

Curriculum vitae

Personal information

First name / Surname

Valeria Chelaru

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Nationality

Romania

Date of birth

12/12/83

Place of birth

Zubrești, the Moldovan SSR

Gender

Female

Areas of inquiry

- Frozen conflicts
- History of the Soviet Union
- Identities
- History of Russia
- Russian geopolitics and geostrategy
- Russian Empire

Fields of Competence

Frozen conflicts in the Caucasus, Russia`s post-imperial legitimacy, political and ethnic identities, alternative identities, international relations

Work experience

- October 2019 – until present – post-doctoral researcher in the project: “Quality, Innovative and Relevant Doctoral and Postdoctoral Research for the Labor Market”: POCU/380/6/13/124146, project co-financed by the European Social Fund through The Romanian Operational Programme “Human Capital” 2014-2020, (ATRiUM). The subject of research: *Identity and nationalism in the context of the frozen conflict in Transnistria*.
- September 2014 – February 2018 – doctoral student (Babeș-Bolyai University, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Doctoral School of History and International Relations). Specialised in the frozen conflicts in Abkhazia and South Ossetia.
- July 2013 – July 2014 – translator and interpreter at Altaces and Ikon Trading srl.
- November 2010 – July 2013 – tutor in London, Great Britain. Employer – Ann Hickey, 40 Beaulieu Avenue, Sydenham, London. SE26 6PP
- main tasks and responsibilities: educational activities with a 10 year old child.
- October 2007 – January 2008 – art gallery assistant at `Poliartistica`, Cluj -Napoca. Employer – Tudor Scripor.

Education and training

- October 2014 – February 2018 – PhD in International Relations. The title of research: *Russia`s post-imperial legitimacy in the context of the frozen conflicts in Abkhazia*

and South Ossetia.

- August 2011 – July 2013 – ELT Clapham School of London; Qualifications – **CPE, CAE, IELTS** certificates.
- 2007-2010 – Master degree in The Management of International Relations and European Policies (Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania).
- 2003-2007 – Bachelor degree in History and International Relations (Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of History and Philosophy);

Mother tongue

Other language(s)

Romanian

English (proficient)

Russian (advanced)

German (intermediate).

Scientific activities and Research projects

- 7-8 November 2014, Iaşi, Romania – România și Politica de Vecinătate a Mării Negre (the title of the presentation: *The Legacy of Empire in Contemporary Russia*),
- 25-26 September 2015, Bucharest, Romania – Young Researcher`s Conference (the title of the presentation: *Political interdependence in the Caucasus or Russia`s post-imperial legitimacy*).
- 19 November 2015, Prague, the Czech Republic – “State and State Capacities, Democracy and Development“ (the title of the presentation: *Post-Imperial legitimacy*).
- 1-4 December 2015, Freiburg, Germany, – “International Conference in Freiburg“, (the title of the presentation: *Russia on the horns of a dilemma: Struggle against terrorism and deadlock over “Inner abroad”*).
- 16-20 December 2015, Băile Felix, Romania, – the Conference organised during the project POSDRU, (the title of the presentation: *The dynamics of the new centre-periphery dialogue: Vladimir Putin and Ramzan Kadîrov in the North Caucasus.*)
- 2-4 April 2016, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, Great Britain – BASEES 2016 Annual Conference, (the title of the presentation: *Frozen conflicts in the Caucasus – between Russia`s soft power and the legacy of empire*).
- 2-4 iunie 2016, Kazan`, the Russian Federation – Fifth CESS Regional Conference, (the title of the presentation: *Reassessing frozen conflicts in the post-Soviet space or mediating between the parties*).
- 30 June-2 July 2016, Kaunas, Lithuania – The conference “Europe, Nations, and Insecurity. Challenges to Identities“, (the title of the presentation: *Post-Soviet Nationalism in the North-Eastern Caucasus: Islamic revival and its menace to global stability*).
- 16-18 September 2020 – the on-line conference “Romania-Italia-Europa: Historical Evolutions, Cultural Dynamics, International Relations“, (the title of the presentation: *Competing identities in the ex-Soviet space: the Republic of*

Scientific papers	<p><i>Moldova`s identity crisis in light of its frozen conflict in Transnistria).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Legitimitatea postimperială în Rusia actuală</i>, Revista Philohistoriss, an 1,nr.1, iunie 2015. - <i>Political Interdependence in the Caucasus or Russia`s Post-Imperial Legitimacy</i>, Romanian Journal of Social Sciences, Issue no. 2/ Vol. I November 2015. - <i>The New Dynamics of Centre-Periphery Relation: Vladimir Putin and Ramzan Kadyrov in the North Caucaus</i>, Astra salvensis, an III, nr.6, 2015. - <i>Reassessment of frozen conflicts in the former Soviet space in terms of mediating between the parties</i>, Moldavian Journal of International Law and International Relations, Nr 4 (Vol.11) 2016. - <i>Russia`s power mechanism and the legacy of empire. Frozen conflicts in the Caucasus</i>, Moldavian Journal of International Law and International Relations, Nr.1 (Vol.12), 2017. - <i>Abkhazia between the past and the future: loyalties and strategies in a post-imperial context</i>, Revista Moldovenească de Drept Internațional și Relații Internaționale, Nr.3 (Vol.12), 2017. - <i>Political identities in the former Soviet Union: the cases of Abkhazia and South Ossetia</i>, Moldavian Journal of International Law and International Relations, Nr.1 (Vol.14), 2019. - <i>Borders and territorial identity in Moldovan ASSR:Transnistria and the „Bessarabian Question” between 1918 and 1940</i>, Territorial Identity and Development, Vol.5. N.2, Autumn 2020. - <i>Deconstructing the case of Transnistria`s conflict: identities and representations</i>, Moldavian Journal of International Law and International Relations, N.2, Vol.15, 2020.
Technical skills and competences	Microsoft Office, GIS software.
Social skills and competences	Good cultural and liguistic knowledge of English and Russian environment. Good communication skills and efficiency.