Curriculum Vitae

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Current Appointments
- Professor in Twentieth Century Central and Eastern European Biomedicine (2018-present)
- Director, Centre for Medical Humanities, Oxford Brookes University (2015-present)
- Visiting Professor, Sapienza University Roma (2019-present)

Previous Appointments
- Reader in Twentieth Century Central and Eastern European Biomedicine, Oxford Brookes University (2010-2018)
- Founding Director of the Cantemir Institute, University of Oxford (2011-2012)
- Senior Lecturer, Oxford Brookes University (2007-2010)
- Marie Curie Post-Doctoral Fellow, Oxford Brookes University (2004-2007)
- Lecturer and Tutor in History, University College London (2003-2004)
- Lecturer, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest (2002)

Other Appointments
- Member, American Psychological Association (2023-present)
- Member, 'History of Psychiatry Special Interest Group' at the Royal College of Psychiatrists (2022-present)
- Founder of the Centre for the Study of Racism and Eugenics, Romanian Academy's Institute of History Cluj (2020-present)
- Founder of the Working Group in the History of Eugenics, Oxford (2023-present)
- Member, 'Challenging Histories Group' at the British Psychological Society (2021-2024)
- Visiting Professor, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic (2015-2017)
- Visiting Professor, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris (2016)

- Visiting Professor, Université Paris Diderot (2012)
- Deputy-Director, Centre for Health, Medicine and Society: Past and Present, Oxford Brookes University (2010-2015)
- Visiting Socrates/Erasmus lecturer at the University of Peloponnese, the Central European University and Wroclaw Medical University in Medical Sciences and Public Health (2008-2011)
- Founder of the Working Group in the History of Race and Eugenics, Oxford Brookes University (2006-present)

Education and qualifications

- PhD in Intellectual History, Central European University/University of Oxford (2002)
- Research Degree in History, University of Oxford (2001)
- MA in Comparative History, Central European University (1998)
- BA in History, University of Bucharest (1997)

Membership of professional bodies

- Member, American Psychological Society (2004-present)
- Judge, Association of British Science Writers (2023-present)
- Member, Editorial Board, Deltos: Journal for the History of Medicine (2023-present)
- Member, Academia Europaea (2020-present)
- Fellow, Royal Historical Society (2011-present)
- Senior Fellow, Higher Education Academy (2018-present)
- Member, History Faculty, University of Oxford (2010-present)
- Member in the Editorial Board, Clio Medica: Studies in the History of Medicine and Health (2018-present)
- Honorary Member, Romanian Academy's Institute of History 'G. Baritiu' (2019-present)
- Member, Editorial Board, Social History of Medicine (2017-present)
- Member, Scientific Committee, Maison Française d'Oxford (2017-present)
- Fellow, Adelphi Genetics Forum (2015-present)
-Member, Scientific Advisory Board, Archiva Moldaviae (2014-present)
- Member, American Hungarian Educators Association (2014-present)
- Senior Member, St Antony's College, University of Oxford (2012- 2013)
- Member, International Commission for the History and Theory of Historiography (2012-present)

Awards and Public Recognition

- 'Doctor Honoris Causa', 'Petre Andrei' University, Iași (2023)
- 'Nicolae Bălcescu' Prize, Romanian Academy, for the book "Războiul sfânt" al rasei: eugenia și protecția națiunii în Ungaria. 1900-1919, (2022)
- 'The Order of the Centenary', National Atheneum, Iași (2022)
- 'Personality Medal for Cultural Recognition', Romanian Embassy, London (2018)
- Honorary Citizen, Rozavlea (Maramureș) (2013)
- 'Veress Endre' Award, Hungarian–Romanian Joint Committee of Historians (1997)

Publications

Books

1. Race and National Character in Modern Hungary, 1880s-1940s (forthcoming Bloomsbury 2026)
2. In Search of the Perfect Romanian: National Specificity, Racial Degeneration and Social Selection in Modern Romania (forthcoming Central European University Press 2026)
3. În căutarea românului perfect: Specific național, degenerare rasială și selecție socială în România modernă (2024) (second, illustrated edition 2025) Winner of the Literary Journal Prize Observator Cultural (2025)
4. Historicizing Race (2018) [co-author] (translated into Romanian in 2019 as Istorie și rasism: ideea de rasă de la Iluminism la Donald Trump)
5. Latin Eugenics in Comparative Perspective (2015) [co-author]
6. Eugenics and Nation in Early Twentieth Century Hungary (2015) (translated into Romanian in 2020 as "Războiul sfânt" al rasei: eugenia și protecția națiunii în Ungaria. 1900-1919)
7. Modernism and Eugenics (2010) (translated into French in 2011 as Modernisme et eugénisme and into Romanian in 2014 as Eugenism și modernitate. Națiune, rasă și biopolitică în Europa, 1870-1950)
8. Eugenism și antropologie în România, 1874-1944 (Eugenics and Anthropology in Romania, 1874-1944) (2008)
9. The Idea of National Superiority in Central Europe, 1880-1918 (2005) (translated into Romanian in 2015 as Ideea de superioritate naţională în Imperiul Austro-Ungar 1880-1918)
10. A Cultural History of Race, 6 volumes (2021, 2025) [general editor]
11. Identities in-Between in East-Central Europe (2020) [co-editor]
12. Teleology and Modernity (2019) [co-editor]
13. Religion, Evolution and Heredity (2018) [editor]
14. The History of Eugenics in East-Central Europe, 1900-1944: Texts and Commentaries (2015; 2017) [editor]
15. Anti-Modernism: Radical Revisions of Collective Identity, vol. 4. (2014) [co-editor]
16. Crafting Humans: From Genesis to Eugenics and beyond (2012) [editor]
17. Health, Hygiene and Eugenics in Southeastern Europe to 1945 (2011) [co-editor]
18. Re-Contextualising East Central European History: Nation, Culture and Minority Groups (2010) [co-editor]
19. 'Clerical Fascism' in Interwar Europe (2008; 2014) [co-editor]
20. 'Blood and Homeland': Eugenics and Racial Nationalism in Central and Southeast Europe, 1900-1940 (2007) [co-editor]
21. The Garden and the Workshop: Disseminating Cultural Creativity in East-Central Europe (1999) [editor]

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. "Public Engagement with Eugenics in the Academy Exhibitions and Events across Higher Education Institutions" (co-authored with Debbie Challis, Inderbir Bhullar), Notes and Records Royal Society London (2026), 20250052
2. "The Racialization of Roma as 'Black' in Interwar Romania and Beyond" (co-authored with Bolaji Balogun), Slavic Review 84, 3 (2025): 546-554
3. "Eugenics is an Integral Aspect of our Global Scientific and Political Culture", História,

Ciências, Saúde – Manguinhos 32 (2025), e2025050
4. "On Eugenics, Disability, and Dignity", The Lancet 405 (2025): 189-190
5. "On Ash and Blackness: Roma Victims and the Holocaust", Quest. Issues in Contemporary Jewish History 25 (2024): 186-194
6. "Challenging National Canons: New Perspectives and the Possibilities of an Anti-Eugenic Future" (co-authored with Pietra Diwan), Revista Brasileira de História 94 (2023): 65-74
7. "Eugenics and the Racialisation of 'White Eastern Europeans'," Cultural Sociology 4 (2023)
8. 'The Colonial Histories of Eugenics and Race in Central and Eastern Europe', Global Social Challenges Journal 1 (2023): 1-11
9. "Roma and the Question of Ethnic Origin in Romania during the Holocaust," (co-authored with Adrian Furtuna), Critical Romani Studies 5 (2022): 14-38
10. "Legacies of Eugenics: Confronting the Past, Forging a Future," Ethnic and Racial Studies 45 (2022): 2470-2477
11. "From Small Beginnings: to Build an Anti-Eugenic Future," (co-authored) The Lancet 399 (2022): 1934-1935
12. ""The "Yellow Spot' on Europe's 'Snow White Body'," Sociological Forum 1 (2022): 320-325
13. "Protejarea 'rasei' și moștenirea eugeniei," Doar o Revista 47 (2022): 148-153
14. "The Idea of Race across Centuries and our current Moment of Reckoning," Review of Democracy (December 2021): 1-8
15. General Editor's Introduction: A Cultural History of Race," Ab Imperio 1 (2021): 27-31
16. "The Location of 'Race': Conversation between Marius Turda and Marina Mogilner," Ab Imperio 1 (2021): 32-49
17. "Subversive Affinities: Embracing Soviet Science in late 1940s Romania," Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part C: Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences 83 (2020), 1-8
18. "Looking at Racism, Eugenics, and Biopolitics in Europe Historically". An Interview with Marius Turda," Europe Now (2020)
19. "Rasism, eugenie și biopolitică în România, în anii celui de-al Doilea Război Mondial," Revista de Istorie a Evreilor din Romania 4-5 (2021): 263-270
20. "Scientific Calvinism: Eugenics as a Secular Religion," The Journal of Religious History, Literature and Culture 4, 1 (2018): 1-16
21. "Unity in Diversity: Latin Eugenic Narratives in Europe, ca. 1910s-1930s," Contemporanea 20, 1 (2017), 3-30
22. "Romanian Eugenic Sub-Culture and the Allure of Biopolitics, 1918-1939," Acta Poloniae Historica 114 (2016), 29-58
23. "Holocaust's Textuality: Victims' Narratives and Memoirs of Jewish Women Physicians," Archiva Moldaviae 8 (2016), 69-82
24. "Sub-Cultures and Narratives of Race in Hungary," Cahiers d'études hongroises et finlandaises 21 (2014), 229-241
25. The Ambiguous Victim: Miklós Nyiszli's Narrative of Medical Experimentation in Auschwitz-Birkenau," Historein 14, 1 (2014): 43-58
26. "In Search of Racial Types: Soldiers and the Anthropological Mapping of the Romanian Nation, 1914-1944," Patterns of Prejudice 47, 1 (2013), 1-21
27. "In Pursuit of Greater Hungary: Eugenic Ideas of Social and Biological Improvement, 1940-1941," The Journal of Modern History 85, 3 (2013), 558-591

28. “Entangled Traditions of Race: Physical Anthropology in Hungary and Romania, 1900-1940,” Focaal 58, 3 (2010), 32-46
29. “Whither Race? Physical anthropology in post-1945 Central and Southeastern Europe," Focaal 58, 3 (2010), 3-15
30. “Focus on Austria and Germany,” Social History of Medicine 23, 2 (2010), 408-412
31. “‘To End the Degeneration of a Nation’: Debates on Eugenic Sterilization in Interwar Romania," Medical History 53, 1 (2009), 77-104
32. “The Biology of War: Eugenics in Hungary, 1914-1918,” Austrian History Yearbook 40, (2009), 238-264
33. “Conservative Palingenesis and Cultural Modernism in Early Twentieth-Century Romania,” Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions 9, 4 (2008): 437-453
34. “Recent Scholarship on Race and Eugenics,” The Historical Journal 51, 4 (2008), 1115-1124
35. “Focus on Social History of Medicine in Central and Eastern Europe,” Social History of Medicine 21, 2 (2008), 395-401
36. “Politics, Religion, Gender and Historiography: Eastern European Perspectives,” Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions 9, 1 (2008), 129-136
37. “From Craniology to Serology: Racial Anthropology in Interwar Hungary and Romania,” Journal of the History of Behavioral Sciences 43, 3 (2007), 361-377
38. “Race, Politics and Nationalist Darwinism in Hungary, 1880-1918,” Ab Imperio 1 (2007), 139-164
39. “The Nation as Object: Race, Blood and Biopolitics in Interwar Romania,” Slavic Review 66, 3 (2007), 413-441
40. “Heredity and Eugenic Thought in Early Twentieth-Century Hungary,” Orvostörténeti Közlemények 51, 1-2 (2007): 101-118
41. “‘Clerical Fascism’ in Interwar Europe: An Introduction,” Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions 8, 2 (2007): 205-212
42. “A New Religion: Eugenics and Racial Scientism in Pre-First World War Hungary," Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions 7, 3 (2006), 303-325
43. “New Perspectives on Romanian Fascism: Themes and Options,” Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions, 6, 1 (2005): 143-150
44. “Faj és nemzet,” 2000. Irodalmi és Társadalmi havi lap, 16. évfolyam, 6. szám (2004), 57-67
45. “Fantasies of Degeneration: Some Remarks on Racial Antisemitism in Interwar Romania,” Studia Iudaica 3 (2003), 336-348
46. “‘The Magyars: A Ruling Race’: The Idea of National Superiority in Fin-De-Siècle Hungary,” European Review of History 10, 1 (2003): 5-23
47. “Europäische Integration vs. Frustration—ein Blick auf Rumänien heute,” Aktuelle Ostinformationen (Ereignisse und Entwicklungen) 1, 2 (2001): 45-48
48. “Politikai megbékélés versus történeti diskursus: az 1989-1999 közöti román történetírás Magyarország-percepciója,” Regio (Kisebbség, Politika, Tarsadalom) 11 (2000): 129-157
49. “Föderalismus und Rumänentum.” Für eine mögliche Archäologie der rumänischen föderativen Idee,” Aktuelle Ostinformationen 3-4 (1999): 67-70
50. “Aurel C. Popovici and the Symbolic Geography of the Romanians in the Late Habsburg Empire (1890–1910),” Revue Roumaine d'Histoire 1-2 (1997): 97-121

Chapters in Collective Volumes

1. “Eugenics and Race in Southeastern Europe,” in John R. Lampe, Ulf Brunnbauer, eds., The Routledge Handbook of Balkan and Southeast European History (2021): 342-346
2. “Teleology and Race,” in Dan O’Brien, William Gibson and Marius Turda, eds., Teleology and Modernity (2019), 77-93
3. “History of Medicine in Eastern Europe, including Russia,” in Mark Jackson, ed., A Global History of Medicine (2018), 96-117
4. “Hungary,” in Marius Turda, ed., The History of Eugenics in East-Central Europe, 1900-1945: Texts and Commentaries (2015), 191-270
5. “Romania,” in Marius Turda, ed., The History of Eugenics in East-Central Europe, 1900-1945: Texts and Commentaries (2015), 271-361
6. “Eugenics as a Basis for Population Policy,” in James D. Wright (editor-in-chief), International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences, 2nd edition, vol 8. (2015), 218-223
7. “History of Eugenics,” in James D. Wright (editor-in-chief), International Encyclopedia of the Social & Behavioral Sciences, 2nd edition, vol 8. (2015), 253–257
8. “Private and Public Traditions of Health Care in Central and South-eastern Europe, from the Nineteenth to the mid-Twentieth Centuries,” in Paul J. Weindling, ed., Healthcare in Private and Public from the Early Modern Period to 2000 (2015), 101-122
9. “Biology and Eugenics,” in Michael Saler, ed., The Fin-de-Siècle World (2015), 456-470
10. “Nowoczesność i eugeniczne projekty udoskonalenia człowieka,” in Anda Rottenberg, ed., Postęp i higiena (2014), 58-66
11. “Imagined Geographies of Race: Hungary and Romania, 1900-1940,” in Anders E. B. Blomqvist, Constantin Iordachi, Balázs Trencsényi, eds., Hungary and Romania Beyond National Narratives: Comparisons and Entanglements (2013), 293-319
12. “‘If Our Race did not Exist, it would have to be created’: Racial Sciences in Hungary, 1940-1944,” in Anton Weiss-Wendt, Rory Yeomans, eds., Racial Sciences in Hitler’s Europe, 1939-1945 (2013), 237-258
13. “Crafting a Healthy Nation: European Eugenics in Historical Context,” in Marius Turda, ed., Crafting Humans: From Genesis and Genetics and Beyond (2013), 109-126
14. “In Search of Racial Types: Soldiers and the Anthropological Mapping of the Romanian Nation, 1914-1944,” in Gavin Schaffer, ed., Racializing the Soldier (2013), pp. 130-150
15. “Nationalizing Eugenics: The Hungarian Public Debate of 1910-1911,” in Mitchell G. Ash and Jan Surman, eds., The Nationalization of Scientific Knowledge in the Habsburg Empire, 1848 - 1918 (2012), 183-208
16. “History of Medicine in Eastern Europe, including Russia," in Mark Jackson, ed, The Oxford Handbook of the History of Medicine (2011), 208-224
17. “Journeying across Empires: An agenda for future research in Central and Southeastern European history of medicine," in D. Sechel, ed, Medicine Within and Between the Habsburg and Ottoman Empires, 18th and 19th Centuries (2011), 235-242
18. “Academic History Writing in the Balkans to 1945," in Juan Maiguaschca, Stuart Macintyre, Attila Pok, eds, vol. IV, The Oxford History of Historical Writing (2011), 349-366
19. “Controlling the National Body: Ideas of Racial Purification in Romania, 1918-1944," in Christian Promitzer, Sevasti Trubeta, Marius Turda, eds, Health, Hygiene and Eugenics in Southeastern Europe to 1945 (2011), 325-350
20. “Race, Science and Eugenics in the Twentieth Century," in Alison Bashford, Philippa Levine, eds, The Oxford Handbook of the History of Eugenics (2010), 98-127

21. “Eugenika negatywna w Europie przed 1933 r." in Magdaleny Gawin, Kamili Uzarczyk, eds, Eugenika-biopolitika-panstwo (2010), 29-48
22. “Rasse, Eugenik und Nationalismus in Rumänien während der 1940er Jahre," in Wolfgang Benz, Brigitte Mihok, eds, Holocaust an der Peripherie: Judenpolitik und Judenmord in Rumänien undTransnistrien, 1940-1944 (2009), 161-171
23. “National Historiographies in the Balkans, 1830-1989," in Stefan Berger, Chris Lorenz, eds, The Contested Nation: Ethnicity, Class, Religion and Gender in National Histories (2008), 463-489
24. “Public Health and Social Politics in Southeast Europe in the 1920," in Giannis Kyriopoulos, ed, Dimosia ygeia kai koinoniki politiki: O Eleftherios Venizelos kai i epohi tou (2008), 517-522
25. “Eugenics, Race and Nation in Central and Southeast Europe, 1900-1940: A Historiographic Overview,” in Marius Turda and Paul Weindling, eds, Blood and Homeland: Eugenics and Racial Nationalism in Central and Southeast Europe, 1900-1940 (2007), 1-22
26. “The First Debates on Eugenics in Hungary, 1910-1918,” in Marius Turda and Paul Weindling, eds, 'Blood and Homeland': Eugenics and Racial Nationalism in Central and Southeast Europe, 1900-1940 (2007), 185-221
27. “Small States, Big Ambitions: Debating Nation and Irredentism in the Balkans, 1890-1920” in Linas Eriksonas, Leos Müller, eds, Statehood beyond Ethnicity: Trans-National Perspectives onto Smaller States in Europe, c. 1600-2000 (2005), 275-301
28. “Transylvania Revisited: Public Discourse and Historical Representation in Contemporary Romania,” in Balázs Trencsényi, Dragos Petrescu, Cristina Petrescu, Constantin Iordachi and Zoltán Kántor, eds., Nation Building and Contested Identities: Romanian & Hungarian Case Studies (2002), 197-206
29. “Deciding the National Capital: Budapest, Vienna, Bucharest and Transylvanian Romanian Culture,” in Kurt W. Treptow, Tradition and Modernity in Romanian Culture and Civilization (2001), 95-114

Editor of Special Issues of Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. Co-editor of a special issue ‘Eugenics: Then and Now”, Polis: Revistă de Științe Politice (2024)
2. Co-editor of a special issue, ‘Confronting Eugenics: New Perspectives and Approaches’, Revista Brasileira de História (2023)
3. Editor of a special issue, ‘Religion, Heredity and Evolution’, The Journal of Religious History, Literature and Culture (2018)
4. Editor of a special issue, ‘Eugenic Sub-cultures and the City’, Journal of Urban Anthropology (2015)
5. Editor of a special issue, ‘Health and Society: Private and Public Medical Traditions in Greece and the Balkans, 1453-1920’, Deltos: Journal of the History of Hellenic Medicine (2012)
6. Editor of a special issue, ‘Race Ascendant: Framing physical anthropology in Central and Southeastern Europe’, Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology (2010)

Exhibitions Catalogues

1. Ştiinţă şi etnicitate II: Biopolitică si eugenism în România, 1920-1944/Science and Ethnicity

II: Biopolitics and Eugenics in Romania, 1920-1944 (2019)

2. Ştiinţă şi etnicitate I: Cercetarea antropologică în România anilor '30 (Science and Ethnicity: Anthropological Research in Romania during the 1930s) (2018)

Series Editor

CEU Press Studies in the History of Medicine (2010-present)
https://ceupress.com/series/ceu-press-studies-history-medicine

Curator of Public History Projects

Confront Eugenics (2021-present)
https://confront-eugenics.org/

Exhibitions: Public Engagement and Impact

I: Global Impact of Eugenics

1. 'We are not Alone: Legacies of Eugenics' (September 2021-present)

II: History of Eugenics, Biopolitics and Anthropology in Romania

2. Ştiinţă şi etnicitate III: De la 'raseologia' sovietică la monografia antropologică (2022-present)
3. 'Ştiinţă şi etnicitate II: Biopolitică si eugenism în România, 192944' (2019-2020)
4. 'Ştiinţă şi etnicitate I: Cercetarea antropologică în România anilor '30' (2018-2019)

Podcasts

I. Eugenics and Race
https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-eugenics-podcast-with-prof-marius-turda/id1539112637
https://open.spotify.com/show/2BDODDZBhdcsBwaK3WhWo8
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAXAe3CPy85KfQYD6L9dZ3g
II. Pseudoscience
https://shows.acast.com/pseudoscience/episodes
III. Conversations on Race, Racism and Anti-Racism:
https://www.brookes.ac.uk/staff/human-resources/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/race-equality/race-equality-resources/

Blogs

On the Legacies of Eugenics in Psychiatry and Psychology
https://wienerholocaustlibrary.org/2021/07/26/reflecting-on-the-legacies-of-eugenics/
https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/news-and-features/blogs/detail/history-archives-and-library-blog/2022/10/24/eugenics-in-psychiatry-part-one
https://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/news-and-features/blogs/detail/history-archives-and-library-blog/2022/11/03/eugenics-in-psychiatry-part-two
https://humanrightspsychology.org/commemorating-the-holocaust-confronting-the-legacy-of-

eugenics-in-psychology/

On the Legacies of Eugenics in Education
https://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/special-collections/2022/10/17/we-are-not-alone-legacies-of-eugenics-in-education-and-society/

Keynote speeches (selected)

- 8 March 2025: 'Eugenics and Demographic Obsessions in Socialis Romania', University of Medicine, Iași
- 14 September 2023: 'Confronting the Legacy of Eugenics in Health and Medicine', British Society for the History of Medicine Congress, University of Cardiff
- 9 December 2022: 'Nature, Nurture and the Paradoxes of Identity,' 1st International Humanities, Society, Identity Congress, University of Warsaw
- 11 March 2022: 'Forever Young: Endocrinology and Theories of Rejuvenation', University of Oxford
- 23 September 2021: 'Unearthing the Roots of Eugenics,' Royal Institution of Great Britain, London
- 26 April 2016: 'Academic Engagement and Civic Responsibility in the XXI Century', Universitatea de Vest, Timisoara, Romania
- 3 July 2015: 'Health and Social Welfare in Southeastern and Eastern Europe: A Troubled Relationship', Birkbeck College, University of London,
- 14 February 2015: 'Modernity and Eugenic Visions of Human Improvement' at the Conference on 'Progress and Hygiene', Warsaw, Zachęta National Gallery of Art
- 10-11 November 2011: 'Eugenics in National and Historical Contexts', University of Uppsala, Sweden
- 4 March 2008: "Ethnic Modernism and Scientific Nationalism: Reflections on Biopolitics in Interwar Romania". University of Bloomington, Indiana

Public Lectures (selected)

- 18 February 2025, 'In Search of the Perfect Romanian', Accademia di Romania in Roma
- 19 February 2024, 'On the "Inconvenience of Being Born" a Roma: Reflections on Stigma and Racism', University of Bucharest
- 7 April 2023, 'On Eugenics and Dehumanisation', Center on Forced Displacement, Boston University
- 9 January 2023, 'Eugenic Dehumanisation and Disability, Royal College of Psychiatrists, London
- 12 December 2022, 'Theories of Rejuvenation under Communism', University of Athens.
- 17 November 2022, 'Anti-Roma Racism in Romania: From Blissful Ignorance to Historical Revisionism,' Institute for Diplomacy and International Governance, Loughborough University, London
-19 September 2022, 'Historicizing Eugenics and Racial Science,' Conference 'Echoes of Scientific Thought in Society: the late 19th Century-early 20th Century 'Race Science' in Argentina and Brazil', University of São Paulo, Brazil
-2 October 2021, 'The Gardener and the Zookeeper: Ch. Davenport, Madison Grant, and American Eugenics', Dismantling Eugenics: Legacies, Reckonings, Future, Rutgers University
-12 January 2022, 'Racism and Eugenics,' Radio Show, Voice of Islam, London

-3 December 2021, 'We are not Alone': Legacies of Eugenics (presentation of the exhibition), Symposium "The Meaning of Eugenics: Historical and Present-Day Discussions of Eugenics and Scientific Racism," National Human Genome Institute, Bethesda, MD
-2 December 2021, 'Five Myths About Eugenics', Symposium "The Meaning of Eugenics: Historical and Present-Day Discussions of Eugenics and Scientific Racism," National Human Genome Institute, Bethesda, MD
-19 February 2021, 'Talking About Whiteness: Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia,' Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University
-6 May 2020, 'Clear and Present Racism, Leon Feraru Conferences, New York, Romanian Cultural Institute
-1 December 2018, 'Greater Romania 1918: Some Historical Reflections,' Romanian Cultural Institute, London
- 23 November 2017, 'Eugenics, Biopolitics and the Ethnic State in Romania,' Municipal Museum of Bucharest
- 13 December 2016, 'Identities under Threat', Romanian Cultural Institute, London
- 27 May 2016, 'Narratives of Suffering: Memoirs of Jewish Physicians in the Holocaust", EHESS, Paris
- 19 May 2016, 'Latin Eugenics and the Internationalisation of Science', Centre de la Vieille-Charité, Marseille
- 13 April 2016, 'Eugenics, Population and Biopolitics in East-Central Europe, 1900-1945', EHESS, Paris
- 11 April 2016, 'Race and Physical Anthropology in East-Central Europe', EHESS, Paris
- 1 October 2015, "Eugenics as a Secular Religion". University of York
- 13 February 2015, 'Eugenics as a Secular Religion', the Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences
- 20 November 2014, 'Eugenics as Science in Central and Southeastern Europe', the Masaryk University, Brno
- 21 March 2012, 'Crafting Humans: Modernity, Eugenics and Biopolitics', Université Paris Diderot-Paris 7
- 6 March 2012, 'Eugenics, Modernity, and the National Community', City University of Hong Kong
- 8 May 2011, Public lecture on 'Eugenic Modernities in Southeastern Europe', University of Graz
- 7 May 2011, Public lecture on 'Eugenic Modernities in Central Europe', University of Ljubljana

Organisation of Symposia, Seminars and Conferences (selected)

4 July 2023: Organiser of the symposium 'Legacies of Eugenics in Psychology: Past and Present,' 18th European Congress of Psychology, Brighton
9 January 2023: Organiser of the symposium 'Eugenics Legacies in Psychiatry,' Royal College of Psychiatrists, London
29 September 2022: Organiser of the seminar 'Confronting Eugenics and its Legacies in Psychiatry', Royal College of Psychiatrists, London
2-3 December 2021: Co-organiser of the symposium 'The Meaning of Eugenics: Historical and Present-Day Discussions of Eugenics and Scientific Racism,' National Human Genome Institute, Bethesda, MD
18 October 2019: 'From Defective to Damaged: Race, Poverty, and the Politics of Childhood in the USA, c. 1950-1970'. Seminar with Prof Molly Ladd-Taylor (York University, Canada).
31 January 2019: 'Newborn Italians: Education, Training, and Professionalisation of Midwives from

Unification to Fascism'. Seminar with Dr Alessandra Gissi (Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale).
9 October 2017: Organiser of the roundtable "On Bigotry and Racism, from the Global to the Local", Oxford Brookes University
31 August-3 September 2017: Organiser of a double-panel on 'Ruptures and Fractures: Demographic Discourses and Policies in their Local and Global Contexts' for the 5th European Congress on World and Global History, Budapest
18 January 2017: Organiser of the workshop "Reproduction Rights and Wrongs", Oxford Brookes University
13-15 September 2016: Co-organiser of the international conference, "Identities in Between: East-Central Europe, ca.1900-present", Wolfson College, University of Oxford
3-4 April 2014: Organiser of the international workshop "Motherhood, Family, Reproduction: The Theory and Practice of Eugenics", Balliol College, University of Oxford
4-7 July 2013: Co-organiser of the international conference "Reassessing Nazi Human Experiments and Coerced Research, 1933-1945: New Findings, Interpretations and Problems", Wadham College, Oxford
20 April 2012: Organiser of the international workshop "Puériculture, Biotypology and 'Latin' Eugenics in Comparative Context. Maison Française d'Oxford
8-10 September 2011: Organiser of the international conference "Crafting Humans: From Genesis to Eugenics and Beyond." Queen's College, Oxford
8-10 December 2010: Organiser of the international Symposium "Health and Society: Private and Public Medical Traditions in Greece and the Balkans (1453-1920)." University of Athens, Greece
9-12 September 2010: Co-organiser of the international conference "Intercultural Humanism: Challenges, Experiences, Visions, Strategies." Christ Church, Oxford
7-8 May 2009: Co-organiser of the international conference "Eugenics, Race and Psychiatry in the Baltic States: A Trans-National Perspective." Goethe-Institut Riga, Latvia
20-23 November 2008: Co-organiser of the international conference "Medicine within and between the Empire (Habsburg and Ottoman)." Medical University of Vienna, Josephinum, Austria
18-19 April 2008: Co-organiser of the international conference "Eugenics, Modernisation and Biopolitics." Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Science Warsaw, Poland
31 May – 2 June 2007: Co-organiser of the international Conference "Hygiene – Health Politics – Eugenics: Engineering Society in Twentieth Century Southeastern Europe". Free University Berlin, Germany
2007-2013: Co-organiser of the Central European Seminar, University of Oxford
1 December 2006: Organiser of the international workshop "Social Hygiene, Eugenics and Heredity in Central Europe, 1900-1940". Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, Austria
7-9 April 2006: Co-organiser of the international conference, "Clerical Fascism in Interwar Europe." Oxford Brookes University
27-30 June 2004: Organiser of the international conference "Technologies of Race: Eugenics, Bio-Politics and Nation-Building in Inter-War Europe," CEU Budapest

Conference Papers and Roundtable Discussions (selected)

24 March 2025: History, Eugenics and Human Enhancement, St Anne's College, University of Oxford. Paper presented: 'Historicising Eugenics: Reflections on Its Meaning and History'
6-7 April 2025: After Kraepelin: Ambitions, Images, Practices and the History of Psychiatry 1926-2026, Royal Society of Medicine. Paper presented: 'Degeneration and Eugenics'

17 February 2025: Medicine, Eugenics, Shoah: Medical Expertise and Trajectories of Persecution, Sapienza University of Rome. Paper presented: 'Racial science and medicine in Eastern Europe during the Holocaust: The case of Dr Gh. Stroescu'
23 January 2024: Holocaust Memorial Day, Sheffield Museums. Roundtable discussion on the history and aftermath of the Holocaust
6 April 2023: 11th Annual Roma Conference, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University. Paper Presented: 'The Place of Roma in the History of Racism and Health Inequities'
5 November 2018: Seminar in History of Science, Medicine and Technology, History Faculty, University of Oxford. Paper presented: 'Catholicism, Reproduction and Eugenics in Interwar Hungary,'
4-7 September 2014: Fourth European Congress on World and Global History, Paris. Paper presented: 'Population policies in Hungary and Romania during the 1930s and 1940s'
19-20 June 2014: 'Agents of Internationalism Workshop, Birkbeck College, London. Paper presented: 'Reluctant Internationalists: Latin Eugenicists in Europe, 1918-1939'
21 October 2013: 'Regeneration and Degeneration: The Eugenicist' View', The Long Nineteenth Century Seminar, University of Oxford
8-10 September 2011: International Conference 'Crafting Humans: From Genesis to Eugenics and Beyond. Paper presented: 'Crafting Humanity, Modernity and Biopolitics'
8-10 December 2010: International Symposium on 'Health and Society: Private and Public Medical Traditions in Greece and the Balkans (1453-1920)', University of Athens, Athens. Paper presented: 'Ancients and Moderns: The Rise of Social history of Medicine in the Balkans'
6-8 March 2008: XVIth International Conference, Council for European Studies at Columbia University, Chicago. Paper presented: 'Anthropology in Contested Territories: Transylvania, 1918-1944'
3-6 November 2005: 37th Annual Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Salt Lake City. Paper presented: 'The Biology of War: Eugenics in Hungary during the First World War'
4-5 June 2005: International Conference on 'Ethnic Dimensions of Elite Formation in Modern Transylvania (1850-1950)', Budapest, The Central European University. Paper presented: 'Blood and Ethnicity: Racial Research in Transylvania, 1930-1940'
21 May 2005: Workshop on 'Taxonomies, Translations, Exchanges: Race, 1760-1980', Centre for History and Economics, King's College, Cambridge. Paper presented: 'Race and Eugenics'
5-7 April 2005: International Conference on 'Vienna between the Wars – The Forgotten City?', St. Peter's College, University of Oxford, Paper presented: 'Austria Turns Eastwards: Scientific Individuality and the Lure of National Socialism, 1927-1938

External Roles

I am an external examiner at Nottingham Trent University. I also review applications for a number of peer-review funding bodies, both in the UK and abroad, including the Wellcome Trust, AHRC, SSHRC (the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada) and European Research Council (ERC). I also regularly review manuscripts for a number of publishers in the UK, USA, and Europe.