

## Curriculum Vitae

### **Dr. Stefan Dorondel**

Date of Birth: 17. December 1968  
Place of Birth: Galati, Romania  
Place of Residence: Bucharest, Romania  
Status: Citizen of the Republic of Romania

### **EDUCATION**

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- 2004 – 2007                      **Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany**  
Agricultural Economics and Social Sciences  
Dissertation on the ‘Agrarian Transformation, Social Differentiation and Land Use Change in Postsocialist Romania ’  
Degree: Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics (*Dr. rer. ag.*)
- 2005                                **Yale University, CT, USA**  
Agrarian Studies Program  
Visiting Scholar
- 1997-2004                      **Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, Romania**  
Faculty of History and Anthropology  
Dissertation on the ‘Water and Death. Funerary Rituals, Water Symbolism and the Otherworld Structure within the Peasant Imaginary’  
Degree: Ph.D. in History
- 2001-2002                      **Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium**  
Faculté x  
Thesis on ‘Changement sociale et droits de propriété dans deux villages roumains’  
Degree: Diplôme d’études approfondies (MA equivalent) in Cultural Anthropology
- 1991 – 1996                      **“1 Decembrie 1918” University, Alba Iulia, Romania**  
Faculty of History and Archaeology  
Thesis on ‘Funerary Practices and Religious Beliefs in the Neolithic Age of Romania’  
Degree: Bachelor
- 1983-1988                      **“Costache Negri” High School, Galati, Romania**  
Secondary Education  
Degree: Bacalaureat (Romanian High School Diploma)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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02/2007- present	<b>Institute of Anthropology Bucharest, Academy of Social Sciences, Romania</b> Researcher within the Department of Social Anthropology
02/2007 – present	<b>Institute for Southeast European Studies, Bucharest</b> (part time)
09/2003 – 01/2007	<b>Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany</b> Staff member in the Junior Research Group on Postsocialist Land Relations
01/2000 – 09/2003	<b>Institute of Anthropology Bucharest, Academy of Social Sciences, Romania</b> Junior researcher within the Department of Social Anthropology
09/1999 - 09/2003	<b>Institute for Southeast European Studies, Bucharest</b> (part time)
03/1997 – 12/2000	<b>Village Museum, Bucharest, Romania</b> Curator
04/1997 – 04/1998	<b>Social Cohesion and Cultural Diversity, Bucharest, Romania</b> European Council Project Director of the Project
08/1996 – 02/1997	<b>Romanian Broadcasting Corporation, Bucharest, Romania</b> The Cultural Channel

## FIELDWORK

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2009-10	Wallachia, Romania (6 months), funded by the Volkswagen Foundation
2008	Wallachia, Romania (1 month), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
2007	Varna, Bulgaria (1 month), funded by the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2004	Wallachia, Romania (8 months), funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)

2002	Dobroudja, Romania (2 months), funded by the Romanian Academy
2001	Dobroudja, Romania (2 months), funded by the Romanian Academy
2000	Dobroudja, Romania (2 months), funded by the Romanian Academy
1999	Transylvania, Romania (9 months) funded by the Open Society Institute, Prague
1998	Wallachia, Romania (2 months), funded by the Romanian Academy
1997	Wallachia, Romania (4 months), funded by the Romanian Academy and The Village Museum Bucharest

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

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2014 (March)	Visiting Fellow at the Institut für Ost-und Südoesteuropaforschung, University of Regensburg
2012 (Sept-Dec.)	CRASSH Visiting Fellow, University of Cambridge
2009-2012	Postdoctoral Researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology Halle, Germany
2010	Rachel Carson Center International Postdoctoral Fellow
2008-2009	New Europe College Fellowship
2003-2007	Doctoral Fellowship from the German Research Foundation (DFG)
2003 – 2006	Doctoral Fellowship from Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, Paris (fellowship declined)
2001-2002	Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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(since)

2011	European Society for Environmental History (Member of the Executive Board)
2006	International Association for the Study of the Commons
2005	European Association of Rural Sociologists

2000 International Association for Southeast European Anthropology  
(Member of the Executive Board)

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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- Romanian (mother tongue)
- English (fluent in speaking, reading and writing)
- French (fluent in speaking, reading and writing)
- German (conversational)
- Italian (conversational)
- Russian (arduous)

## ONGOING PROJECTS

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**Team leader** of the research project *Taming Postsocialist Nature. Floods, Local Strategies, and National Policies on the Lower Danube* (2013-2015), 205,000 euro

## VARIA

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- 2015 Co-organizer of the conference *Floods, State, Dams and Dykes in Modern Times: Ecological and Socio-economic Transformations of the Rural World*, NEC, Bucharest, 18-20 June, 2015
- 2014 Organizer of the panel *Hybrid Landscapes: Dykes, State and the Ecological Transformations along the Lower Danube* within the SASC „Modes of Appropriation and Social Resistance“ International Conference, Cluj-Napoca, Babes-Bolyai University, 21 November.
- 2014 Co-organizer of the workshop *Farmland, Food and Forest in Transition: The Eurasian Countryside 25 Years After* together with Oane Viser și Max Spoor (International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, Rotterdam), Bucharest, 7-8 November.
- 2013 Co-organizer (with Diana Mincyte, NYU) of the workshop **Taming Nature in Modern East Europe: Rivers, Lands, and Forests** within the 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the European Society for Environmental History, 20-24 August, 2013, LMU and Rachel Carson Center.
- 2012 Organizer with Duska Vranjes of the workshop **Muddling Through: Land as a Resource and Social Security in Rural Eastern Europe** within the International Conference “Land Use in Transition: Potentials and Solutions Between Abandonment and Land Grabbing” organized by Leibniz Institute, Haale (Saale), 20-22 June

- 2011 Organizer with Daniel Münster and Ursula Münster of the workshop **Contested Environments: The Political Ecology of Agrarian Change and Forest Conservation**  
The Meeting of the Association of German Anthropologists, Vienna, September 14-17
- 2013 Appointed as Editor-in-chief of the *Annuaire roumain d'anthropologie* (a peer-reviewed journal of the Romanian Academy of Sciences and of the Francisc I. Rainer Institute of Anthropology Bucharest)
- 2009 Organizer (with Stelu Serban) of the workshop **From Anthropology of Southeast Europe to Anthropology in Southeast Europe. Paul H. Stahl Legacy** (in Romanian)  
Bucharest, New Europe College. Institute for Advanced Studies, February 4, 2009
- 2007 Organizer (with Thomas Sikor and Damiana Otoi) of the International workshop **Private Property: Postsocialist Promises and Experiences**  
Bucharest, New Europe College - Institute for Advanced Studies, June 15-16, 2007

## PEER-REVIEWER

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Peer-reviewer for the *Annuaire Roumain d'Anthropologie*, *Revue des études sud-est Européennes*, *Studia Universitatis Sociologia*, *Proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> International Postgraduate Conference* held at SSEES (University College London), *Annals of the Association of the American Geographers*, *International Review for Social Research*, *Global Environmental Change*, *Ethnologia Balkanica*, *Conservation Letters*, books for Anthem Press (New York), *Suedosteuropa. Journal for Politics and Society*, Routledge.

## LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTIVE)

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2015

Ștefan Dorondel, *Nature Restoration along the Lower Danube: History, Environment and Economics*, paper presented at the international work-shop “Challenges and Potentials for a Sustainable Development in the Danube Region: Contributing to Horizon 2020”, organized by Alpen-Adria Universität Klagenfurt, Austria, Klagenfurt 8-10 April 2015.

Ștefan Dorondel, *Natural Disasters and Environmental Justice: an Example from Eastern Europe*, paper presented at the international conference “Greening History. Studying the Environment Across Discipline: Past, Present and Future”, organized by European Society for Environmental History și Versailles University, Versailles, 30 June-3 July 2015.

Ștefan Dorondel, Oana Ivan, *Floods, Power and Environmental Justice along the Danube Floodplains in Postsocialist Romania*, paper presented at the international workshop “Floods, State, Dams and Dykes in Modern Times: Ecological and Socio-economic Transformations of the Rural World” organized at The New Europe College, Bucharest, 18-20 June 2015.

*A Moving Island: Nature Dynamics and State Borders Conflict for Nature in Modern Southeast Europe* (together with Stelu Șerban), paper presented at the International Conference of the Association for Danube Research, „The Danube and Black Sea Region Unique Environment and Human Well Being Under Conditions of Global Changes”, Sofia, 17-20 June.

Stefan Dorondel, Veronica Mitroi, *Fishermen Into Poachers: Nature, State and Fishing Practices in the Danube Delta*, paper presented at the workshop “Nature State” organized by Ludwig-Maximilians Universitaet München, Gran Paradiso National Park, Italy, 15-17 July.

*Neocolonialism, Gold Mining, and Cultural and Environmental Disasters in the Carpathian Mountains*, lecture given to the Global Environments Summer Academy, University of Bern, 6-9 August.

*Environmental Disasters and Other Big Problems of Our Time: What Place for the (Southeast European) Anthropology?* Keynote speech of the international conference organized by the International Association for Southeast European Anthropology, Istanbul, 18-22 September.

*Floods, Power and Environmental Justice along the Danube Floodplains in Postsocialist Romania*, paper presented at the University of Vienna, October 15, 2014.

*Natural Disasters and Environmental Justice: an Example from Eastern Europe*, paper presented at the international conference organized by the World Resources Forum, Arequipa, 19-23 October.

*Postsocialist Agriculture Vs. Nature: State, Land Improvement and the ‘Invisible Infrastructure’ in the Lower Danube Floodplains*, paper presented at the international workshop „Farmland, Food and Forest in Transition: The Eurasian Countryside 25 Years After“, organized by the International Institute of Social Studies, Universitatea Erasmus Rotterdam and Francisc I. Rainer Institute of Anthropology Bucharest, 7 – 8 November.

*Taming the Postsocialist Nature: Floods, Local Strategies and National Policies along the Lower Danube*, paper presented at the international conference „Modes of Appropriation and Social Resistance“ organized by the SASC, Cluj-Napoca, Babes-Bolyai University, 21-23 November.

- 2013 *Wasted Waters: State, Property Rights, and the Postsocialist Appropriation of Nature in Romania*, Workshop “Nature and the Environment in East and Southeast Europe: Historical and Economic Perspectives“, Regensburg, 27-29 June, 2013, IOS.
- 2013 *Between Worlds: Funerary Geography, Witchcraft, and the Return of the Dead in Rural Romania*, Workshop “The Geographical Unconscious: mapping the Natural and Supernatural in Current Research“, Cambridge, 10 of April, University of Cambridge.
- 2013 *Intermingling Ecologies: Humans, Animals, and the Reconfiguration of the Rural Postsocialist Space*, Workshop “Les arpenteurs du temps : recompositions spatiales,

sociales et politiques dans les Balkans contemporains“, Paris, 27 of January 2013, Sciences Po, Université Paris.

- 2012 *Bureaucratic Flexibility and the Translation of Neoliberal Policies: Moralities and Public Welfare in Romania*, Workshop on “Affects and Techniques of Flexible Bureaucracies” organized by University of Cambridge and LSE, University of Cambridge, 23-24 March
- 2011 *From Common Pasture to Built-up Area: Strategies of Survival of a Socially Excluded Ethnic Group in Postsocialist Romania*, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Völkerkunde Tagung in Wien, September 14 – 17
- 2011 *Food for the Dead: Reinforcing Social Ties, Work-Exchange and the Postsocialist Agriculture in Romania*, Conference of the International Association for Southeast European Anthropology, Regensburg University, Germany, April 29 – May 1
- 2010 *Privatizing the Postsocialist State and the Change of the Agrarian Landscape*, paper presented at the conference “Humans and Environment. Environmental History as Eastern European Regional History from Industrialization to Post-Socialism” organized by Collegium Carolinum München, Bad Wiessee, Germany, November 4-7
- 2010 *Local State and Social Security in Rural Hungary, Romania and Serbia*, paper presented at the International Conference “Area studies in a Globalized World”, Graz University, Austria, June 11-12
- 2009 *Who Benefits from the Forest? National Park, Land Reform, and the Clash of Property Rights in Postsocialism*. Paper presented at the workshop Towards a Right-Based Agenda in International Forestry? Organized by the University of California at Berkeley & University of East Anglia, Berkeley, USA, May 30-31
- 2008 *Politics, Local Brokers, and Negotiations of Natural Resources. An Ethnography of the Postsocialist State*. Paper presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons, University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham, July 14-18
- 2007 *A Political Ecology Approach on Property Regarding Forest*. Lecture at the MACE Training Course on Resource Property (Marie Curie Program), Sinaia, Romania, September 24-29
- 2007 *Between Public and Private: State, Local Brokers and the Natural Resources Negotiation in Postsocialist Romania*. Paper presented at the International Workshop on Private Property: Postsocialist Promises and Experiences. New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania, June 15-16
- 2007 *Worker Peasant and the Entrepreneurial Peasant in Postsocialist Romania*. Paper presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, April 17-21

- 2006 *Forest Degradation in Romania: State, Politics and Patronage*. Paper presented at the International Workshop on Property and Access to Resources. Bornholm, Denmark, September 22-24
- 2006 *State, Politics, and the Patron-Client Relationships in the Romanian Forest*. Paper presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of Common Property. Ubud, Bali, June 19-23
- 2006 *How to Take Over a Community: Forest Restitution and Patron-Client Relations in Postsocialist Romania*. Paper presented at the International Conference on Communal Land Tenure. Buon Ma Thuot, Vietnam, June 14-17
- 2006 *Transparency of Land Administration in Romania. An Assessment Tool for Policy Makers*". *International Colloquium on Land Issues*. Montpellier, France, May 17-19
- 2006 *Common Forest, Private Benefits: Access to State and Politics in a Village in Postsocialist Romania*. Paper presented at the International Association for the Study of Common Property Europe Regional Meeting. Brescia, Italy, March 23-25
- 2005 *The Fate of the Postsocialist Forest* [with Thomas Sikor, Johannes Stahl and Daniel Müller]. Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Open Meeting of the Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Research Community. Bonn, Germany, October 9-13
- 2003 *Mémoire, propriété sur la terre et identité dans deux villages de la Dobroudja*. Invited Lecture at Ecole Européenne d'été, Università di Corsica, Corte, France, June 26-July 2.
- 2003 *The "Voices" of the Romanian Integration into E. U. Decollectivization, Property and Economic Practices in a Village from Dobroudja*. Paper presented at the International Association for Southeast European Anthropology Meeting, Graz, Austria, February 21-23