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ABSTRACT

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This paper presents the academic, scientific and professional activities I have carried out throughout my university career, in the last 25 years (between 1999 and 2024) and particularly after obtaining the scientific title of PhD in Sociology, Social and Political Sciences with the thesis *Cultural Models and the Construction of Social Identity*, University of Bucharest, MECT order 3439/12.03.2008.

The purpose of this thesis is to obtain the habilitation in the supervision of doctoral students in the field of Sociology. The thesis is based on the presentation of my research results after obtaining the scientific title of PhD in Sociology and on the objectives pursued in the design of my career development. The results of my scientific research, professional and academic activity fall into two complementary thematic directions, in correlation with the scientific field of Sociology and the interdisciplinary and international character of current social research:

D1. The process of *Social Identity* construction

D2. Diagnosis, evaluation and planning *Social Policies*

In the last 25 years, I have carried out scientific research, teaching, coordination and counselling activities for the elaboration of graduation papers, as well as institutional activities in higher education. The scientific articles, books, book chapters, research papers defended and published are scientific research results, components of dissemination and application of the research projects in which I participated.

To date, I have 64 scientific publications, of which 55 after obtaining the title of PhD. I have disseminated research results to the scientific, professional community and academia at 20 international conferences organized abroad and 25 international conferences organized in Romania. All the published papers are results of my scientific activity, carried out within over 50 research projects, knowledge transfer, social development programs and public policy evaluation initiatives, funded based on national or international competition.

From the perspective of professional training, my academic career is based on studies in the field of **Sociology** at the undergraduate (1995-1999), postgraduate (1999-2000), master's (2010-2012) and doctoral (2003-2007) levels, as well as on obtaining grants and training internships in social research methods, in teaching-learning methods, internationalization, and digitalization in higher education

This educational path, academic training, and affiliation to professional associations in the field of Sociology allowed me to pursue the areas of scientific interest in which I became professional, to get involved in research projects, to subscribe to networks of researchers in the field of social sciences, and to capitalize on the results of the research to which I contributed through publications and the development of training programs in higher education, all under the affiliation of the West University of Timișoara.

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