# ICC Judicial Nomination – Iulia Antoanella Motoc

FAMILY NAME:	МОТОС	
FIRST NAME:	Iulia	
MIDDLE NAME:	Antoanella	
GENDER:	Female	
DATE OF BIRTH:	20 August 1967	
NATIONALITY:	Romania	
REGIONAL CRITERIA:	Eastern Europe	
SECONDARY NATIONALITY: (IF APPLICABLE)	N/A	
MARITAL STATUS:	married	
LIST A/LIST B	List B	
LANGUAGES	Mother tongue: Romanian	
- ENGLISH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- FRENCH	(written) Advanced	(oral) Advanced
- Others	Spanish: (written) Intermediate	(oral) Intermediate
	Italian: (written) Intermediate	(oral) Intermediate

#### **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

DATE, INSTITUTION, QUALIFICATION(S) OBTAINED (STARTING WITH MOST RECENT)

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## 09/2004 - 06/2007

- Institution: Yale University School of Law, Orville Center for International Human Rights

- Qualification obtained: Post graduate studies, Senior Schell Fellow, Research in transitional criminal

justice

06/1996 - 02/1999

- *Institution:* University of Bucharest, Department of Philosophy

- Qualification obtained: Ph.D. (doctorate) in Moral Philosophy (Thesis: Ethics in international relations

- Sources of Political and Moral Philosophy)

09/1997 - 05/1998

- Institution: University Paris XI, "Jean Monnet" Faculty

- Qualification obtained: Habilitation in Law; habilitation à diriger des recherches (HDR)

09/1991 - 06/1996

- Institution: University "Paul Cezanne" Aix-Marseille III, School of Law

- Qualification obtained: Doctor in Public International Law (Thesis: Exceptions to Article 2 (4) of the

Charter of the united Nations as Interpreted by the UN Security Council;

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highest distinction with the congratulations of the jury summa cum laude)

# 06/1995

Institution: Ministry of Justice of Romania
 Qualification obtained: Full registration judge exam

#### 10/1990 - 09/1991

- Institution: University "Paul Cezanne" Aix-Marseille III, School of Law

- *Qualification obtained*: Master (DEA) in Public International Law

09/1985 - 05/1989

- Institution: University of Bucharest, School of Law

- Qualification obtained: L.L.B. (overall grade: 9.93/10; dissertation topic pertaining to criminal law

(10/10)).

09/1981 - 06/1985

- Institution: "Gheorghe Lazar", lyceum of mathematics and physics, Bucharest

- Qualification obtained: Baccalaureate in mathematics and physics

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

Date, employer, post title, other information (starting with most recent)

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- Please indicate the relevance of the experience to the candidacy under list A or list B, as appropriate

Judge with 20 years of judicial experience at the national and international levels; expert in the field of human rights, humanitarian law and international criminal law, elected by the United Nations (including as the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights for the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); 18 years of professional experience with the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the European Union, including in difficult fact finding and field missions; Professor of Law at the national and international levels for 28 years; author of more than 80 publications; elected member of the Institute of International Law in 2021 (institution awarded Nobel Peace Price). I have expertise in both civil law and common law. I am expert in violence against women and children. Nominated for the list B, but she will be equally eligible for including in the list A.

### 12/2013 - present

- Employer: European Court of Human Rights

- Post title: Judge

• -Other information: As a judge at the ECtHR for more than 9 years, I took part in the examination

of over 2,500 cases, including more than 1,500 criminal law cases (president in more than 700 cases), and have taken part in several cases concerning counts of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, including the case of Drelingas v. Lithuania (No. 28859/16, 12 March 2019), which concerned a verdict of guilty for the crime of genocide committed during the Soviet era. I also presided as a judge in the following Grand Chamber cases: Sargsyan v. Azerbaijan ([GC], No. 40167/06, 16 June 2016) and Chiragov and Others v. Armenia ([GC], No. 13216/05, 16 June 2016), both of which concerned

massive violations of human rights in the Nagorno-Karabakh region and raised complex issues touching upon the jurisdiction of the respondent States, within the meaning of Article 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), over the Nagorno Karabakh region and the adjacent occupied territories; Jaloud v the Netherlands ([GC], No. 47708/08, 20 November 2014), concerning the fatal shooting of Azhar Sabah Jaloud by Dutch troops in the early hours of 21 April 2004 at a checkpoint in Iraq; Ukraine and the Netherlands v. Russia ([GC] (dec.), Nos. 8019/16 and others, 30 November 2022), concerning events in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions and in the Donbass area of eastern Ukraine, which began in the spring of 2014.

During my term of office at the ECtHR, I sat in several cases involving violence against women (for instance, Balsan v. Romania, No. 49645/09, 23 May 2017) and children (D.M.D. v. Romania, No. 23022/13, 3 October 2017). In Kurt v. Austria ([GC], No. 62903/15, 15 June 2021) the main issue was the alleged lack of protective measures against a father accused of domestic violence and barred from his home, who later on killed his own child (although, before the commission of that murder, there had not been a discernible real and immediate risk to the child's life).

I examined several cases involving fundamental principles of criminal law, such as non bis in idem (Mihalache v. Romania [GC], No. 54012/10, 8 September 2019), nullum crinem, nulla poena sine lege, the right of every accused person to legal assistance and the conditions under which, owing to an exceptionally serious and imminent threat to public safety, access to a lawyer can be delayed during police questioning (Ibrahim and Others v. the United Kingdom [GC], Nos. 50541/08 and others, 13 September 2016). Through this case, I gained additional experience in the fields of criminal and international law, which I consider to be of special relevance for the work of a judge of the ICC.

In 2017, I was elected President of the Committee on the Status of Judges, which is responsible for establishing the principles concerning judicial ethics. Under my presidency, the Committee proposed new guidelines on judicial ethics, which were later on adopted by the plenary body of the Court. This experience is particularly relevant for the ICC with regard to the review of the Rome Statute system, which took place in 2020. I was involved as a rapporteur in a fundamental report on the status of judges and in a report on their postmandate situation. The latter report is now being examined by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe and may also be relevant to the work of the ICC.

In 2015, I created the Public International Law Group at the ECtHR, aimed at building bridges between university professors (who are invited to speak), judges and members of the Court's Registry. A similar system of inviting university professors is also in place at the ICC, which is aware of the importance of this dialogue.

I have been an active member of the Criminal Law Group, which had several exchanges with the ICC. Membership in the group provided me with a good opportunity to familiarize myself with Anglo-Saxon criminal law.

I served as focal point for the relationship between the ECtHR and States that are not parties to the ECHR. In this capacity, I organized a number of meetings between the ECtHR and the Supreme Courts of a number of countries, including countries in Africa, Asia and South America. This work, in a multicultural environment, is relevant in the ICC context.

During my time on the Court, I have drafted separate opinions (which may be consulted on the ECtHR Hudoc Internet site) in the fields of international law, the law of State responsibility and international criminal law. In those opinions, I addressed the notion of "effective control", the need to avoid fragmentation in law, and the means to fight violence against women and the trafficking of women.

#### 05/2010 - 12/2013

- *Employer:* Constitutional Court of Romania

- Post title: Judge

• -Other information: The Constitutional Court decides on objections with regard to the

unconstitutionality of laws and ordinances brought up before courts of law or of commercial arbitration; the objection of unconstitutionality may also be objections brought. Deciding on of unconstitutionality, comprehensive knowledge of Romanian law inspired by the civil law tradition, especially criminal law, civil law, labour law and financial law. I was Judge-Rapporteur specializing in cases requiring in-depth knowledge of international law and human rights, the settlement of constitutional disputes, as well as a priori disputes, covering a wide range of legislation, including electoral law, criminal law, civil law, revision of the Constitution and independence of the judiciary. I also drafted separate opinions in the field of international law and the relationship between international law and domestic law. Being a member of trial panels in over 2,000 cases involving criminal law provided me with important experience. During the time I was in the Constitutional Court, a new Criminal Code was adopted, and many of the cases I had to determine concerned objections of unconstitutionality arising from the new Criminal Code.

I became used to working with a very large number of cases, about 10,000 per year, often under great pressure, which meant a heavy and continuous workload, including at weekends.

At the same time, during the time I was a judge, the Court was subjected to numerous political attacks and even threats, which I had to become used to resisting.

I represented the Court at various international events and congresses of constitutional courts on several continents.

2019 - present

- *Employer:* The Hague Academy of International Law

- Post title: Visiting Professor of International Law, session of 2024

1995 - present

- *Employer*: University of Bucharest

- *Post title:* Professor of Law (2002-present), Reader (1998-2002), Lecturer (1997-1998),

Vice Dean responsible for research, Scientific Secretary (1996-2002),

Teaching Assistant (1995-1997), Tenured position (1995-present)

- Other information: Teaching of classes to undergraduate and postgraduate students and

supervision of PhD theses in the fields of Public International Law, Human

Rights Law, and International Criminal Law.

01/2007 - 12/2013

Employer: United Nations

- Post title: Member, UN Human Rights Committee (2007-2010; re-elected in 2010);

Rapporteur & Member of the Bureau (2010 2012); Vice-President (2012-2013)

• *-Other information:* 

The UN Human Rights Committee is a quasi-judicial body of independent experts that monitors the implementation of the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its first Optional Protocol. I was one of the experts among the 18 members for 7 years. I examined more than 70 reports of States regarding the implementation of civil and political rights and addressed recommendations to the States concerned.

• In addition, I was a member of the Communication Group, which examined more than 100 individual complaints in areas such as the right to life, enforced disappearances and other massive violations of human rights that are also within the competence of the International Criminal Court. In the Human Rights Committee, I held a management position as Vice-President and was a focal point with non-governmental organizations. I worked in a close relationship with the victims. The UN Human Rights Committee gave me another opportunity to work with the common law and civil law system in a multicultural environment.

#### 11/2001 - 04/2004

- Employer:

**United Nations** 

- Post title:

Special Rapporteur, United Nations Commission for Human Rights for the Democratic Republic of the Congo

• *-Other information:* 

As Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council I undertook several missions to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and neighbouring countries from 2001 to 2004. I consider that contact with victims in the field is one of the most important ways of understanding the work of the International Criminal Court. I visited the towns of Kinshasa, Kisangani, Bunia, Bukavu, Kindu and Lubumbashi. Those years were marked in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by massive human rights violations, which I described as crimes under international law.

The interviews I had with child soldiers in Bunia and Kindu showed that most had suffered from ill-treatment and torture. The majority of girls had been subjected to sexual violence. The children's accounts of warfare were terrifying: placed on the front lines of the fighting, they were forced to kill, rape and pillage.

During my three separate stays in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, I was able to meet with a number of female victims of sexual violence. These women had been subjected to great cruelty while being raped. Most of the women who were raped were also physically mutilated.

I met with several women who had been repeatedly raped after being abducted by various armed groups. Most had serious illnesses and were rejected by their families, often as a result of pressure from their communities.

I considered it absolutely vital for the victims to receive reparation, including compensation, satisfaction and guarantees of non-recurrence. Full reparation for harm suffered by victims of massive human rights violations is the only way to guarantee their reintegration into society.

I visited The Hague on several occasions, where I met with the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and his colleagues. I welcomed the decision by the Prosecutor of the to make the Democratic Republic of the Congo the first State to be the subject of his investigations and said that the decision would ensure that justice was done in the most murderous

international conflict since the Second World War. My reports were quoted by the Prosecutor of the ICC, several UN bodies, NGOs and academics, as well as in petitions of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the International Court of Justice.

01/2003 - 06/2004

- Employer: New York University School of Law

- Post title: Senior Jean Monnet Fellow, Fulbright Fellow, and Lecturer

- Other information: Courses: "International Law and Democracy" and "History and Theory of

International Law"

2012 - 2013

- Employer: Centre for Justice and International Law in a Global World, Research Institute

of International and European Law, Sorbonne, IRDIES

- Post title: Research Professor in International Law

09/2007 - 12/2013

- Employer: European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization,

Venice

- Post title: Director (Romania), European Master of Human Rights and Democratization

2010 - 2012

- *Employer:* European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

- Post title: Member of the Management Board

- Other information: FRA is an independent centre of excellence for promoting and protecting

human rights in the States Members of the EU. It helps defend the fundamental rights of all people living in the EU. The Management Board is responsible for the definition of the Agency's priorities, the establishment of the budget and monitoring the Agency's operations. In particular, the Management Board: adopts the Agency's annual work programme; adopts the Agency's annual reports; appoints (and, if necessary, dismisses) the Agency's Director; adopts the Agency's annual draft and final budgets and the financial rules applicable to the agency; and appoints members and revokes membership of the

Scientific Committee.

09/2007 - 06/2008

- Employer: Diplomatic Academy of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- Post title: Visiting Professor

06/1998 - 05/2004, 06/2008 - 05/2012

- *Employer:* Council of Europe

- Post title: Member, Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the

Protection of National Minorities

• -Other information: On 1 February 1998, the Framework Convention for the Protection of National

Minorities entered into force as the first legally binding multilateral treaty on

minority protection.

I was a member of the body from its inception for 10 years. As a member of the Advisory Committee, I made numerous visits to the Member States where I met with representatives of minorities and with Governments. These were very important visits because we could talk with the victims and see how minorities live and are treated. We composed drafts for submission and

adoption by the full Advisory Committee. In the 10 years of my mandate, I made many visits and participated in the adoption of 80 reports.

#### 08/2004 - 06/2007

- Employer: United Nations

- Post title: Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Genetics

- *Other information:* First UN reports on genetics.

1996 - 06/2007

- *Employer:* United Nations

- Post title: President (2000-2001), member (2000-2007), substitute member (1996 2000),

Sub Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

• *-Other information:* 

It was one of the most important human rights bodies. About a thousand NGOs participated in the summer sessions. I had the opportunity to speak and exchange with NGOs from all over the world. At the same time, many victims of human rights violations participated in the sessions and working groups. I had the chance to speak with many victims, from all continents. As a member of the Working Group Against Contemporary Forms of Slavery, I spoke with many victims of sexual assault and trafficking. Authored reports about mass violations of human rights; member, Working Group on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights (2003 2006); President, Working Group on the Administration of Justice (2002 2006); member, Social Forum, United Nations (2005); member, Working Group on Indigenous Peoples (2000–2004); member, Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (1999 2000, 2003).

I have co-authored with NGOs the Working Paper on Free, Prior and Informed Consent of the Indigenous People, which was incorporated in the UN Declaration for Indigenous People and is quoted by States, NGOs, academia.

I was the co-author of the UN Guidelines principles for Extreme poverty doing field missions in Japan, Brazil, Malaysia, India.

By the middle of the 1970s, the Genocide Convention had not been ratified by all of the members of the Security Council and appeared to be moribund after 20 years of inaction. Members of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities decided to investigate the subject. Over the next decade, it launched a number of initiatives, which included the publication of: the study on the question of the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide authored by Nicodème Ruhashyankiko in 1978; the report on the question of the prevention and punishment of the crime of genocide authored by Benjamin Whitaker in 1985; and Principles and Guidelines on the Right to a Remedy and Reparation for Victims of Gross Violations of International Human Rights Law and Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law (see General Assembly resolution 60/147).

### 07/2006

- Employer: European Academy of Human Rights, European University Institute, Florence

- *Post title:* Visiting Professor

09/2002 - 06/2003

- Employer: Diplomatic Academy of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- *Post title:* Scientific Director

- Other information: Drafting of the first post-communist educational programs of the Diplomatic

Academy; selection of the Academy's professors; coordinator of the course on

public international law.

08/2001 - 08/2003

- *Employer:* St. Thomas University, Miami

- Post title: Visiting Professor (course on "Human Rights and the United Nations")

04/1990 - 12/1995

- *Employer*: Trial Court of the 2nd District of Bucharest

- Post title: Judge at the Bucharest District Court in criminal and civil cases

- Other information: Presiding and drafting complex criminal cases, especially with women and

children as victims

09/1989 - 04/1990

- Employer: Giurgiu Court- Post title: Trainee Prosecutor

- Other information: Prosecuting and defending serious sexual offences against women and children

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Please copy/paste if more entries are needed

2008 - 2015

Activity: Arbitrator and Conciliator, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes

2013

Activity: Lecturer, University of Strasbourg

2010 - 2012

Activity: Member of the Managing Board, National Council for Accreditation for the legal academic

profession, Romania

2008

Activity: Member, International Commission of Jurists, Geneva

2007

Activity: Visiting Professor "violence against women", UN University, Tokyo

2007

Activity: Lecturer, European Master in Human Rights, Venice

2000 - 2002

Activity: President, Association pour le Prix Femmes d'Europe, Romania

01/1999 - 06/1999

Activity: Researcher, Mellon Fellowship, Research Topic: Rule of law and human rights, Institute for

Human Sciences, Vienna

1999

Activity: Lecturer, Université Libre de Bruxelles

1998

Activity: Lecturer, University of Michigan

1996 - 1998

Activity: Lecturer, Paris XI University

1997 - 1998

Activity: Lecturer, The Catholic University of Milan

# MOST RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Author of more than 80 books, book chapters, and articles

**Books**:

- Women in Public International Law, forthcoming, 2023
- Democracy and pluralism in international law: A view from the East, Collections Doctrines, Pedone, Paris (with a foreword by Judge A. A. Cancado Trindade and Lauri Malksoo), forthcoming
- Migration and the European Convention on Human Rights (European Society of International Law),
   Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2021 (co-editor)
- The Rule of Law in Europe: Recent Challenges and Judicial Responses, Springer, New York, 2021 (co-editor)
- Perspectives on the national and international protection of human rights: Liber Amicorum Guido Raimondi, Wolf Legal Publishers, 2019 (co-editor)
- Justice and Human Rights, Pedone, Paris, 2019 (co-editor)
- The European Convention on Human Rights and General International Law, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2018 (co-editor)
- Human rights in global world, Essays in honour of Judge Lopez Guerra, Wolf Legal Publishers, Oisterwijk, Netherlands, 2018 (co-editor)
- New developments in Constitutional Law, Eleven Publishers, The Hague, 2017 (co-editor)
- The impact of the ECHR on Democratic Change in Central and Eastern Europe, Cambridge, 2016 (coeditor)
- Internationalist doctrines during the years of real communism in Europe, UMR Comparative Law, Society of Comparative Legislation Publishing House, Sorbonne, 2012 (prix des éditeurs français) (coeditor)
- About democracy in United Europe, Humanitas, Bucharest, 2012
- Foreign Policy Analysis Manual, Polirom, Bucharest, 2010 (co-editor)
- Women's rights as human rights from universal to regional, Women's Rights: From Regional to Universal in Human Rights, Essays in Honour of Justice Bhagwati, University of Bucharest Publishing House, University of Bucharest, 2009 (editor)
- Theory of International Relations: Sources of Political and Moral Philosophy, Paideia, Bucharest, 2001
- The European Union: the law and politics of Eastern enlargement, Paideia, Bucharest, 2001
- La prévention et la répression du génocide et la conception sur la justice: le droit international entre lege ferenda et utopie, in K. Bustany, D. Dormoy (eds.), Génocide(s), Bruylant, Bruxelles, 1999
- The use of force in international law: the exception of Article 2(4) as interpreted by the Security Council, Babel, Bucharest, 1997 (prefaced by Professor Maurice Flory)
- Droit International Public, Bucharest University Press, Bucharest, 1996 (co-author)

# **Articles**:

- The ECHR and the UN Human Rights Committee, "Je T'Aime Plus, Moi Non-Plus: Some Remarks about Correia de Matos v. Portugal and the Right to Defend Oneself in Person", in E. Decaux, I. Motoc (eds.), Justice and Human Rights, Pedone, Paris, 2019 (co-author)
- The ECHR and Responsibility of the State: Moving Towards Judicial Integration: A View from the Bench, in A. van Aaken, I. Motoc (eds.), The ECHR and the General International Law, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2018 (co-author)
- Conceptions of pluralism and international law, in E. Jouannet, H.R. Fabri, V. Tomkiewitz, What is
  international law for, Proceedings of the European Society of International Law (ESIL), Hart
  Publishing, Oxford, 2008
- The UN Special Rapporteurs, in E. Decaux, The United Nations and Human Rights, Pedone, Paris, 2006
- The Responsibility of State and the Individual: Controversial aspects of the right to democracy, in K. Koufa (ed.), The Responsibility of the State, Courses of the Academy of International Law, Thesaurus Acroasium, Sakkoulas, Thessaloniki, 2006
- Taking Democracy Seriously: The Normative Challenges to the International Legal System, in Stefan Griller (ed.), International Economic Governance and Non-Economic Concerns New Challenges for the International Legal Order, Springer, New York, 2003 (co-author)

- Governance without Government: The Normative Challenge of International Law, in A. Stone Sweet et al (eds.), Citizenship: New Powers in a Global Society, Calouste Gulbekian, Lisbon, 2000 (coauthor)
- "The prevention and repression of genocide and the concept of justice: international law between lege ferenda and Utopia", in K. Boustany, D. Dormoy (eds.), Genocide(s), Bruylant, Bruxelles, 1999
- The Rule of Law and Moral Law in International Relations: Common Sense, Political Realism, Skepticism, in R. Gerin, P. Jedlikova (eds.), A Decade of Transformation, IWM, Vienna, 1999
- Neither Right nor Power, in A. Giovannelli (ed.), Semi-presidentialism: from the European archipelago to the Italian debate, Gianpichelli, Turin, 1999 (co-author)
- Motoc, Iulia i Sanchez Cano, Javier, "Las operaciones de mantenimiento de la paz de las Naciones Unidas enla Posguerra fría", Agenda ONU: Anuario de la Asociación de Naciones Unidas en España, 1998
- The interpretative power of the Security Council, Romanian Journal of Legal Sciences, No. 1/1996
- The creation of an International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Romanian Journal of Humanitarian Law, No. 1/1995
- The independence and impartiality of the judicial system in the European Convention on Human Rights, Romanian Human Rights Review, No. 10/1995

# MOST RELEVANT SEMINARS

- December 2022: Witness protection in the ECHR system, International Criminal Court, Assembly of States Parties, The Hague
- May 2021: Central European Traditions in International Law, European Approaches to International Law in a Historical Perspective, European University Institute, Florence
- April 2021: The Independence of the Judiciary and Human Rights, Connecticut
- February 2020: Women's Human Rights in the 21st Century: Developments and Challenges in International and European Law, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg
- May 2019: Impunity and Human Rights, Eurojust, The Hague
- April 2019: Justice and gender perspective, Madrid
- December 2018: International and European Law and the challenges of rule of law, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg
- October 2018: The UN Treaty Bodies, School of Law, Emory University, Atlanta
- June 2018: Confiscation in the absence of a conviction and the European Court of Human Rights, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca
- June 2018: Independence and impartiality of the judicial system and the rule of law, Alba Iulia Bar
- March 2018: The declaration of Copenhagen, University Roma Tre, Rome
- October 2017: The European Convention on Human Rights and Migration, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg
- November 2016: The impact of the European Court of Human Rights and the case-law of democratic change and development in Eastern Europe, Supreme Court of Lithuania, Vilnius
- September 2016: Chair of the group of International law, ESIL conference, Graduate School, University of Riga
- February 2016: The European Convention on Human Rights and the crimes of the past (in collaboration with judges of the ICC)
- June 2015: The European Convention on Human Rights and General International Law, ESIL European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg
- October 2014: Lustration and human rights, Charles University Praga
- September 2014: Systemic problem of judiciary from an international judge's perspective, Ljubljana
- June 2014: Anti-liberalism and international law, The approaches of liberal and illiberal governments to international law, University of Tartu, Estonia
- 2013: International law and domestic law, ESIL, Bucharest
- 2012: The impact of the European Court of Human Rights and the case law of democratic change and development in Eastern Europe, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg

- 2008: Women's rights as human rights: from universal to regional, Bucharest
- 2008: Children with disabilities: a human rights perspective, United Nations
- January 2008: European law: International law, American Society of International Law leadership meeting, Washington D.C.
- 2007: Cinema and Human Rights, Columbia University, New York
- 2007: Principles concerning extreme poverty, United Nations, New York
- 2007: Genetics and international law, International Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association, Connecticut
- 2006: Vespasian Pella and the creation of the international criminal law, Berlin Humboldt University and Tartu University
- 2006: Pluralism in international law, ESIL, Paris I Sorbonne
- 2005: Poverty and human rights, the European case, Rio de Janeiro
- 2004: Children and massive violations of human rights, UNCHR, Yaoundé, Cameroon
- 2004: Administration of justice and human rights, Pune, India
- 2003: International law and the political theory, escaping the Panopticon, New York University
- 2001: The Role of Women in the Judiciary, Hakone, Japan
- 2000: Women's rights in Eastern Europe, European Parliament, Brussels

#### MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND SOCIETIES

- 2021 onwards: Member of the Institute of International Law (Founded in 1873; awarded Nobel prize)
- 2018 onwards: Member of the British Society of International and Comparative Law
- 2017 onwards: Member of the Société Française pour le Droit International
- 2016 onwards: Lifetime Member of the European Society of International Law
- 2005-2009: Board Member of the International Commission of Jurists
- 2007-2008: Member of the Romanian branch of the Working Group on Biotechnology and International Law, International Law Association
- 2006 onwards: Member of the Romanian branch of International Law Association
- 2004-2008: Member of the Executive Board of the European Society of International Law

### AWARDS AND HONOURS

• 2012: National Order of the Star of Romania (the highest Romanian distinction: rank of knight)

• 2010: Order of Saint Constantine and Elena

2004-2007: Yale University fellowship
2003: Fulbright fellowship
1990–1999: Mellon fellowship

• 1990–1995: French State fellowship

2023: Certificate of Honour from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan
 2021: Best separate opinion of a Judge of ECHR - Strasbourg Observers

#### PERSONAL INTERESTS

Victims rights, world literature, philosphy, art history and music