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In 1997, I obtained the Ph.D. title in General Linguistics, my research area being Chinese Sociolinguistics. I have been teaching Chinese at the University of Bucharest since 1990, my main courses being Chinese Grammar (morphology, syntax and lexicology), Chinese Sociolinguistics, Chinese Civilization and Literary Translation Technique.

I published several books on Chinese linguistics, such as «Contemporary Chinese Lexicology», «Chinese Linguistics» (co-author), «The Standardization of the Chinese Language and Writing, «Practical Chinese - Textbook». I have written 25 academic articles and have attended numerous conferences and academic events concerning sinology and Chinese language teaching.

I have also been engaged in translation work, starting with the translation of Chinese classics - « Zhuangzi » and «Xunzi » and then, for the last few years, translating works of Chinese contemporary authors, such as Mo Yan, Yu Hua, Ah Cheng and Liu Zhenyun.

I have been the Romanian Director of the Confucius Institute in the University of Bucharest since 2013. In this position, I had a large contribution to the promotion of Chinese in various schools in Romania and contributed to the introduction of Chinese language as an optional course in the National Education Curricula. In 2015 the Ministry of Education appointed me as the coordinator of the team for elaborating the curriculum for Chinese language (5th grade to 12th grade). I was also appointed as the coordinator for elaborating the textbooks for the respective grades, a huge project that is still under preparation.