

PETRE MAICAN

P H D

WORK EXPERIENCE

● Institute of Eastern Christian
Studies, Radbound University
2022-present

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

- Research in the notion of theological aesthetics and disability
- Associate Editor of The Journal of Eastern Christian Studies

● UCLouvain
2021-2022

Scientific Collaborator

- Research in the notion of spiritual perfection in the case of persons with intellectual disabilities
- Main organiser of the popularising event La Nuit des Religions

● UCLouvain
2019-2021

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

- Research in the notion of spiritual perfection in the case of persons with intellectual disabilities

● Greek Bible College, Athens
2020

Guest Lecturer in Orthodox Theology

- Designed a three hours module on Romanian Orthodox theology
- Delivered the module online to undergraduate students.

● University of Aberdeen
2018-2019

Teaching Fellow in Systematic Theology

- Designed and delivered lectures and tutorials on the development of Christian doctrines (on campus and online)
- Marked students essays and exam papers.

● University of Aberdeen
2017

Teaching Fellow in Christian Ethics

- Designed and delivered lectures and tutorials on the development of Christian ethics (on campus and online)
- Marked students essays and exam papers.

● University of Aberdeen
2017

Tutor Philosophical Ethics

- Designed and delivered tutorials for two seminar groups on the topic of philosophical ethics

- University of Aberdeen
2016
- University of Aberdeen
2015
- University of Aberdeen
2014

Tutor Religious Myth

- Designed and delivered tutorials for two seminar groups on the notion of myth

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Guest Lecturer Theological Ethics

- Designed and lectured several course units under the supervision of Dr Michael Mawson, on the relationship between history and the development of Christian ethics.

EDUCATION

- University of Aberdeen
2012-2016
- University of Bucharest
2008-2010
- University of Bucharest
2004-2008

PhD Systematic Theology

- Dissertation: 'Sketching an Ecumenical Ecclesiology for Eastern Orthodoxy: The Form of Christ Crucified with Special Reference to Stăniloae, von Balthasar and Tillich'.

MTh Systematic Theology

- Dissertation: 'The Dilution of the Myth of the Devil in Contemporary Society: Analysing the Film "The Devil's Advocate"'

BTh Systematic Theology

- Dissertation: 'Sorcery as a Pseudo Religious Phenomenon in European Society in Late Middle Ages'

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Deification and Modern Orthodox Theology: Introduction to Contemporary Debates

- Leiden: Brill, 2023

EDITED JOURNAL ISSUES

'The Reception of the Orthodox Ecumenical Engagement in the West'

co-editor: Justin Mihoc (Durham University)
The Ecumenical Review 73:1 (2021)

'Vulnerability, Power, and Disability'

co-editor: Talitha Cooreman (UCLouvain)
Journal of Disability and Religion 25:1 (2021)

RESEARCH ARTICLES

'Childhood and the Impact of Disability'

The Process of Maturing: Human Childhood and Adulthood in a Theological Perspective, eds Ivana Noble and Zdenko Širka (Prague: Karolinum University Press (forthcoming 2023))

'Teologia dizabilității, drepturile omului și neosinteza patristică'

Biserica și Statul: perspective diacronice asupra unei relații polivalente, eds Răzvan Brudiu & Mihail K. Qaramah (Iași: Doxologia, 2023), 225-246.

'Stăniloae's Reading of Western Theological Traditions: A Re-evaluation'

Tendances et directions dans les recherches actuelles des théologiens orthodoxes roumains de la diaspora, eds. Ciprian Apintilieseși and Constantin Pogor (Paris: Editions du Cerf, 2022), 223-236

'Outlining and Inclusive Anthropological Ethics for Eastern Orthodoxy'

Scottish Journal of Theology, 75:1 (2022), 43-54

'Learning to Perceive: Grace and the Emotional Conundrum of Disability'

Modern Theology, 38:3 (2022), 535-547

'The Care of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Romania: Between Politics and Theology'

Political Theology 23:3 (2022), 201-214

'Vulnerability and Solidarity: An Improbable Connection'

Journal of Disability and Religion, 25:1 (2021), 55-67

'Overcoming Exclusion in Eastern Orthodoxy: Human Dignity and Disability from a Christological Perspective'

Studies in Christian Ethics, 33:4 (2020), 496-509

'Une Herméneutique Orthodoxe Œcuménique: Dumitru Stăniloae sur l'interprétation des Pères de l'Eglise dans un contexte œcuménique'

Contacts, 71:2 (2019), 190-214

'Hans Urs von Balthasar's Theology of Holiness for Eastern Orthodox Use'

Communio Viatorum, 61:2 (2019), 28-39

'Through Sensus Fidelium to Deification: Listening to the Voice of the Laity in Eastern Orthodoxy'

Modern Theology, 35: 2 (2019), 285-300

'The Eastern Orthodox Church: Back to Progress'

Irish Theological Quarterly, 83: 2 (2018), 1-15

PAPERS PUBLISHED IN PROCEEDINGS

'The Pneumatology of Dumitru Stăniloae and its Implications for an Inclusive Ecclesiology'

Proceedings of the conference Church, Disability and Society (31 March 2019). [forthcoming at Volos Academy Publications 2023]

'Perfecțiunea umană în teologia ortodoxă și implicațiile ei pentru îngrijirea persoanelor cu dizabilități intelectuale profunde'

Proceedings of the conference Polis and Paidea (7-9 November 2019) (Bucharest: Editura Academiei Romane, 2021, 197-206)

'The Ambiguity of Nationalism and Ecumenism: A Romanian Orthodox Account'

Proceedings of The 20th Academic Consultation of the Societas Oecumenica (23-28 August 2018): On Nations and the Churches: Ecumenical Responses to Nationalism and Migration (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2020), 82-90

'Why Ecumenical Dialogue Matters for Eastern Orthodoxy'

Proceedings of The 19th Academic Consultation of the Societas Oecumenica (25-30 August 2016): Just Do It? Recognition and Reception in Ecumenical Relations, Helsinki University, Finland, 25-30 August 2016 (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2018), 289-298

EDITORIALS

'Theological Exchanges: The Ecumenical Reception of Orthodoxy'

with Stephen G. Brown and Justin Mihoc
The Ecumenical Review 73:1 (2021), 1-7

'Vulnerability and Solidarity'

with Talitha Cooreman
Journal of Disability and Religion, 25:1 (2021), 1-3

BOOK REVIEWS

"Sustaining Hope: Friendships and Intellectual Impairment" by David B. McEwan and Jim Good
Journal of Disability and Religion, published online 15 September 2023

'The Sophiology of Death' by Sergius Bulgakov
Irish Theological Quarterly 36 (2), 410-413

'Dimitru Staniloae's Trinitarian Ecclesiology: Orthodoxy and the Filioque' by Viorel Coman
Saint Vladimir's Theological Quarterly 66:3-4 (2022), 243-247

'La structure ontologique-communicationnelle de la personne – aux sources théologiques et philosophiques du père Dimitru Stăniloae' by Ciprian Apintiliese
Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses 97:4 (2021), 714-715

'Libertatea omului la Karl Barth, Emil Brunner și Rudolf Bultmann' by Mihai Iordache
International Journal of Orthodox Theology 12:3 (2021)

'Discerning Persons: Profound Disability, the Early Church Fathers and the Concept of the Person in Bioethics' by Pia Matthews
Journal of Disability and Religion, published online 31 August 2021

'Catéchèse et théologies du handicap: Ouvrir des chemins d'amitié au-delà des barrières de la déficience' by Talitha Cooreman-Guittin
Journal of Disability and Religion, published online 5 March 2021

'Ecclesiology in the Trenches', edited by Sune Fahlgren and Jonas Ideström
Reviews in Religion and Theology 25:1, (2018), 61-64

'Balthasar: A (Very) Critical Introduction' by Karen Kilby,
Theology in Scotland 22:1, (2015), 65-68

POPULARIZING WORK

'Martyrs without Scars: Disability and The Iconographic Tradition'
The Wheel 31-32 (2023), 33-38

IOTA 2023 Conference report
Platform Oosters Christendom (February 2023)

'Portret: André Scrima (1925-2000)'
Platform Oosters Christendom (June 2022)

'Persoane Suspendate: Notiunea de Persoana in Teologia Ortodoxa Moderna si Aplicabilitatea ei Persoanelor cu Dizabilitati Intelectuale Profunde'
Syntopic (March 2022)
tr. into Greek

'The Sacrament of Adoption and the Orphan Crisis in Romania'

Public Orthodoxy (May 2021)

tr. into Greek, Bulgarian, Georgian, Romanian, Russian, Serbian

'Corona Virus, productivité et déficience intellectuelle profonde'

the website Institut de recherche Religions Spiritualités Cultures Sociétés, à l'UCLouvain (April 2020)

'Image and Likeness and Profound Cognitive Disability'

Public Orthodoxy (July 2019)

'Is There Anything Orthodoxy Can Learn from the Reformation?'

The Wheel 12 (2017), 78-80

● **TRANSLATION WORK**

'For the Life of The World: Toward a Social Ethos of The Orthodox Church'

translated with Viorel Coman; published as „Pentru viața lumii”.
Către un etos social al Bisericii Ortodoxe (Bihor: Ratio et Revelatio, 2020)

'Nor Height nor Depth: On The Toll Houses', by David Bentley Hart

translated from English to Romanian; published as 'Nici înălțimea, nici adâncul Despre vămile văzduhului', in Analele Universității de Vest din Timișoara (Timișoara: Universitatea de Vest, 2020), 49-53

● **CONFERENCES**

● International Society for Science and Religion

Swindon, (UK) 2023

● European Academy of Religion

Saint Andrews, (UK) 2023

● International Orthodox Theological Association

Volos (Grece) 2023

● European Academy of Religion

Bologna, (Italy) 2022

'Spiritual Intelligence and Intellectual Disability: A Theological Re-evaluation of the Nous'

'Feasting on the Paradox of Holy Fools: Dostoevsky's Novels and Yannaras' Apophatic Ethics'

'An Anthropology of Neputinței: A Romanian Orthodox Insight into Disability Theology'

'Disability and the Bible'

Panel organiser

- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Pittsburgh (US) 2021

‘Disability East and West: A Romanian Perspective’
Invited panelist
- Charles Univesity Prague
Prague (Czech Republic) 2021

‘Childhood and Disability: Theological Reflections’
Invited panelist
- European Academy of Religion
Münster (Germany) 2021

‘Eastern Orthodoxy and Disability’
Panel organiser
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Pittsburgh (US) 2020
(canceled)

‘Intellectual Disability, The Orthodox Church, and the Saint’
Invited panelist
- European Academy of Religion
Bologna, (Italy) 2020 (canceled)

‘Vulnerability and Disability: Perspectives from East and West’
Panel co-organiser
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Saint Louis (US) 2019

‘Human Perfection and Profound Intellectual Disability in Eastern Orthodoxy’
Invited panelist
- Society for the Study of Theology
Warwick, (UK) 2019

‘An Eastern Orthodox Re-evaluation of the Impact of Filioque on Ecclesiology through the Lenses of Disability Theology’
- Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies
Cambridge, (UK) 2019

‘Human Perfection and Profound Cognitive Disability in Eastern Orthodoxy’
Keynote speaker
- Volos Academy for Theological Studies
Volos, (Greece) 2019

‘The Pneumatic Ecclesiology of Dumitru Stăniloae and the Gift of Persons with Disability for the Church’
Penary speaker
- European Academy of Religion
Bologna, (Italy) 2019

‘Lay People in 21st Century Orthodox Christianity: Identity, Vocation, Challenges’
Invited panelist
- European Academy of Religion
Bologna, (Italy) 2019

‘Dumitru Stăniloae’s Encounter with the West’
Panel organiser
- International Orthodox Theological Association
Iași (Romania) 2019

‘Eastern Orthodoxy and Human Rights: A Christological Approach’,

<p>Societas Oecumenica Mannheim, (Germany) 2018</p>	<p>'Is Orthodox Nationalism an impediment to Ecumenical Dialogue?' Invited speaker</p>
<p>Charles Univesity Prague Prague (Czech Republic) 2018</p>	<p>'The Aesthetics of Holiness: Hans Urs von Balthasar's Anthropology for Eastern Orthodox Use' Invited speaker</p>
<p>The Institute for the Study of Culture and Christianity Belgrade (Serbia) 2018</p>	<p>'Giving the Laity its Voice Back: One Way to Tackle Fundamentalism in the Eastern Orthodox Church' Invited speaker</p>
<p>European Academy of Religion Bologna, (Italy) 2018</p>	<p>'The Orthodox Tradition and the Imperative of Reform' Invited speaker</p>
<p>European Academy of Religion Bologna, (Italy) 2018</p>	<p>'The Hermeneutics of Togetherness: Dumitru Stăniloae's Principles for Interpreting the Fathers in an Ecumenical Context'</p>
<p>LEST XI KU Leuven Leuven, (Belgium) 2017</p>	<p>'Sensus Fidelium and the Reformation of the Church: An Eastern Orthodox Perspective'</p>
<p>Societas Oecumenica Bienal Conference Helsinki (Finland) 2016</p>	<p>'Why Ecumenical Dialogue Matters for Eastern Orthodoxy'</p>
<p>The Loyola Institute Dublin (Ireland) 2016</p>	<p>'The Eastern Orthodox Church: Back to Progress'</p>
<p>Society for the Study of Theology Nottingham (UK) 2015</p>	<p>'Open Sobornicity: An Eastern Orthodox perspective on Ecumenism'</p>
<p>Society for the Study of Theology Postgraduate Conference Oxford (UK) 2014</p>	<p>'Angela of Foligno's Bodily Experience of the Mystical Union with God'</p>

RESEARCH LEDERSHIP

- Journal of Eastern Christian Studies 2022
 - **Associate Editor**
 - Assesed the quality of the submitted manuscripts and making recommendations to the journal Editor about acceptance or rejection of a manuscript.
- Charles University Prague Czech Republic 2019
 - **Institutional Peer Reviewer**
 - Evaluated the research standards of the staff at the Faculty of Theology of Charles University
- Modern Theology 2021
 - **Peer Reviewer**
 - Evaluated the standard of an article submitted for publication
- Religions 2021-2022
 - **Peer Reviewer**
 - Evaluated the standard of several articles submitted for publication
- Theo-logica 2021
 - **Peer Reviewer**
 - Evaluated the standard of an article submitted for publication
- Horizons: The Journal of the College 2020
 - **Peer Reviewer**
 - Evaluated the standard of an article submitted for publication
- Communio Viatorum 2019
 - **Peer Reviewer**
 - Evaluated the standard of an article submitted for publication

FUNDING

- ICUB University of Bucharest 2021-2022
 - **Postdoctoral Research Grant (received but not taken)**
 - a one year research project for continuing my researching on the notion of perfection in the case of persons with intellectual disabilities
- Sedes Sapientiae UCLouvain 2019-2021
 - **Postdoctoral Research Grant**
 - for a two year research project on the link between the notion of spiritual perfection and the care practices for persons with intellectual disabilities
- UCLouvain Culture 2021
 - **Grant for organising La Nuit des Religion**
 - Received 3000 euros for organising a multi-activities event for popularising and encouraging the study of religions at UCLouvain
- Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS) 2021
 - **Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (accepted not funded)**
 - Applied for a three year project on the link between aesthetics and the integration of persons with disabilities in Christian communities. Received the qualitative excellent (AA) my project there was not funded due to lack of money

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

● La Nuit des Religions
UCLouvain 2019-2021

Main Organiser

- coordinated a team of ten researchers to organise the first interreligious academic conference on the importance of the study of religion and its place in the public space
- obtained funding both from UCLouvain Culture and RSCS Institute
- managed the budget keeping track of the spendings
- was in charge of the communication strategy both by choosing the outlets where to publicise the event and by presenting the event for these outlets

● Orthodox Research Group Saint John Chrysostom
Aberdeen 2018 - present

Co-founder

- coordinate together with Olga Sevastyanova the annual conferences of the group
- organise and participate in the weekly seminar
- advice on the format and the development of the group

● Reading Group 'Freedom and Will'
UCLouvain 2020

Organiser

- Hosted and coordinated an introductory reading group on the notion of free will in modern Christian theology

● Reading Group 'Human Dignity in Contemporary Christian Thought'
UCLouvain 2019-2020

Organiser

- Hosted and coordinated an introductory reading group on the notion of dignity in contemporary Christian debates

TRAININGS

● NHS Scotland and University of Aberdeen
2017

Scotland's Mental Health First Aid

- A multi session workshop aimed at raising awareness in the academia about the mental health challenges faced by students and providing them with the tools necessary for providing mental health first aid to students and colleagues

● The Higher Education Academy in United Kingdom and University of Aberdeen
2014

Principles of Learning and Teaching in Higher Education

- A multi session training seeking to improve the pedagogical standards inside academia. The course included formative assignments, observations of practice, and individual study

● University of Aberdeen
2013

Presentation Skills

- A one day workshop aimed at helping postgraduate students present their research in front of academic and non-academic audiences

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

●	The Higher Education Academy in United Kingdom and University of Aberdeen	Associate Fellow
●	European Academy of Religion	Ordinary Member
●	Society for the Scientific Study of Religion	Ordinary Member
●	Societas Oecumenica	Ordinary Member
●	International Orthodox Theological Association	Ordinary Member
●	Society for the Study of Theology	Ordinary Member

LANGUAGES

●	Romanian	Native
●	English	Full Profesional Proficiency
●	French	Profesional Proficiency
●	German	Working Proficiency
●	Italian	Working Proficiency
●	Spanish	Working Proficiency
●	Dutch	Working Proficiency