

PERSONAL INFORMATION



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WORK EXPERIENCE

- UNIVERSITY LECTURER** (2015 to present) Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania.
- UNIVERSITY TEACHING DISCIPLINES** Lecturing courses as follows: Introduction in Data Science; Leadership and Political Communication; Introduction in Political Science; Public Image of Political Leaders; Political Anthropology; Political Sociology; Political psychoanalysis.
- MASTER COORDINATOR** Coordinator of the master’s Program in Leadership and Political Communication at the Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, Bucharest, Romania.
<http://comunicare.ro/index.php?page=masterat-comunicare-politica-marketing-politic-i-electoral>
- SENIOR RESEARCHER** (2015 to present) Institute for Quality-of-Life Research, Romanian Academy.
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- ASSISTANT TEACHER** (2005 to 2015) Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- (2022 - 2023) **Researcher and Visiting Professor for the Data Science specialisation in healthcare.**
Medical Image Analysis & Artificial Intelligence (MIAAI), DPU, Krems, Austria
Specialization in data science on qualitative and quantitative research in medical sociology. MIAAI is a research centre deals with the measurement of biomarkers by medical sensors using artificial intelligence in development and innovation.
<https://www.miaai.at/post/dr-sebastian-fitzek-phd>
- (2014 - 2015) **Postdoctoral Fellow**
Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy
” Interethnic imaginary in Bucharest. Case study: the ethnic otherness and the collective imaginary among the contact areas between the Roma and Romanians”, within project funded through Structural Instruments Pluri and interdisciplinarity in doctoral and postdoctoral programmes, POSDRU/159/1.5/S/141086.
- (2007 - 2010) **PhD in Sociology**
West University of Timisoara, Doctoral School at the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology
In my thesis I developed a new sociological and anthropological concept in the study of ethnic communities: the "interethnic imaginary" which I developed further in my book: "Political Power and the Sacred. Psychosocial Approaches to the Coelctival Imaginary".

- (2005 - 2007) **MA in Political Communication. Political and Electoral Marketing**
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, Bucharest
Skills: Political Communication; Political and Electoral Marketing, Political Analyst; Political Leadership.

- (2010 - 2013) **BA in Political Science**
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Faculty of Political Science
Skills: Theory and Political Philosophy; Comparative Politics; International Relations; European Studies; Public Policy; Central and Eastern Europe Policy; Democracy and Minorities Studies; Political Sociology; Electoral Marketing.

- (2001 - 2005) **BA in Communication and Public Relation**
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, Bucharest
Skills: Communication and Public Relations; Mass media and Society; Publicity.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Pedagogy and teaching; Data Science, e-learning; psychoanalysis; patience; perseverance; stress resistance; a good spirit of organization; joy of teamworking.

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
German	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills good communication skills as university teacher, master coordinator, researcher and trainer

Organisational / managerial skills political leadership (currently responsible for master coordination)

Data Science Data Science: Matplotlib: Visualization with Python, Numpy, Sklearn, Seaborn, BS4, Selenium, Scapy.
Maxqda 2020 analytics program in qualitative methods
Basic knowledge in R and SQL, screening of scientific articles, regression analysis
ECDL, Ms.Office
good command and skills in graphic design (Corel Photo Paint and Corel Draw).
General knowledge of systems operation for Windows, Mac and Linux.

Driving licence B

Books

- **Fitzek, S.** (2022). *Sacred and Political Power, Psychosocial approaches of collective imaginary*, Bukarest: Pro Universitaria, ISBN 978-606-26-1602-1, pp.290.
<https://www.doi.org/10.52744/978-606-26-1602-1>
- Zamfir, E., Ilie, S., **Fitzek, S.** (coord.) (2022). *Domestic violence in Romania in the Pandemic context. Risks and support policies, (SOCIAL REPORT OF IQLR)*, Bucharest: Pro Universitaria, ISBN 978-606-26-1618-2, pp.290.
<https://www.doi.org/10.52744/978-606-26-1602-1>
- (translation) **Fitzek, S.** (2022). Scientific translation and adaptation of the book by Professor **Christoph Wulf** (anthropologist and professor at the Free University of Berlin), from German to Romanian: "Bildung als Wissen vom Menschen im Anthropozän", Bucharest: Editura Didactica si Pedagogica, ISBN: 978-606-31-1541-7. https://www.edituradp.ro/carte/educatia-ca-stiinta-la-omul-din-antropocen-o-perspectiva-antropologica-i1473?fbclid=IwAR2VZx7h2Gjw-kSCz2zeC1nl6CPZMnqt18BGxvzbzPWI_POkJ5Nk9_aR0OAc
- **Fitzek, S.** (2020). "Sacrul și puterea politică. Abordări psihosociale ale imaginarii colective", Bucharest: Pro Universitaria, ISBN 978-606-26-1198-9, 282 p.
- **Fitzek, S.** & All (2018). *Programul: Istoria socială a României: 1918 – 2018*, in Zamfir Cătălin (coord), Bucharest: Editura Academiei Române, ISBN: 978-973-27-2947-2, 287 p.
- **Fitzek, S.**; Danețiu, Mihaela; (2011). *Dialogue for Changing Stereotypes*, în Ecriș, Ahmed (ed.), Bucharest: RAO International Publishing Company, ISBN 978-973-54-0172-6

Scientific articles and reviews

- **Fitzek, S.** (2022). Challenges and social vulnerabilities for Romanian seasonal workers in Germany during the Covid-19 pandemic. *Journal of Community Positive Practices*, (2), 21-38.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.35782/JCPP.2022.2.02>, link: <http://jppc.ro/index.php/jppc/article/view/521>
- (review) **Fitzek, S.** (2021). Psihosociologia publicității. Despre reclamele vizuale. Editura Pro Universitaria, București, 2021. Septimiu Chelcea. *Sociologie Românească*, 19(2), 259-262.
<https://doi.org/10.33788//sr.19.2.14>
- **Fitzek, S.**, (2021), „Problems and solutions of Romanian migration in UK, Germany and Austria during 2020”, in *Journal of Community Positive Practices (JPPC)*, nr. 1, pp. 59-70.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.35782/JCPP.2021.1.05>
- (review) **Fitzek, S.**, (2020), „ICCV 2020 social report. Covid19 in Romania, data, analysis, evolutions and statistics, Bucharest: Romanian Academy, 2020, p. 273”, in *Journal of Community Positive Practices (JPPC)*, nr.3.
- (review) **Fitzek, S.**, (2020), „Politically incorrect, Scenarios for a possible Romania, Vasile S. Dâncu, Ediția a III-a, Editura Școala Ardeleană, Cluj-Napoca, 2017, 378 p. in *Journal of Romanian Sociology*, nr.1, pp. 192-198.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (2019). The difficulties of Romanian families with elderly people in care (a diagnosis of the

- Romanian elderly who are at risk), in *Journal of Community Positive Practices* (JPPC), nr. 4, pp. 11-27. <http://jppc.ro/index.php/jppc/article/view/354>
- (review) **Fitzek, S.**, (2018). Ioan Mărginean (coordonator), Marian Vasile (coordinator), Dicționar de Calitatea Vieții, in *Journal of Romanian Sociology*, Vol. XVI, nr. 3-4/2018
 - **Fitzek, S.;** Fitzek, Cătălina-Daniela (2017). Structural and organizational similarities in the institutional troika: The Communist Party of Romania, the Comintern and the Communist Party (Bolshevik), în *JPPC*, nr.4/2017
 - **Fitzek, S.;** Stănescu, M. Simona (2017). Principalele teme de reformă și dezvoltare în programele politice și electorale din perioada tranziției (The main themes of reform and development in the political and electoral programs during the transition period), in *Revista Calitatea Vieții*, nr. 4/2017, pp. 370-391 <http://www.revistacalitateavietii.ro/2017/CV-4-2017/02.pdf>
 - **Fitzek, S.;** Fitzek, Cătălina-Daniela (2017). The chimeric personalities of three professional revolutionaries in the history of the Communist Movement, from 1921-1924, in *Journal of Community Positive Practices*, nr.2/2017, pp.17-30, ISSN 1582 -8344 <http://jppc.ro/?page=descriere&lang=ro&numar=JCPP%20Nr.%202%202017>
 - **Fitzek, S.** (2016). Family's socio-economic situation in the Romanian room as compared with other countries of the European Union, in *Journal of Community Positive Practices*, nr.2/2016, pp.86-106, ISSN 1582-8344 <http://jppc.ro/?page=descriere&lang=ro&numar=JCPP%20Nr.%202%202016>
 - **Fitzek, S.** (2016). Socio-economic situation of Romanian families in European context, *Journal of Community Positive Practices*, nr.2/2016
 - (review) **Fitzek, S.**, (2016). Stănescu Simona Maria, Statul Bunăstării. Între supraviețuire, reformă, și integrare europeană, Pro Universitaria, București, 2013, 275 p. *Sociologie Românească*, 14(1), 115-117. Retrieved from https://revistasociologieromaneasca.ro/sr/article/view/2016_2_Fitzek,
 - **Fitzek, S.** (2015). The ethnical otherness and the interethnic imaginary among the contact areas between the Roma and Romanians, in the *Journal of Community Positive Practices*, nr. 3, 2015.
 - **Fitzek, S.**, (2014), "The Romanian Social worker facing challenges and meeting economic opportunities provided by the European Union" in *Quality of Life Magazine*, coord. Catalin Zamfir, No.4, ISSN 1018-0839 <http://www.revistacalitateavietii.ro/2014/CV-4-2014/01.pdf>
 - **Fitzek, S.**, (2014), "The role of collective imaginary while interpreting the social imaginary" , within the online magazine of *Social Innovation*, No. 6 (1), available online at: <http://www.inovatiiasociala.ro/articol/129/>
 - Frigioiu, Nicolae; **Fitzek, S.**; (2009) "Traditions culturelles et cultures politiques européennes", *Sociologie Românească* magazine, Bucharest, Romanian Academy, ISSN 1018-0839

Chapters in volume

- **Fitzek, S.** (2020), „Welfare as a model for application in the ideology and governing programs of the Romanian centre-left political parties after the 1990s”, in *Social policies in Romania after 30 years. Expectations and answers*, in (ed) Zamfir E., Voicu M, Stănescu S.M., Bucharest: Romanian Academy, pp.101-127, ISBN 978-973-27-3239-7. <http://www.revistacalitateavietii.ro/2021/CV-1-2021/04.pdf> <https://revistasociologieromaneasca.ro/sr/article/view/1730/1651> (citari)

<http://bibliotecadesociologie.ro/download/zamfir-elena-voicu-malina-stanescu-simona-maria-eds-2020-politici-sociale-in-romania-dupa-30-de-ani-asteptari-si-raspunsuri-bucuresti-editura-academiei-romane/>

- **Fitzek, S.** (2016). A semiotic interpretation of collective imaginary, pp.83-96, in Buzoianu, C.C., Nechita, E. (coordonators). *Social inclusion in digital era*, Cluj-Napoca: Casa Cărții de Știință, ISBN 978-606-17-0883-3
- **Fitzek, S.** (2015). The Emergency of Cooperation: Party Cartel, in Tomiță Mihaela, Simona Maria Stănescu (coordonator), Ștefănescu Marius Vasiliuță (ed.), *Contemporary Sociology: Interdisciplinary and Empirical Studies*, Timișoara, Pro Universitaria, ISBN 978-606-26-0163-8, pp. 257-272
- **Fitzek, S.** (2015). Public policies and the role of the social worker in Romania in the new European construction in Zamfir Elena; Stanescu Simona Maria; Arpinte Daniel (coordinators), *Social Assistance in Romania after 25 years: Reaction to the problems of transition*, Cluj-Napoca: EIKON, Național CNCISIS, ISBN: 978-606-711-263-4, pp. 591-605.

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/299412415_Asistenta_sociala_in_Romania_dupa_25_de_anii_raspuns_la_problemele_tranzitiei_-_](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/299412415_Asistenta_sociala_in_Romania_dupa_25_de_anii_raspuns_la_problemele_tranzitiei_-_texte_selectate_Social_Work_in_Romania_after_25_years_answers_to_tranzition%27s_problem_-_selected_texts#fullTextFileContent)

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- Zamfir Elena, Livius Manea, **Fitzek, S.**, Codrin Scutaru; (2015). Data evaluation in socio-economic research on the employment of people with multiple sclerosis in Zamfir Elena; Stanescu Simona Maria; Arpinte Daniel (coordinators), *Social Assistance in Romania after 25 years: Reaction to the problems of transition*, Cluj-Napoca: EIKON, National CNCISIS, ISBN: 978-606-711-263-4, pp. 467-518.
- **Fitzek, S.;** (2014). “Romanian Roma-Inter-Ethnic Political and Social Imaginary From Bucharest” in Ahmet Ecirli, Sokol Pacukaj, Iulian Stanescu, Mihaela Ioana Danețiu (coordinators), *Proceedings of the International Conference on Social Sciences*, București: EUSER, Vol.2, ISBN 9788890916359, pp. 628-635.
- **Fitzek, S.;** (2014). Psychosocial and Identity aspects, inter – ethnical dialogue and alterity issues between the Romanian People and Roma People, in *EJSER Journal* from 2014, no. 3, vol.1, ISSN 2312-8429.
- **Fitzek, S.;** Danețiu, Mihaela; (2013), “Third Sector Organizations in Sweden and Romania: Linking Social Capital and Well-Being in the Mixed Welfare System” in *The European Culture for Human Rights: The Right to Happiness*, Newcastle upon Tyne, Cambridge Scholars Publishing (340-349), ISBN (10): 1-4438-5446-8, ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-5446-7
- **Fitzek, S.;** Danețiu, Mihaela; (2013), “Courts as subject of information for the public interest” within the multidisciplinary research magazine “Cogito”, vol. V, no.1, ISSN 2066-7094
- Danețiu, Mihaela; **Fitzek, S.;** (2011), “The European Social Economy and the EU2020” – Ioan, Horga and Istvan Suli-Zakar (ed.coord), *EuroTimes*, Oradea, Supl. 3, pp. 159-170
- Danețiu, Mihaela; **Fitzek, S.** (2009), “Bio-Power. The Panopticon, Politics and Media” – Dobrescu, Paul, Pricopie, Remus, Ionescu, Mihaela Alexandra (ed.), *R&D Perspectives. Promoting Innovation through Education, Culture and Communication*, Bucharest, Comunicare.ro, pp. 107-112, ISBN 978-973-711-220-0.

Scientific reports:

- **Fitzek, S. & all** (2021). SDL Regional Local Strategy Development Report ICCV/INCE

- **Fitzek, S.** & all (2021). Report ICCV/INCE in "Analysis, streamlining and updating of the legal framework in the field of tourism", SIPOCA Code: 392, MySMIS2014+ Code: 116156".
- Zamfir, Elena; Livius, Manea; **Fitzek, S.**; Codrin, Scutaru; (2012), "Evaluation data in economic – social research of the employment of persons with multiple sclerosis", Romanian Academy – ICCV, National CNCISIS, Bucharest, link: http://www.inovatiiasociala.ro/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2010_2_2_zamfir.pdf
- Zamfir, Elena; **Fitzek, S.**; (2010) "Social Economy as a solution to social inclusion on the labour market", Social Innovation Magazine, No.2, Bucharest, Romanian Academy, ISSN 2065-8389

Conferences

- **Fitzek, S.**, (October 2022), *Starting a family and future plans of young neets in South Western Romania*, International Conference: "The Future Europe 13th Edition" organized by Faculty of International Economic Relations (Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies), CRPE (Romanian Centre for European Policies), European Institute of Romania, Institute for World Economy, Bucharest (Romania) on 27th October 2022, Program link: http://www.rei.cercetare.ase.ro/FoE_Conference/panels.html
- **Fitzek, S.**, Drăgan C., (September 2022), Future plans of NEETS, case study in the south-west of Romania, International Conference: "Rural Youth and the New Youth Guarantee" organized by COST ACTION CA18213 – Rural NEET Youth Network: Modeling the risks underlying rural NEETs social exclusion in Brescia (Italy) on 14th September 2022. Program link: <https://rnyobservatory.eu/web/rural-neet-youth-brescia-conference-2022-14-september-2022/rural-neet-youth-brescia-conference-2022-14-september-2022-program/>
- **Fitzek, S.**, (December 2021), *Vulnerabilities and crisis of authority in pandemic management. Case study: Romanian seasonal workers in Germany from April to August 2020*. 8th International Conference: Economic Scientific Research – Theoretical, Empirical and and Practical Approaches, ESPERA, scientific event organized by National Institute for Economic Research "Costin C. Kiritescu", Program link: <https://www.conferinte-ince.ro/>
- **Fitzek, S.**, (November 2021), chairie and presenter paper: *Vulnerability and subjective indicators of the quality of life of Romanians in Germany during the Covid-19 pandemic*. International Conference: *Social Inequality and Quality of Life*, event organized by Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy. Program link: <https://ineq2021.arsociologie.ro/program/>
- **Fitzek, S.**, (5 September 2021), *The personality of authentic leadership II*, International Conference: "Translation and Tranformation in Audiovisual and Digital Culture", XXV EFSS, The event was funded by the STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FUND of NBU (New Bulgaria University). The event was organized in Sozopol, Bulgaria in collaboration with SemioLab of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; The conference is under the auspices of the International Association for Semiotic Studies (IASS).
- **Fitzek, S.**, (May 2021), *The personality of authentic leadership*, International Conference: *Semiosis in Communication, Culture, Communication and Social Change*, event organized by Faculty of Communication and Public Relation, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest. Program link: http://www.comunicare.ro/en/uploads/Events/Semiosis2021-Final%20Program_.pdf
- **Fitzek, S.** (12 May 2021), moderator at the International Conference: *Desinformation in Memory Politics Practices and Ways of Prevention (11-13 May 2021) for the fourth panel discussion: „Actors, methods and tehniques of desinformation today (fake-news)”. The Internationa Conference was organised by ENRS (European Network Remembrance and Solidarity, INST (Institutul Național pentru Studiul Totalitarismului)*

and NUPSPA (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration)

<https://enrs.eu/event/disinformation-in-memory-politics-fourth-panel-discussion>

- **Fitzek, S.**, (November 2020). *Romanian family in pandemic crisis*, International Conference: Future of Europe 11th Edition, event organized by Faculty of International Business and Economics of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (November 2019). *Decline of the Family structures in Romania*, International Conference: Future of Europe 10th Edition 2019, event organized by Faculty of International Business and Economics of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (October 2019). *Welfare policies in the governing programs of the Romanian political parties since the 1990s*, International Symposium „Social Impact and the social sciences: theory and practice in the era of propaganda, fake news and media manipulation”, event organized by Faculty of Political Science, Bucharest University.
- **Fitzek, S.**, Gabriela N., Petrescu, C., (October 2018). *Needs in Rural Areas. Romania in the European Context*, The International Conference 5th Economic Scientific Research – Theoretical, Empirical and Practical Approaches ESPERA.
- **Fitzek, S.**, Neagu G., (14-16 June 2018). *Structural and organisational similarities in the institutional troika: the Communist Party of Romania, the Comintern and the Communist Bolshevik Party*, presented at the international conference: „Semiosis in Communication”, the second edition organized by SNSPA, FCRP and the International Association for Semiotic Studies (IASS-AIS).
- **Fitzek, S.**, (11th of June 2018) *Family is the vital source of development for society*", debate and research event organized under the auspices of "Observatoire de la Finance", Geneva.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (16th of October 2018) participation in a scientific press release: *Family guarantees civic engagement and intergenerational solidarity. Family guarantees social inclusion*, event organized by FAFCE board supported in the European Commission on *Family and finance, a possible alliance?* in cooperation with SALUX.
- **Fitzek, S.**, Stănescu, S. M., Neagu, G., (17th to 18th November 2017) Insertion of vulnerable people in social economy structures in Romania, sesiunea științifică anuală organizată de Academia Română, filiala Cluj Napoca, Institutul de Istorie „George Barițiu”, Departamentul de Cercetări Socio-Umane.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (27th to 28th October, 2017). *The political and social situation in Romania*, International Conference of Catholic Bishops, COMECE, (Re)thinking Europe, Vatican, New Hall Sinode..
- **Fitzek, S.**, (4th of October 2017). *A sociological Radiography of the Communist Movement from 1921-1923*, 13th International Conference on Social Science, ICSS XII 2017, Vienna, organized event by EUSER (European Centre for Science Education and Research).
- **Fitzek, S.**, (27th to 28th of October 2016). Archetypes, Communication and Perceptions within the interethnic Imaginary. *Conference Discursive forms. Dream and Reality*, University Vasile Alecsandri from Bacău.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (24th of September 2016). Immigrant Status. A compared study between Germany and Austria. *International Congress in Social Sciences (ICSS)*, Universidad Complutense Madrid CAP II - Ciencia Política y de la Administración II, Spain.

- **Fitzek, S.**, (18th of June 2016), *A semiotic interpretation of the interethnic imaginary. Conferința Semiosis in Communication – Knowing and Learning. SNSPA București, University Roehampton (Londra) and International Association of Semiotic Studies (IASS-AIS).*
- **Fitzek, S.**, (11th of June 2016), *Socio-economical profile of the Romanian family.* Conference: Social Sciences and the Contemporary Challenges. 20 Years of Teaching Sociology, University from Oradea in partnership with Sociologists Association from Romania, Sociologists' Society from Romania and ICCV.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (22nd of May, 2015), presentation at the International Conference: “Young researchers in the social sciences” of the paper: “Party Cartel in The Romanian Political System”. The conference was organized by the West University of Timisoara and took place at the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (25th of April 2015), presentation at the International Conference: “Quality of Life: a Challenge for Social Policy” of the paper “The role of Collective Imaginary on Public Security. Being confident or being afraid; the trust and fear among female persons, in Bucharest”. The conference was organized by the Institute for Research on Quality of Life within the Romanian Academy, which celebrated its 25th anniversary.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (13th to 14th of November 2014), presentation at the International Conference: “Economic Scientific Research - Theoretical, Empirical and Practical Approaches' - ESPERA 2014” of the paper: “The Romanian social worker facing challenges and meeting economic opportunities provided by the European Union”. The conference was organized by the National Institute of Economic Research "Costin C. Kiritescu" and the National Bank of Romania.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (19th to 20th of September 2014), presentation at the International Conference of Social Sciences ICSS 2014 of the paper: “Psychosocial and Identity aspects, inter – ethnical dialogue and alterity issues between the Romanian People and Roma People”. The conference was organized by the Institute for Research on Quality of Life within the Romanian Academy.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (23rd of October 2014), presentation at the International Conference: “Media and the Public Sphere. Evaluating Media Ethics in the Digital Era” of the paper: “The emergence of cooperation: Party Cartel”. The conference was organized by the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration NSPSPA, Bucharest.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (17th to 18th of October 2014), presentation at the National Conference: “Annual Conference of Research in Sociology and Social Worker” of the paper: “The role of Social Worker in the Public Policies”. The conference was organized by the University Lucian Blaga from Sibiu.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (19th to 20th of September 2014), presentation at the International Conference in Social Sciences of the paper: “Romanian-Roma Inter-Ethnic Political and Social Imaginary from Bucharest”. The conference was organized by EUSER, MCSER (Mediterranean Centre for Social Studies and Education), ICCV (Institute for Research on Quality of Life within the Romanian Academy) and the Romanian Academy.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (18th of September 2014), presentation at the International Conference: “Social Media in Academia: Research and Teaching”; title of the article: “Populism, modern propaganda techniques and effects of negative campaign on Facebook” organized by the West University from Timisoara.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (14th of November 2014), presentation at the International Conference: "Economic Scientific Research – Theoretical, Empirical and Practical Approaches ESPERA 2014” – UE – IDESPERAS11L127; title of the article: “The Romanian social worker facing challenges and meeting economic opportunities provided by the European Union”. The conference was organized by the National Bank of Romania, the "Costin C. Kiritescu" National Economic Research Institute and the Economic Information and Documentation Centre.

- **Fitzek, S.**, (3rd to 7th of November 2014), *workshop* presentation within the project “Euro-entrepreneurship: University qualifications for the Europeanization of Romanian society”. During this program, I presented a scientific communication from my research project on the issue of Roma integration in relation to the current policies of the European Union. The event was organized by the Institute for European Studies of the Free University of Brussels.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (November 13th to 14th, 2014) International Conference: “Economic Scientific Research – Theoretical, Empirical and Practical Approaches ESPERA 2014” with the article: “The Romanian social worker facing challenges and meeting economic opportunities provided by the European Union” – UE – *IDESPERSIILI27* organized by National Bank of Romania, National Institute for Economic Research “Costin C. Kiritescu” and the Economic Centre for Information and Documentation.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (October 17th to 18th, 2014) International Conference: “Annual Conference of Research in Sociology and Social Worker” with the article: “The role of Social Worker in the Public Policies” organized by Lucian Blaga University from Sibiu (Hermannstadt), Romania.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (September 19th to 20th, 2014) International Conference on Social Sciences with the article: “Romanian-Roma Inter-Ethnic Political And Social Imaginary From Bucharest” organized by EUSER, MCSER (Mediterranean Centre of Social and Educational Research), ICCV (Research Institute for Quality of Life) and Romanian Academy.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (September 18th, 2014) International Conference: “Social Media in Academia: Research and Teaching” with the article: “Populism, modern propaganda techniques and effects of negative campaign on Facebook” organized by Vest University of Timisoara.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (October 24th to 26th, 2013) International Conference: “Towards the Good Society – European Perspectives” with the article: “Social economy from a communication perspective” organized by Romanian Sociological Association and Romanian Academy.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (September 27th to 30th, 2012) International Conference: “European Sociology: New Challenges and Opportunities” with the article: “The European social model and the Nordic welfare state in post-Lisbon era” organized by University of Oradea, ICCV and Romanian Sociological Association and Institute for Quality of Life.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (May 31st to June 3rd, 2012) International Conference „Beyond Globalization?” Key Note Speaker with study: “Current trends in welfare state developments: the potential of the European social economy” organized by Bucharest University and Romanian Sociological Society.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (September 22nd to 23rd, 2011) International Conference “Political Communication in the Era of New Technologies” with the article: “New-Populist Elites in Post – Communist Romania” organized by the Polish Communication Association and the University of Warsaw.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (June 10th, 2010) International Conference “Romania after 20 years: social change issues. Quality of life.” Organized by ICCV (Research Institute of Quality of Life, Romanian Academy). Study Title: “Influence, power and leadership. A new theory of human relations in modern society”.
- **Fitzek, S.**, (October 2007) International conference *European Integration – Realities and Perspectives*, attended conference and co-author with Professor Nicolae Frigioiu (SNSPA) of the paper *European Culture or Cultures?*

Projects

- **Fitzek, S.**, (10/2021 – 12/2022). Expert project researcher in qualitative methods, ICCV/INCE in "Analysis, streamlining and updating of the legal framework in the field of tourism", SIPOCA Code: 392, MySMIS2014+ Code: 116156".
- **Fitzek, S.**, (2021 – 2022) In the framework of my research project as a scientific researcher grade.3 at the Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, I am coordinating a research based on interviews in German and Romanian with Romanian day labourers working in Germany and German employers. The interviews aim to determine the problems of Romanian immigrants working in Germany and of the Romanian diaspora in Germany. The completion date of my research project is November 15, 2022. During this scientific activity I am working with the German Embassy in Bucharest.
- **Fitzek, S.** (2018 - 2019) member in team project: *Social policy in Romania and in Belarus: a comparative approach*” project submitted within the cooperation between the Romanian Academy and Belarus Academy of Science, Foundation for Fundamental Research of the Republic of Belarus, 2018-2019 (Romanian team coordinator, CS 1 Simona Stănescu).
- **Fitzek, S.** (2017 - 2018) member of the Research Institute for Quality of Life in sectorial project: *Identification and analysis of perception on quality of life and health* within the project *National Register of Chronic Patients in Romania* (coordinator partner: National Institute for Research and Development in Informatics - ICI Bucharest) Program 1 - Development of the national research-development system, Subprogram 1.2. Institutional performance Institutional development, projects carried out in RDI consortia, 2017 competition
- **Fitzek, S.** (2016-2017) ICCV's contribution to the Romanian Development Strategy, realized by the Romanian Academy: Zamfir, Cătălin (coord), Ionuț Anghel, Daniel Arpinte, Cosmin Briciu, Sorin Cace, Alexandra Deliu, Dana Eremia, Simona Ilie, Monica Marin, Flavius Mihalache, Ana Maria Preoteasa, Mihnea Preotesi, Adina Mihăilescu, Gabriela Neagu, Cosmina Pop, Iuliana Precupețu, Mariana Stanciu, Simona Stănescu, Manuela Stănculescu, Cristina Tomescu, Elena Tudor și Elena Zamfir (autori). (2016). A strategy of relaunching the quality of life in perspective 2037: Directions, Priorities, Objectives, Targets, Restrictions, Opportunities, pp. 361-390, in Vlad Valentin-Ionel (coord), Romania's development strategy for the next 20 years, Vol. III, Part I, Bucharest: Romanian Academy; <http://www.academiaromana.ro/bdar/strategiaAR/doc13/StrategiaIII.pdf>
- **Fitzek, S.** (aprilie 2015- octombrie 2015), Technical Manager, ICCV (Institut Quality of Life Research) within the project “Equal opportunities in education” POSDRU/181/2.2/S/154888, cod SMIS: 57985
- **Fitzek, S.** (2013) works as an active expert member (Type C) of the research team in the following Project: *National Centre of working force occupation for the individuals with multiple Sclerosis and other rare neurological disorders. O.I.M, RIQL*”, Interviewer, data gathering in German language, from Schwabian villages in the Brasov area (Kronstadt) and Sibiu area (Hermannstadt). I conducted 10 interviews and 2 focus groups. (Project Code: POSDRU/70/6.2/S/21986).
- **Fitzek, S.**, (2012) researcher (Type C) expert in Quality of Life Research Institute at the Romanian Academy: *Growth mechanisms and instruments for facilitating the access to higher education based upon the both*

horizontal and vertical development of partnerships between education institutions, both central and local structures of the educational system and social actors. (Project Code: POSDRU/56/1.2/S/41506).

- **Fitzek, S.**, (2011) - O.I.M, RIQL “The human trafficking”, Interviewer, data gathering (interview taken in German and English)

Specializations and Scholarships

- (October 2022 - July 2023) researcher and Visiting Professor for the Data Science specialisation in healthcare. Medical Image Analysis & Artificial Intelligence (MIAAI), DPU, Krems, Austria. In-depth specialization in Data Science on qualitative and quantitative research in the medical field. This research centre deals with the measurement of biomarkers by medical sensors using intelligence (development and innovation). Link: <https://www.miaai.at/post/dr-sebastian-fitzek-phd>
- (May 2016) *Erasmus visitor professor* invited by the Faculty of Communication and Journalism Aldo Moro, Bari, Italy as part of the Erasmus research and teaching program for teacher mobility.
- (May 2014) *Erasmus visitor professor* invited by the Faculty of Tourism within the University of Girona (Spain) within the Erasmus lecturing program for teachers.
- (June – July 2013) *Erasmus visitor professor* invited by the Faculty of Journalism and Public Relations from the University of Applied Sciences from Gelsenkirchen (Germany) within the Erasmus forming program for teachers.
- (October 1st, 2010 to May 1st, 2011) participation with certificate at the political courses organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Institute for Popular Studies, Bucharest, Romania.
- (August 09th to August 22th, 2009) International Summer School Sarajevo 2009: Transitional Justice in South East Europe, organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Pravnik.
- (March 2006) Scholarship from Robert Schuman Foundation to European Parliament in Bruxelles and Strasbourg.

Memberships

- Member of the Romanian Sociological Association since 2015.
- Administrator and editor of the „Romania Socială” platform, <http://www.romaniasociala.ro>
- Reviewer and consultant for Roumanian Journal of Sociology. <https://www.arsociologie.ro/en/>
- Reviewer and consultant for Quality of Life Journal. <http://www.revistacalitateavietii.ro/indexEn.html>
- Member of the Research Center of the Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, (SNSPA), Bucharest in the laboratory for the study “Image and Identity”.