

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

February 2024-present

Assistant Professor (Lecturer)

West University of Timișoara, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Department of Psychology, Bd. V. Pârvan No. 4, 300223, Timișoara, Timiș

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- Teaching courses of Theoretical Bases of Psychological Assessment, Psychological Testing – Cognitive abilities, Psychopathology, Cognitive Neuroscience
- Scientific research of performance validity assessment, bi- and multilingualism, limited English proficiency

Business or sector Research, Education

February 2021-2024

Research Assistant

West University of Timișoara, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, Department of Psychology, Bd. V. Pârvan No. 4, 300223, Timișoara, Timiș

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- Scientific research in psychology
- Teaching activities

Business or sector Research, Education

August 2019-present

Clinical Psychologist

Centre of Head Medicine, Str. Ș. Szonyi No. 7, 300696, Timișoara, Timiș

+40 356 172 624, www.medicina-capului.business.site

- Neuropsychological assessment
- Counselling

Business or sector Neuropsychology, Clinical Assessment

September 2017-present

Clinical Psychologist and Psychotherapist

Individual practice of psychology Crişan Iulia, Bd. M. Eminescu No 9/B, ap. 3, 300028, Timișoara, Timiș

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- Clinical, personality, and neuropsychological assessment
- Psychotherapy

Business or sector Neuropsychology, Clinical Assessment, Psychotherapy

February 2014-August 2017

Clinical Psychologist

Individual practice of psychiatry Dr. Diana Jivănescu, Bd. M. Eminescu nr. 9/B ap. 3, 300028, Timișoara, Timiș

Tel. + 40 356 103 944

- Clinical assessment
- Counselling

Business or sector Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology

May 2007-September 2013

Clinical Psychologist

Gătaia Psychiatric Hospital, 307185, Gătaia, Timiș,

Tel./Fax. + 40 256 41 03 66, www.spitalgataia.ro

- Clinical assessment
- Counselling

Business or sector Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- Since 2007 Member of the Romanian College of Psychologists (CPR)
- Since 2018 Member of the Romanian Association of Transactional Analysis (ARAT)
- Since 2024 Member of the International Neuropsychological Society (INS)
- Since 2025 Member of the European Consortium of Cross-cultural Neuropsychology (ECCroN)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

October 2017-July 2021

Ph.D. Degree in Psychology (Summa cum laude)

Thesis title: "A methodological model of studying malingering in a clinical setting"

Department of Psychology, School of Doctoral Studies, West University of Timișoara

December 2019

Certificate for practice of psychotherapy – Transactional Analysis

Romanian College of Psychologists

March 2007

Certificate for the independent practice of clinical psychology

Romanian College of Psychologists

October 2005-July 2007

Master's degree in clinical psychology

Dissertation title: "A comparative study on clinical and methodological aspects in addictions"

Department of Psychology, West University of Timișoara

October 2001-July 2005

Bachelor's degree in psychology

Thesis title: "The holographic model of the human psyche"

Department of Psychology, West University of Timișoara

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
German	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Deutsches Sprachdiplom C1 - Nikolaus Lenau Lyzeum, Timișoara					
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Certificate of Language Proficiency in English C1 – UVT, Timișoara					
French	B1	B2	B1	A2	B1
Spanish	B1	A1	B2	A2	A1

Institutional projects

ROSE AG 383 – “Personalized Education – An Integrated Approach to Reducing Student Dropout within the Faculty (EDUPERFSP)” – tutor of first year Psychology undergraduates – 2021-2022

CeCOCe Vest “Centre for Counseling and Orientation in Research Careers – Western Region”, PNRR-III-C9-2022-I10 – Research mentor for the field of Sociology and Psychology – 2023-present

PRECISION MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: ENHANCING PSYCHOTHERAPY EFFECTIVENESS FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS (PRECISE CARE), PN-IV-CEI-BIM-CRM-2024-1 – Project team member – 2025-present

Computer skills

- good command of Microsoft Office™ tools
- good command of statistical software: SPSS, CMA, G*Power

Reviewer activity

Ad-hoc reviewer for: European Journal of Psychological Assessment (EJPA), Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society (JINS), Psychological Injury and Law (PIAL), Psychology and Neuroscience (PNE), Applied Neuropsychology: Adult (HAPN), Journal of Experimental and Clinical Neuropsychology (JECN), Journal of Forensic Psychology Research and Practice (JFPRP), Neuropsychological Rehabilitation (NRH)

Editorial activity

Member of the Editorial Board of Psychological Injury and Law (PIL), Symptom Validity Section

Associate Editor for the Romanian Journal of Applied Psychology (RJAP)

Journal Publications

Jivănescu, D., Crişan, I., & Lăzărescu, M. (2011). Psychological Characteristics and Personality Traits in Prodromal Stages of Body Dysmorphic Disorder. *Fiziologia – Physiology*, 21(2), 36-43.

Crişan, I., Maricuţoiu, L.P., & Sava, F.A. (2021). Strategies to detect invalid performance in cognitive testing: an updated and extended meta-analysis. *Current Psychology*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-021-01659-x>

Crişan, I., Sava, F.A., Maricuţoiu, L.P., Ciomăgeanu, M.D., Axinia, O., Gîrniceanu, L., & Ciotlăuș, L. (2021). Evaluation of various detection strategies in the assessment of noncredible memory performance: results of two experimental studies. *Assessment*, 29(8). <https://doi.org/10.1177/10731911211040105>

Crişan, I., Maricuţoiu, L.P., & Sava, F.A. (2021). Strategies of feigning mild head injuries related to validity indicators and types of coaching: Results of two experimental studies, *Applied Neuropsychology: Adult*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/23279095.2021.1973004>

- Crîșan, I., Sava, F.A., & Maricuțoiu, L.P. (2021). Effectiveness of immediate vs. delayed recall in detecting invalid performance in coached and uncoached simulators: Results of two experimental studies, *Romanian Journal of Applied Psychology*, 23(2), 32-39. <https://doi.org/10.24913/rjap.23.2.02>
- Reisz, D., Crîșan, I., Reisz, A., Tudor, R., & Georgescu, D. (2021). Stress and Bio-Ethical Issues Perceived by Romanian Healthcare Practitioners in the COVID-19 Era. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18, 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph182312749>
- Reisz, D. & Crîșan, I. (2022). Perspectives on Mass Media and Governmental Measures during the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic in a Romanian Sample of Healthcare Practitioners. *Healthcare*, 10, 191, <https://doi.org/10.3390/healthcare10020191>
- Crîșan, I. & Erdodi, L. (2022). Examining the cross-cultural validity of the Test of Memory Malingering and the Rey 15-item Test. *Applied Neuropsychology: Adult*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/23279095.2022.2064753>
- Ali, S., Crîșan, I., Abeare, C., & Erdodi, L. (2022). Cross-Cultural Performance Validity Testing: Managing False Positives in Examinees with Limited English Proficiency. *Developmental Neuropsychology*, 47(6). <https://doi.org/10.1080/87565641.2022.2105847>
- Tyson, B., Pyne, S.R., Crisan, I., Calamia, M., Holcomb, M., Giromini, L., & Erdodi, L. A. (2023). Logical memory, visual reproduction, and verbal paired associates are effective embedded validity indicators in patients with traumatic brain injury. *Applied Neuropsychology: Adult*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23279095.2023.2179400>
- Crîșan, I., Ali, S., Cutler, L., Matei, A., Avram, L., & Erdodi, L.A. (2023). Geographic variability in limited English proficiency: A cross-cultural study of cognitive profiles. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1355617723000280>
- Crîșan, I., Matei, A., Avram, L., Bunghez, C., & Erdodi, L. A. (2023). Full of surprises: Performance Validity Testing in Examinees with Limited English Proficiency. *Psychological Injury and Law*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12207-023-09474-4>
- Crîșan, I. (2023). English versus native language administration of the IOP-29-M produces similar results in a sample of Romanian bilinguals: A brief report. *Psychology & Neuroscience*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/pne0000316>
- Crîșan, I. & Sava, A.F. (2023). Validity assessment in Eastern Europe: Cross-validating the Dot Counting Test and the MODEMM against the TOMM-1 and Rey-15 in a Romanian mixed clinical sample. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/arclin/acad085>
- Crisan, I., May, N., Giromini, L., Roth, R. M., & Erdodi, L. A. (2024). Replicating the classification accuracy of the Verbal Paired Associates and Visual Reproduction recognition trials as embedded performance validity tests. *Neuropsychology*, 38(3), 281–292. <https://doi.org/10.1037/neu0000934>
- Crîșan, I., Bunghez, C., Avram, L., Pîrciu, A., & Erdodi, L. A. (2025). Replicating the Expected and the Unexpected: Neuropsychological and Symptom Profiles in a Neurotypical Romanian-English Bilingual Sample. *Archives of clinical neuropsychology*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1093/arclin/acae125>
- Crîșan, I., Nussbaum, S., Puente-Lopez, E., Watson, M., & Erdodi, L. A. (2025). Utility of the Judgment of Line Orientation as an Embedded PVT in Personal Injury Litigants with Limited English Proficiency. *Psychological Injury and Law*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12207-025-09534-x>
- Voin, S., Crîșan, I., & Sava, F. A. (2025). Unsophisticated AI coaching does not improve performance on symptom and performance validity tests in a Romanian sample of experimental feigners. *Applied neuropsychology. Adult*, 1–8. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23279095.2025.2512786>
- Crîșan, I., Ciumăgeanu, M. D., Voin, S. M., Akca, A. Y. E., & Giromini, L. (2025). The Cross-Cultural Ability of the Inventory of Problems-29-M (IOP-29-M) to Detect Feigned Symptom

Presentations: A Replication of Akca et al. (2023) on a Romanian-Speaking Sample. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Research and Practice*, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/24732850.2025.2551646>

Murphy, M.P., Schneider, S., Barrowcliff, A.L., Bayrhammer-Savel, M., Crisan, I., & Erdodi, L. A. (2025). Mission Impossible? Identifying Bona Fide Intellectual Disability Using Embedded Validity Indicators within the WAIS-IV. *Psychological Injury and Law*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12207-025-09546-7>

Boucher, C. M., Schneider, S., Bayrhammer-Savel, M., Tyson, B. T., Puente-Lopez, E., Lehrner, J., Perez Morales R. F., Crisan, I., & Erdodi, L. A. (2025). Performance Validity Tests Can Enhance the Differential Diagnosis of Somatic Disorders. *Psychological Injury and Law*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12207-025-09547-6>

Șandru, C., Crișan, I., Reisz, D., & Sava, F. A. (2025). A New Instrument for Assessing Cognitive Decline and Dementia: Results on the Classification Accuracy of the MODEMM in a Romanian Clinical and Community Sample. *Assessment*, 10731911251389197. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10731911251389197>

Gonzalez Hernandez, K., Schneider, S. J., Diago-Monzón, G., Prado Verdecia, S., Crișan, I., Perez Morales, R. F., Mesa Cabrera, B., Escobar Magarino, D., & Erdodi, L. A. (2025). The Boston naming test is a valid psychometric marker of English proficiency in bilingual Cubans. *Applied neuropsychology. Child*, 1–12. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21622965.2025.2576692>

Šakotić, R. J., & Crișan, I. (2025). Laying the Groundwork for Clinical Neuropsychology in Romania: Beliefs and Practices of Psychologists Regarding Validity Testing in Clinical Assessment. *Archives of clinical neuropsychology*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1093/arclin/acaf116>

Marian, Ș., Crișan, I., Varga, Ș. S., & Isbășoiu, A. B. (2026). Romanian Adaptation and Validation of the Multidimensional Psychological Flexibility Inventory. *Evaluation & the health professions*, 1632787261430842. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01632787261430842>

Book Chapters

Nussbaum, S., Parsons, J.R., Crisan, I., & Erdodi, L.A. (2025). Complications In Assessment. In G. Young (Ed.). *Handbook of Psychological Injury and Law*. Springer Nature. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-69734-0_11

Professional manuals

Sava, F.A. & Crișan, I. (2022). *Memory of objects and digits test and the examination of memory malingering (MODEMM)*. User's manual. ArtPress: Timișoara

Presentations and workshops

"Biases in the perception of personality and work – Can we all (and is it always good to) be extraverted workers?" – Meet Staff Week 2021, West University of Timișoara, October 2021

"The Neuroscience of Communication" – online workshop for HR staff members of Continental Automotive, February 2024

Strategies of emotional first aid, 2024 - <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1KSDgbVEe8/>

Narcissism in society, 2024 - <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/SBXSrHxsH3bnwdWg/>

What are triggers and how can we handle them?, 2024 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wrkca9YJy3Q>

Language laboratories – ways to program our thinking – presentation within Science Wednesdays, West University of Timisoara in collaboration with Humanitas, 2025 - <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/184ypmxH1i/>

It's time to talk about... Personality disorders – presentation in collaboration with Superhumans Psi, 2025 - <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EexzcZs2Q/>

Conference presentations

The differential diagnosis of personality disorders in addictions – differences between patients with chronic alcoholism and drug toxicophilia"– National Conference of Psychology, West University of Timișoara, May 2008

„Anorexia nervosa as an addiction disorder – a case study“ – International SICAP Conference, Tibiscus University, Buziaş, April 2009

„A methodological model of studying malingering in a clinical setting“ – National Conference of PhD Candidates of the Universitaria Consortium, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, September 2018

“Use of a multi-paradigmatic model to detect cognitive malingering in experimental simulators, clinical patients, and controls” – National Conference of PhD Candidates of the Universitaria Consortium, University of Bucharest, September 2019

“A model of assessing cognitive malingering: Results of two experimental studies” – International Conference “Theories of Change in Digital Wellbeing. Evidence based practices across the disciplines” - Second Edition, Arad, online, June 2021

“A preliminary study on the cross-cultural validity of three performance validity indicators in a Romanian clinical sample” – Conference of the Romanian Psychological Association “Psychology and Technology – connected to the future”, Bucharest, online, November 2021

“Comparing failure base rates on the TOMM-1 and Rey-15 in Romanian and Canadian disability applicants” – International Neuropsychological Society 2022 Meeting “Global Innovations in Science and Practice” – Barcelona, Spain, July 2022

“Liberty and responsibility in working with discounting – a case study” – ARAT National Conference “Transactional Analysis – the Art and Discipline of Freedom”, Timisoara, Romania, October 2022

“Effectiveness of a two-level Transactional Analysis approach to managing a clinical case with anxiety symptoms” – 15th International Congress of Clinical Psychology, virtual meeting, November 2022

“Level of Verbal Mediation and Language of Administration Are Poor Predictors of Classification Accuracy of Performance Validity Tests in Examinees with Limited English Proficiency” – National Conference of the Romanian Psychological Association “Psychology in the Age of Digitalization”, Constanţa, Romania, June 2023

“Free-Standing Performance Validity Test (PVTs) Have Higher and More Stable Classification Accuracy in Examinees with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) than Embedded Validity Indicators (EVIs)” – 8th Scientific Meeting of the Federation of the European Societies of Neuropsychology (FESN) and the 2nd Panhellenic Conference on Neuropsychology - Thessaloniki, Greece, September 2023

“The Visual Analog Scale (V-5) is a Cross-Culturally Valid Screener and Indicator of Stamina Change During Testing in Romanian-English Bilinguals” – Global Neuropsychology Congress – Porto, Portugal, July 2024

“Replicating the classification accuracy of the Inventory of Problems-29 and its memory module (IOP-29-M) across administration languages in Romanian-English Bilinguals” – 7th European Conference on Symptom Validity Assessment SVA – Polignano a Mare, Italy, October 2024

“Evaluating embedded PVTs in a heterogeneous Romanian sample: New directions for assessing performance validity” – 16th National Conference of the Romanian Psychological Association – Chişinău, Moldavian Republic, June 2025

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