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Education:

- 1983 – PhD in History, Bucharest, Romania
- 1994 – National Defense College, Bucharest, Romania.

Military ranks:

- 1998 – brigadier general;
- 2004 – major general (ret.).

Recent positions:

- 1993-1997- Head of the International Relations Office of the Chief of the General Staff ;
- 1997-2000- Head of NATO/WEU Integration Directorate, Ministry of National Defense;
- since 2000- Director of the Institute for Political Studies of Defense and Military History, Ministry of National Defense;
- since 2005- Director of the National Institute “Ellie Wiesel” for Studying the Holocaust in Romania.

Membership in international professional associations:

- 1985-1990- Vice-president of the International Commission of Military History;
- 2001-2004- Member of the „Future of NATO” Study Group within Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes; co-chair of the „NATO Enlargement” Subgroup;
- 2004-2006 - Member of the Senior Advisory Council of the Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes;
- since 2004- Vice-president of the International Commission for Studying Holocaust in Romania;
- since 2006- Chair of the Greater Black Sea Area Working Group, Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes.

Publications (selection):

Monographs:

- *International Relations. 14 Files of the year of 1997*, National School for Political and Administrative Studies Publishing House, Bucharest, 2001;
- *Romania’s Westernization and NATO Membership. A Historical Approach*,

- Occasional Papers, no. 3 (1)/ 2002;
- *Security Options in the Wider Black Sea Area: Romania's Case*, Black Sea University Foundation, The Conflict Prevention Studies Center, Bucharest, no.6/ 2003;
 - *Romania and Warsaw Pact 1955-1989. Selected Documents* (co-author), Editura Politeia-SNSPA, Bucharest, 2004;
 - *Westphalia's Defiance. International Relations between 1994-2004 Politeia-SNSPA, Bucharest, 2005;*
 - *Romania, Ostpolitik and CSCE, 1967-1975*, Occasional Papers, no.7/ 2006;
 - *Black Sea. From the "Byzantine lake to the challenges of the XXI century"* (coord.), Military Publishing House, Bucharest, 2006;
 - *The Wider Black Sea Region: geographical, geopolitical and geostrategic frames of a concept* (coord.), *Occasional Papers*, No. 10/2007, vol. I, IPSDMH, Bucharest;
 - *90 years from Romania's entering the First World War* (coord.), *Occasional Paper*, No.9/2007, Military Publishing House, Bucharest;
 - *The Wider Black Sea Region: Concept, Evolution, Perspectives* (coord.), *Occasional Paper*, No. 11/2007, vol. II, Military Publishing House, Bucharest.

Studies and articles

- "Romania-the excluded ally of the Warsaw Pact", în *Magazin Istoric*, no. 11/ November 2001;
- *Romania's position towards the Arab-Israeli conflict from 1973* in Shay, Shaul, Woland, Orly (eds.), *The Cold War and the Arms Race in the Middle East*, proceedings of the Israeli-Romanian international seminar, Tel-Aviv, Israel, 19-23 May, 2002;
- "Romania and Israel during the Cold War", in *Review of Military History*, no. 3/ 2002;
- "The Six Days War and the relations between Moscow and Bucharest", in *Review of Military History*, no. 1-2/ 2003, 13-20;
- „Rumänien in Zwierten Weltkrieg (1939-1945): Die rumänische historiografische Perspective“, in *Militargeschichtliche Zeitschrift*, no.63/2004;
- "The development of the Military Relations between Romania and Israel", in *The Middle-East and the Cold War*, Israeli Defense Forces-Department of History, The Institute for Military History, Tel Aviv, March, 2006, pp. 33-40;
- "The Yom Kippur War: New Documents Concerning the Reaction of the Romanian Communist Regime (October 1973-February 1974)", in *The Middle-East and the Cold War*, Israeli Defense Forces-Department of History, The Institute for Military History, Tel Aviv, March, 2006, pp. 62-90;
- "Ostpolitik and its implications on Romania's domestic and foreign policy" (1967-1974), in *Magazin Istoric*, no.2 (467)/ February 2006, pp. 33-38 and no.3 (468)/ March 2006, pp. 42-46;
- "Les relations franco-roumaine de 1938 à 1944", in *Revue Historique des Armées*, no.244/2006, Paris, pp. 73-83;

- “Die Auswirkungen der Ostpolitik auf die rumänische Inner-und Außenpolitik” (1967-1974), in *Deutsch-polnisches Jahrbuch*, Warschau, 2006;
- „The Black Sea in international relations. From the Crimea war to the end of the Second World War” (1853-1947) în *Review of Military History*, no. 6/2005, pp. 6-11;
- „Romanian Military Building. National basis and foreign influences (1821-1947)”, in *Review of Military History*, no. 1-2/2006, pp.1-16;
- „France and Romania’s security from 1830 up to nowadays” în *Review of Military History*, no. 3-4/2006, pp. 88-100;
- “Romania’s perception on nuclear deterrence during the Cold War” (co-autor) în *Strategic Planning for War*, Currie Hall, Royal Military College of Canada, 2007, pp. 85-99;
- “Romania, Ostpolitik and CSCE: 1967-1975”, in Oliver Bange, Gottfried Niedhart (eds.), *The CSCE 1975 and the Transforming Europe*, Berghahn Publishing House, Oxford/New York, 2008, pp. 129-144.