Transport Psychology, Suedia, 23 – 25 August 2022
Conferinta APR „Psihologia în era digitalizării” – Constanta, Romania, 2-4 June 2023
XGEN2024 – International Conference on Scientific Communications, Romania, 20-24 Mai 2024
Romanian International Conference for Education and Research – Romania, 5 June 2024
Conferința APR “Psihologia românească în context european. Tradiții și perspective”, Republica Moldova, 6-8 June 2025

Trainer activity

Workshop on meta-analysis – Universitatea Transilvania din Brașov, June 2020
Workshop structural equation modelling (SEM) – Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, December 2020

Reviewer activity

Romanian Journal of Applied Psychology
Discover Sustainability
Journal of Environmental Psychology
Nature Human Behaviour

Projects

Member in project PHENOCYCLES — HORIZON-MSCA-2022-SE-01, 464.600 euro, financed by European Commission
Member in project Servicii de urbanism necesare pentru elaborarea Planului Urbanistic pentru Zona Construite Protejate „Zona Fabric”, 1.504.965 lei, financed by Timisoara City Hall
Member in project Renewable energy for transport vehicle, 10.000 euro, financed by UNITA alliance