

Curriculum vitae

Sorin Mitu was born in 1965 at Arad (Romania). He graduated from the Faculty of History of the Cluj University in 1989 as head of his class, acquiring a major in History and a secondary specialization in Philosophy. He got his PhD degree in History from the same university in 1996. Since 1990 he teaches at “Babeş-Bolyai” University in Cluj-Napoca, where he was an assistant lecturer between 1990 and 1992, a lecturer between 1995 and 1997, an associate professor between 1997 and 2003 and a full professor since 2003. He teaches Theory of Nationalism, Modern History and Symbolic Geographies courses. He leads PhD theses in Modern History and Historical Imagology. Since 2008 he is the chief of the Modern History Department of the “Babeş-Bolyai” University in Cluj-Napoca. He is an expert evaluator of the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education and he was an expert of the Soros Foundation. He conducted major research projects financed by the European Union’s PHARE Programme (1996-1997), by the National Authority for Scientific Research (2006-2008) and by the National Council for Scientific Research in Higher Education (2006-2008). He is a member of the editorial committee of the *Journal of Social Theory and Research*, of *Studia Universitatis “Babeş-Bolyai”* and of *Historical Anthropology Notebooks*. Sorin Mitu has published 27 specialised books and 49 articles in academic journals. His works are available in Romanian, Hungarian, English, French and German and were printed in Romania, Hungary, Germany and the United States.

Sorin Mitu is currently one of the internationally best known Romanian historians. This affirmation is proved by the way in which his works have been received by both specialists in the field and the international academic public. His books have been translated in English and German and printed at prestigious international publishing houses, such as Böhlau Verlag or Central European University Press. Moreover, he has collaborated with the most important Romanian publishing houses (Humanitas and Polirom). According to Sorin Antohi, “the author, one of his country’s most promising scholars, is also at the forefront of national controversies on the canons of the historical profession, on history textbooks, and nationalism”. Sorin Mitu’s books have had over 50 favourable reviews, more than 20 of those being published in prominent foreign journals, like: *American Historical Review*, *Nations and Nationalism*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Slavic Review*, *The Slavonic and East European Review*, *Millenium*, *Journal of International Studies*, *Südost-Forschungen*, *Zeitschrift für siebenbürgische Landeskunde*, *Südosteuropa Mitteilungen*, *Jahrbücher für Geschichte und Kultur Südosteuropas*, etc. Amongst the authors of these reviews are some of the most important specialists of the field: Keith Hitchins, Joachim von Puttkamer, Armin Heinen, Harald Roth, Hans-Christian Maner, Alex Drace-Francis, Graeme Murdock. According to the WorldCat catalogue, Sorin Mitu’s books can be consulted in some of the most important libraries in the world: Library of Congress, British Library or Bayerische Staatsbibliothek. For instance, his works are held by 105 United States university libraries. The Library of Congress possesses 10 books signed by Sorin Mitu, British Library holds 9 books, and Bayerische Staatsbibliothek owns 11 works.