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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2020-present Doctoral student**
Specialization: **Philosophy**
Name and status of awarding institution: **“Ștefan Cel Mare” University – Accredited Public University**
Faculty organizing the graduation exam: **Doctoral School of Social Sciences and Humanities**
City and country: **Suceava, Romania**
Title of dissertation: **Free Will, the Soul and the Challenges of Neuroscience**
Area of study: **Philosophy**
Coordinator: **Univ. Prof. Ph.D Bogdan Popoveniuc (bpopoveniuc@usm.ro, bpopoveniuc@gmail.com, Mobile phone: +40751215758)**
Form of education: **Full time**
- 2022-2025 Bachelor degree**
Specialization: **Philosophy**
Name and status of awarding institution: **„Babeș-Bolyai” University – Accredited Public University**
Faculty organizing the graduation exam: **Faculty of History and Philosophy**
City and country: **Cluj-Napoca, Romania**
Title of dissertation: **Free will, naturalistic determinism, and the challenges of biology. A philosophical-scientific plea for agent-causal libertarianism.**
Area of study: **Philosophy**
Coordinator: **Univ. Conf. Ph.D. Andrei Bereschi (andrei.bereschi@ubbcluj.ro)**
Form of education: **Distance learning**
- 2010-2012 Doctoral student (doctoral program interrupted after two years, with the possibility of continuing it later on the basis of a certificate issued by ETF Leuven).**
Specialization: **Theology and Religious Studies**
Name and status of awarding institution: **Evanghelische Theologische Faculteit Leuven – Accredited Public Institution**
City and country: **Leuven, Belgium**
Area of study: **Ethics**
Coordinator: **Ph.D. Patrick Nullens**
- 2006-2008 Master degree**
Specialization: **Baptist Theology**

Name and status of awarding institution: **University of Bucharest – Accredited Public University**
 Faculty organizing the graduation exam: **Bucharest Baptist Theological Faculty**
 City and country: **Bucharest, Romania**
 Title of dissertation: **Human sexuality and Christian marriage**
 Area of study: **Ethics**
 Primary advisor: **Ph.D. Emil Bartos**
 Graduation date: **June 2008**
 Form of education: **Full time**

- 2002-2006 Bachelor degree**
 Specialization: **Pastoral Pentecostal Theology**
 Name and status of awarding institution: **University “Ovidius” of Constanta – Accredited Public University**
 Faculty organizing the studies and graduation exam: **Bucharest Pentecostal Theological Faculty**
 City and country: **Bucharest, Romania**
 Title of thesis: **Treating fear from the perspective of spiritual counselling**
 Area of study: **Spiritual counselling**
 Primary advisor: **Ph.D. Emil Mestereagă**
 Graduation date: **June 2006**
 Form of education: **Full time**
- 2004-2005 Psycho – pedagogical preparation module**
 Name and status of awarding institution: **University of Oradea – Accredited Public University**
 City and country: **Oradea, Romania**
 Title of final project: **Teaching religion to mentally retarded children**
 Graduation date: **June 2005**
- 1997-2001 Secondary education**
 Specialization: **auto electro-mechanic**
 Name and status of awarding institution: **Agricultural High School “Al. Vlahuță” Șendriceni**
 City and country: **Șendriceni, Romania**
 Graduation date: **June 2001**
 Form of education: **Full time**
- 1989-1997 Primary education**
 Name and status of awarding institution: **General School nr.7 Dorohoi**
 City and country: **Dorohoi, Romania**
 Graduation date: **June 1997**
 Form of education: **Full time**

PAPERS PRESENTED IN CONFERENCES

- 2022** *Neo-Thomist Organicism and its Superiority over Physicalism and Alternative Dualist Perspectives* - Paper presented at *National Symposium of Doctoral Students in Philosophy*, Edition I, July 1, 2022 at West University of Timișoara, Romania.
- 2021** *Philosophical Perspectives on the Nature of Consciousness*. Paper presented at the XXI edition of the *Alma Mater Sucevensis* scientific session, 5-6 March, 2021 at “Ștefan Cel Mare” University, Suceava, Romania.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- 2024 „Libre arbitre et déterminisme. Un plaidoyer pour le libertarisme agent-causal”, *Dialog Teologic*, Anul XXVII, Nr. 54, 2024, pp. 47-101
<https://doi.org/10.53438/ykur2511>
<https://dialogteologic.ro/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Dialog-54-4-Topala.pdf>
- 2024 „Gândirea politică a lui Platon cu privire la cenzura artelor, înțelese ca metafore culturale, în Republica 376 d – 403 c” *Meridian Critic*, Tomul XLIV, Vol. 44, Nr.1, 2024, pp. 53-65.
<https://meridiancritic-nou.usv.ro/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2024/12/1.05.-Topala-Valerian.pdf>
- 2024 „A critical analysis of the reductive physicalist functionalist perspective on the nature of consciousness”, *Annals of Ștefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Philosophy, Social and Human Disciplines Series*, Vol. I, 2024, pp. 85-100.
http://www.apshus.usv.ro/arhiva/2024I/APSHUSJul2024_85_100.pdf
- 2024 „O evaluare critică a teoriilor identității tip-tip, instanță-instanță, cu privire la natura conștiinței”, *Jurnal teologic*, Vol. 23, Nr. 1, 2024, pp. 80-103.
<https://jurnalteologic.ro/jurnal-teologic-23-1-2024/>.
- 2024 „Neo-Thomistic Organicism, A Scientific-Metaphysical Perspective on Human Nature”, *Dialog Teologic*, Anul XXVII, Nr. 53, 2024, pp. 21-54.
<https://doi.org/10.53438/wokn8508>
<https://dialogteologic.ro/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Dialog-53-2-Topala.pdf>
- 2008 *The Relation Between Authority, Bible, Tradition, Church and Interpretation*, in *Studia Theologica*, Nr. 1, Martie 2008, pp. 69-75. *Studia Theologica* is a review of Bucharest Baptist Theological Institute and Baptist Theological Faculty - University of Bucharest, Romania.
- 2007 *Envy*, in *Repere Apostolice*, No.1, 2007. *Repere Apostolice* is a review of Suceava Regional Pentecostal Branch, Romania.

THE HISTORY OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE IN THE CHURCH

- 2021-present **Collaborating Pastor**
Church: “**Maranata**” Evangelical Center Eastern Europe
City and country: **Vârfu Câmpului (Jud. Botoșani), Romania**
- Collaborating Bible Teacher**
Church: “**Betleem**” Pentecostal Church
City and country: **Dorohoi (Jud. Botoșani), Romania**
- 2016-2021 **Collaborating pastor**
Church: **Centre Evangelique Roumain “La communauté de la Sainte Trinité”**
City and country: **Bruxelles, Belgium**
- 2011-2015 **Senior pastor**
Church: **Centre Evangelique Roumain “Bethleem”,**
City and country: **Grimbergen, Belgium**
- 2008-2010 **Bible teacher**
Church: “**Elim**” Pentecostal Romanian Church,
City and country: **Bruxelles, Belgium**
- Until 2008 **Youth leader and Bible teacher**

Church: **“Betlehem” Pentecostal Church**
City and country: **Dorohoi, Romania**

WORK HISTORY

2021-present	Paid full-time career break (right offered by ONEM Belgium)
2013- 2021	Truck driver Employer: Supertransport (Jost Group) Address: 4eme Avenue, 66, 4040, Herstal, Belgium
2012-2013	Self employer and Active associate – ARAHMA SPRL, Belgium
2010-2012	Independent courier transporter – Belgium (Belgian TVA BE 0807528562)
2009-2009	Truck driver and auto mechanic Employer: ANTONIOTRANS SPRL, Belgium
2008-2009	Independent courier transporter – Belgium (Belgian TVA BE 0807528562)
2006-2008	Pentecostal religion associate professor Principal employer: - “Spiru Haret” General School nr.5 Dorohoi, Romania In collaboration with: - “Al. Vlahuță” Technological High School Șendriceni, Romania - “Regina Maria” Industrial High School Dorohoi, Romania - “Grigore Ghica” Theoretical High School Dorohoi, Romania - General School nr.7 Dorohoi, Romania - General School nr.8 Dorohoi, Romania - General School nr.1 Dorohoi, Romania

LANGUAGE ABILITIES

English: reading qualification B2, writing qualification B2, speech qualification B2, listening qualification B2, general qualification B2.
French: good
Italian: good
Romanian: maternal language

OTHER PERSONAL DATA

Married, five children
Dual citizenship: Romanian and Belgian
In possession of Belgian driving license B / C / CE/ DE

Data 08.07.2025

Semnătura

