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FIELDS	Development Economics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education	
PERSONAL STATEMENT AREAS OF RESEARCH	I am behavioral development economist focusing on human capital formation, the psychological effects of poverty on decision making and violence and discrimination. My research is based on impact evaluation studies, field experiments and lab-in-the-field experiments. During my PhD, I investigated the impact of financial worries associated with poverty on (i) parental investment in human capital in early childhood and (ii) on the demand for addictive goods. I am currently involved in a project aiming at reducing violence, dropout and enhancing social cohesion among primary school students in El Salvador.	
EDUCATION	PhD in Development Economics Doctoral School of Social Sciences, Universities of Trento and Florence Thesis: <i>Poverty, Violence and human capital formation</i> Supervisor: Prof. Gabriella Berloffia	<i>Nov 2016 - Apr 2020</i>
	MA in Economics Department of Economics, Central European University, Budapest Thesis: <i>The impact of early childhood parental investment on human capital formation</i> Supervisor: Prof. Gabor Kezdi	<i>Aug 2012 - Jun 2014</i>
	BA in Economics Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest Thesis: <i>Regional disparities in the European Union</i>	<i>Sep 2009 - Jun 2012</i>
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Researcher/Evaluator FBK-IRVAPP, Trento	<i>Oct 2019 - present</i>
	Researcher/Evaluator Fondazione punto.sud, Milan <i>El Salvador: Social inclusion and violence prevention project</i>	<i>Jan 2019 - Dec 2021</i>
	Researcher Centre for Behavioural Studies, Bucharest	<i>Sep 2015 - Jun 2016</i>
	Research Associate World Bank <i>Early childhood parenting RCT in Slovakia</i>	<i>Apr - June 2013</i>
	Research Assistant Research Assistant to Professor Gabor Kezdi	<i>Apr 2013 - June 2014</i>
	Intern National Institute for Economic Research, Romanian Academy, Bucharest	<i>May - Jun 2012</i>
WORKING PAPERS, PROJECTS	Psychology of poverty, financial incentives and parental investment in early childhood (<i>joint with Anandi Mani, Piero Ronzani and Lucia Savadori</i>) - to be submitted	
	Blinded by worries: sin taxes and demand for temptation under financial worries (<i>joint with Austeja Kazemekaityte, Piero Ronzani and Lucia Savadori</i>) - RR Theory and Decision	
	Violence Exposure and Cognitive Skills among Primary School Students in El Salvador (<i>joint with Jacopo Bonan and Arianna Galliera</i>) - to be submitted	

Social preferences of children: the role of cognitive, non-cognitive skills and violence (*joint with Jacopo Bonan and Arianna Galliera*) - to be submitted

The Impact of Early Childhood Parental Investment on Skills Development: Evidence from Hungary - draft available

LIST OF
PUBLICATIONS

1. Non-peer reviewed book chapter

Alexa, L. and Burlacu, S. (2017). Microeconomie si comportament [EN: Microeconomics and Behavior] in Catalina Rosca and Andrei Vladucu (Eds) "Teorii ale deciziei. Perspective psihoeconomice" [EN: "Decision Theories. Psycho-economic Perspectives"], *Editura Universitara*, Bucharest: 208-242

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Tutor - Programme Evaluation with Stata

Sep 2020

IRVAPP Winter School 2020 - Fundamentals and Methods for the Impact Evaluation of Public Policies

Tutor - Stata for PhD Students

Sep - Dec 2018

Doctoral School of Social Sciences, University of Trento

Agricultural Economics Teaching Assistant

Mar - June 2017

Master of Science in Economics and Development, University of Florence
Course of Professor Donato Romano

Tutor - Economics and Econometrics

Dec 2013 - Jun 2014

Roma Graduate Preparation Program, Central European University, Budapest

AWARDS

PhD Scholarship, Universities of Trento and Florence

2016 - 2019

MA Fellowship, Central European University, Budapest

2012 - 2014

Alumni Scholarship, Central European University, Budapest

2012 - 2013

Special Prize Winner at the Scientific Research Session with the paper "Regional Disparities in the European Union", Faculty of Economics, Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest *2013*

BA Fellowship, Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies

2009 - 2012

Best Student Prize, Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies

2010

CONFERENCES
PRESENTATIONS

2018: "Online experiments – Quick? Cheap? Valid?", University of Zurich

2018: "11th JDMx Meeting for Early Career Researchers", University of Konstanz

2017: "Joint PhD Workshop", Universities of Trento and Bamberg

2016: "Joint PhD Workshop", Universities of Trento and Bamberg

ORGANIZED
CONFERENCES

2019: "12th JDMx Meeting for Early Career Researchers", University of Trento

TRAINING

2018: IRVAPP Winter School 2018 Advanced Methods for Impact Evaluation, Trento.

2017: Sixteenth Summer School in International and Development Economics, Gargnano

2017: Summer School in Development Economics, Prato

2017: IRVAPP Winter School 2017 Fundamentals and Methods for Impact Evaluation of Public Policies, Venice

2017: World Bank Impact Evaluation Training, Balaton

OTHER

Data Analysis: Stata, R

QUALIFICATIONS

Survey and Experimental Design: oTree, surveyCTO, Google Forms

General Programming: Python

Web Design: Html, Bootstrap, Javascript

Network Analysis: Payek, Gephi, Cytoscape

Agent Based Modelling: Netlogo

Word Processing: Rmarkdown, LaTeX, Microsoft Word

Language: English(Fluent, C2), Italian (Intermediate, B1), Spanish (Intermediate, B1), German (Basic, A1), Romanian(Native)

REFERENCES

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