

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Male | Date of birth 19/07/1968 | Nationality Romanian

WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 - present **Professor of social work**

The West University of Timisoara, Blvd. V. Parvan 4, Timisoara 300223, Romania

- Offering specialised supervision to PhD students in the field of sociology and social work
- Teaching graduate and undergraduate courses on "family social work" and on the relationship between spirituality and social work
- Conducting research focused on: the relationship between spirituality and social work; family social work

2012 – 2016 **Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology**

The West University of Timisoara, Blvd. V. Parvan 4, Timisoara 300223, Romania

- Management of the international relations of the faculty, overseeing managerial and financial activities; administration and student services; responsible for the Erasmus staff and students mobilities, management of partnerships with foreign universities, working with the dean on administrative issues related to the students; member of the PhD examination committee of the Faculty

Business or sector Education

2008 – present **Associate Professor**

The West University of Timisoara, Blvd. V. Parvan 4, Timisoara 300223, Romania

- Teaching undergraduate courses on "family social work", "social work and spirituality", "human rights and human dignity"
- Teaching graduate courses on "social concepts of major religious texts", "history of the Christian religion", "religious and professional values", "social and spiritual counselling".
- Conducting research focused on: the relationship between spirituality and social work; family social work

Business or sector Education

2003 – 2008 **Lecturer**

The West University of Timisoara, Blvd. V. Parvan 4, Timisoara 300223, Romania

- Teaching undergraduate courses on "child adoption and foster care", "family social work", "social work and spirituality", "human rights"
- Teaching graduate courses on "classical texts of world religions", "religious and professional values", "social and spiritual counselling".
- Conducting research focused on: family social work; the relationship between spirituality and social work

Business or sector Education

- 2001 – 2003 **Associate lecturer**
The West University of Timisoara, Blvd. V. Parvan 4, Timisoara 300223, Romania
- Teaching undergraduate courses on “human rights”
 - Coordinating the field practice of social work students, in partner agencies of the West University of Timișoara
- Business or sector** Education
- 2006 – present **President**
The Areopagus Centre and CRISDU Areopagus, Calea Martirilor, Nr. 104, 300774 Timisoara, România
- Ensure that members understand their jobs and are able to fulfill those expectations; provide structure so that the work of the board and organization can be accomplished; preside over the meetings; ensure that management tools are developed and implemented; serve as a link to community; representation in relation to other organisations; fundraising.
- Business or sector** Education; social care
- 2003-2006 **Chairman of the board of trustees**
The Areopagus Centre and CRISDU Areopagus, Calea Martirilor, Nr. 104, 300774 Timisoara, România
- Organising and chairing the meetings of the board of trustees; ensuring the contact between the president of the organisation and the board of trustees; representation in relation to other organisations and institutions
- Business or sector** Education; social care
- 1997 – 2003 **Co-founder and lecturer**
The Areopagus Centre and CRISDU Areopagus, Calea Martirilor, Nr. 104, 300774 Timisoara, România
- Activities related to the institutional management and the development of adequate work facilities; contributing to the development and implementation of the vision for the centre; teaching various courses for students and young professionals; organising forums, round tables and conferences
- Business or sector** Education; social care
- 2000 - present **Pastor**
The First Baptist Church “Betel”, Str. Andy Endre, Nr. 33, Timisoara, 300175, Romania
- Offering counselling and pastoral service to church members; offering Christian education; representation in relation to other institutions and organisations; overseeing the social work department of the church
- Business or sector** Christian education and pastoral work

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE OVERSEAS

- Septembrie 2021 **Georgia State University, USA**
- Erasmus+ teaching mobility: lecturing for graduate and undergraduate students on family social work, as well as the relationship between social work and spirituality; exploring opportunities for further institutional cooperation (staff and students mobilities; joint research projects; cultural exchanges)
- December 2019 **Comenius University, Bratislava**

- Erasmus+ training mobility: exploring opportunities for the development of research partnerships between the host institution and the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology of the West University of Timișoara ; planning further staff and students mobilities

April 2019 **Eotvos Lorand University (ELTE), Budapest**

- Erasmus+ training mobility: exploring opportunities for the development of research partnerships between the host institution and the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology of the West University of Timișoara ; planning further staff and students mobilities

April-May 2018 **Stuttgart Duale Hochschule Baden Wurttemberg**

- Erasmus+ training mobility: exploring opportunities for the development of research partnerships between the host institution and the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology of the West University of Timișoara ; planning further staff and students mobilities

May 2017; April 2018; April 2019 **University of Szeged, Department of Social Work**

- Erasmus+ mobilities (teaching and training): lecturing to undergraduate students on the systemic approach to family social work, as well as the relation between social work and religion/spirituality; exploring opportunities for further institutional cooperation (staff and students mobilities; joint research projects; cultural exchanges)

March 2016; April 2017 **Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, USA**

- Erasmus+ teaching and training mobilities: lecturing to undergraduate and graduate students on the systemic approach to family social work, as well as the relation between social work and religion/spirituality; exploring opportunities for further institutional cooperation (staff and students mobilities; joint research projects; cultural exchanges)

February 2016 **University of Strasbourg, France**

- Erasmus+ training mobility: exploring opportunities for the development of research partnerships between the host institution and the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology of the West University of Timișoara ; planning further staff and students mobilities

April-May 2015 **MF Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, Norway**

- Erasmus+ teaching mobility: lecturing to graduate students on the systemic approach to family social work; exploring opportunities for further institutional cooperation (staff and students mobilities; joint research projects; cultural exchanges)

May 2014 **Kirkliche Pedagogische Hochschule Wien**

- Erasmus training mobility: exploring opportunities for the development of research partnerships between the host institution and the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology of the West University of Timișoara ; planning further staff and students mobilities

November 2013 **Karoli Gaspar Reformatus Egyetem, Budapest**

- Erasmus teaching mobility: lecturing to graduate students on the systemic approach to family social work; exploring opportunities for further institutional cooperation (staff and students mobilities; joint research projects; cultural exchanges)

April 2013 **Universitat Jaume I, Castellon, Spain**

- Erasmus teaching mobility: lecturing on family social work (for graduate students); exchange of information with teaching staff and PhD students regarding key areas of research interest at our universities; exploring opportunities for further institutional cooperation (staff and students mobilities; application for EU funding)

March 2006 **The University of Chicago, Divinity School, Chicago, USA**

- Visiting lecturer for PhD students: lecturing on subjects related to my PhD research (faith and society in the early church)

- March 2006 **The Areopagus, Atlanta, USA**
 ▪ Launching of my book, *The Trial of the Gospel* (Cambridge University Press, 2002, 2005); Lecturing on church and society during the communist period in Romania and Eastern Europe
- February 2006 **The University of Utah, College of Social Work, Salt Lake City, USA**
 ▪ Visiting lecturer: lecturing to graduate and undergraduate students on child protection and family social work in Romania
- 2002-2008 **Evadeoski Teoloski Fakultet, Osijek, Croatia**
 ▪ Visiting lecturer: lecturing for graduate and undergraduate students on faith and society during the early church
- 2002-2003 **Evangelische Theologische Facultat, Leuven, Belgium**
 ▪ External examiner at Master level
- 2001 **Liberty University of California, USA**
 ▪ Associate professor: lecturing and academic evaluation
- 1996-1997 **Brunel University (London Bible College)**
 ▪ Lecturing at undergraduate level on Judaism and early Christianity; marking student exam papers.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2015 **Habilitation in Sociology**
 The Romanian Academy: The Research Institute for Quality of Life
 ▪ Sociology, social work
- 1994-1998 **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**
 Brunel University, London
 ▪ Theology, philosophy
- 2002-2003 **Diploma of postgraduate studies in didactics**
 The West University of Timisoara, Romania
 ▪ Didactics; the psychology and sociology of education
- 1992-1994 **Bachelor of Arts (BA)**
 Brunel University, London
 ▪ Theology, counselling
- 1990-1992 **Diploma in Theology**
 The Evangelical Theological College of Wales
 ▪ Theology, counselling

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2
German	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2
Greek	A1	B1	A1	A1	A2

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Social skills and competences

- team work
- dynamic
- approachable

Organisational skills and competences

- leadership skills
- conflict management
- intercultural skills

Technical skills and competences

- Academic research, book editing, translation and interpretation (English-Romanian)

Computer skills and competences

- Competent with most Microsoft Office programmes

Driving licence

- Romanian driving licence B

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Neagoe, A. (2018), *Faith Matters in Social Work: Conceptual Frameworks for Addressing Spirituality in Social Work Practice*, Timișoara: Editura de Vest.

Neagoe, A. (2015), *Credință și societate*, Timișoara: Editura de Vest, ISBN: 9789733606758.

Rogobete, I. & Neagoe, A. (2013) (eds.), *Contemporary Issues Facing Families: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue*, Verlag für Kultur und Wissenschaft / Culture and Science Publication, Bonn, Germany, ISBN 9783862690831.

Neagoe, A. (2012) (Ed.), *Counselling and Spirituality in the Helping Professions*, Focus on Romania Series – Science, Humanities and Spirituality in Dialogue, 2, Verlag für Kultur und Wissenschaft / Culture and Science Publication, Bonn, Germany, ISBN 9783862690565.

Neagoe, A. (2011) (Ed.), *Values and Spirituality in Social Work Practice*, Verlag für Kultur und Wissenschaft / Culture and Science Publication, Bonn, ISBN 9783862690206.

Neagoe, A. & Zorgdrager, H. (2009) (Eds.), *Postmodernity – Friend or Foe? Kerk in Actie: Utrecht / Mirton: Timisoara*, ISBN 9735206927, 9789735206925

Neagoe, A. & Radu, I. (2007) (Eds.), *Continuities and Discontinuities in a Time of Change: Family Therapy and Systemic Practice*, Mirton, Timișoara, ISBN 9789735202569.

Neagoe, A. (2007), *Asistența socială a familiei: o abordare sistemică*, Timișoara: Editura Universității de Vest, ISBN 9789731251080.

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Neagoe, A; Neag, D.L.M.; Luceș, D. (2019). Reasons to Care: Personal Motivation as a Key Factor in the Practice of the Professional Foster Carer in Romania. *PLoS ONE* 14(9): e0222716. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0222716>.

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Neagoe, A. (1996). Statisticile și misiunea creștină, *Creștinul Azi: Revista Bisericilor Creștine Baptiste din România*, 54, August 1996, 17-19.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the European Social Work Research Association (ESWRA)
- Member of ARPAS (The Romanian Association for the Promotion of Social Work)
- Included in *Enciclopedia Personalităților din România (Who is Who in Romania)*, Hübners, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Expert colleague of Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, USA