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1/ Education

- 2021 to present: *PhD in Economics - Finance*, University of Orléans - LEO, France and West University of Timisoara, Romania;
- 2021: *Master degree in Taxation and Fiscal Consulting*, West University of Timisoara, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Timisoara, Romania;
- 2019: *Bachelor of Economics – Finance and Banking*, West University of Timisoara, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Timisoara, Romania.

2/Academic and Professional Activities

- October 2021 to present: PhD Candidate in Economics - Finance, University of Orléans - LEO, France and West University of Timisoara, Romania;
- February 2022 to present: Teaching activities, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timisoara, Romania (seminars and tutorials for “Public Economics” course, undergraduate, 1st year);
- October 2024 to January 2025: Teaching activities, ESCE International Business School, Paris, France (seminars and tutorials for “Micro and Macroeconomics” course, undergraduate, 1st year);
- October 2019 – September 2022: Asset Management Process Specialist, Finance Department, Hella Corporate Center, Timisoara, Romania.

3/ Scientific Activities

3.1 Conferences

- September 2025: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*Digitalisation and Economic Synchronization in the EU*” at 27th INFER Annual Conference, Sapienza Università di Roma, Rome, Italy;
- July 2025: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*Digitalisation and Economic Synchronization in the EU: A Note*” at the 41st International Symposium on Money, Banking and Finance, the annual meeting of the European Research Group (GdRE) on Money, Banking and Finance, Nice, France;

- May 2025: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“Public Corruption in the Digital Age: Insights from Renewable Energy in the G7”* at the 8th edition of the international conference “Current Economic Trends in Emerging and Developing Countries” (TIMTED-2025), Timisoara, Romania;
- May 2025: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“Irregular Immigration and Smuggling at the Serbian-Romanian border: a Wavelet Approach”* at 8th edition of the international conference “Current Economic Trends in Emerging and Developing Countries” (TIMTED-2025), Timisoara, Romania;
- March 2025: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“Corruption in the Digital Age: Insights from Renewable Energy in the G7”* at the 62nd Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, Louisville, Kentucky, USA;
- December 2024: Presentation of the paper entitled: *“Corruption in the Digital Age: Insights from Renewable Energy in the G7”* at the Crise(s) et Globalisation Conference, Université d’Orléans; France;
- July 2024: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“Green but corrupt? Evidence of bribery in the renewable energy sector”* at Annual Scientific Conference of Romanian Academic Economists from Abroad – ERMAS 2024, Cluj-Napoca, Romania;
- July 2024: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“Green but corrupt? Evidence of bribery in the renewable energy sector”* at 29th International Panel Data Conference – IPDC 2024, Orléans, France;
- June 2024: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“Green but corrupt? Evidence of bribery in the renewable energy sector”* at 26th INFER Annual Conference, Chania, Crete, Greece;
- April 2024: Presentation of the paper entitled: *“Corruption in the Digital Age: Insights from Renewable Energy in the G7”* at the research seminar organised by the Department of Finance (FEAA), Timisoara, Romania;
- March 2024: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“Green but corrupt? Evidence of bribery in the renewable energy sector”* at the 61th Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, Dallas/Plano, Texas, USA;
- March 2024: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“Online Social Media and Populism in Europe”* at the 61th Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, Dallas/Plano, Texas, USA;
- December 2023: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“Online Social Media and Populism in Europe”* at the Séminaire Doctorants - Laboratoire d’Économie d’Orléans (LÉO), Université d’Orléans; France;
- September 2023: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“EU populism and online social media horizons”* at the 25th INFER Annual Conference, Valencia, Spain;
- August 2023: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“EU populism and online social media horizons”* at the International Conference on Empirical Economics, Pennsylvania State University at Altoona (USA);
- July 2023: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“EU populism and online social media horizons”* at the 12th International Research Meeting in Business and Management (#IRMBAM2023), Nice, France;
- July 2023: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: *“EU populism and online social media horizons”* at the 11th UECE Conference on Economic and Financial Adjustments, Lisboa, Portugal;

- July 2023: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*EU populism and online social media horizons*” at Annual Scientific Conference of Romanian Academic Economists from Abroad – ERMAS 2023, Bucharest, Romania;
- June 2023: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*EU populism and online social media horizons*” at the international conference “Current Economic Trends in Emerging and Developing Countries” (TIMTED-2023), Timisoara, Romania;
- May 2023: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*EU populism and online social media horizons*” at the international conference „Enjeux et défis pour les pays en développement des crises économiques récentes – FSEG 2023”, Hôtel Dupanloup, Orléans, France;
- April 2023: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*Demand for electric cars and oil prices: a wavelet approach*” at Smart Diaspora 2023, Timisoara, Romania;
- March 2023: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*Digitalisation of public services and corruption in the EU*” at the 60th Annual Meetings of the Public Choice Society, Seattle, Washington, USA;
- November 2022: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*Digitalisation of public services and corruption in the EU*” at the XIX Workshop on Economic Integration, organized by the INTECO joint research unit in Economic Integration, Castelló de la Plana, Spain;
- October 2022: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*Good or bad for economy? Digitalization and green preferences*” at the International Conference on Applied Business and Economics, Valletta, Malta;
- July 2022: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*Digitalisation of public services and corruption in the EU*” at the Doctoral Seminar, Orléans, France;
- June 2022: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*Digitalisation of public services and corruption in the EU*” at the 6th International Conference on Business, Management and Economic, Nice, France;
- June 2022: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled: “*Digitalisation of public services and corruption in the EU*” at the 24th INFER Annual Conference, Timisoara, Romania;
- November 2021: Presentation of the paper entitled: “*Does digitalisation in public services reduce tax evasion?*” at the “Macroeconomics and Political economy” courses hosted by Prof. Jarko Fidrmuc, Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, Germany;
- April 2021: Participation and presentation of the paper entitled “*Does digitalisation in public services reduce tax evasion?*” at the 6th International Student Research Conference 2021, Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, Germany.

3.2 Invited and Keynote Speaker

- November 2021: Invited speaker at the “Macroeconomics and Political economy” courses hosted by Prof. Jarko Fidrmuc with the presentation entitled “*Publishing an article and skills developed*”, Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, Germany;
- November 2021: Keynote speaker at the Student Research Competition with the paper entitled “*Does digitalisation in public services reduce tax evasion*”, Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, Germany.

3.3 Research visiting

- March 2024: Visiting scholar for the Spring 2024 semester in the Department of Economics at the Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, USA, under the academic mentorship of Prof. Scott Hegerty.

3.4 Attendance

- November 2022: Participation at the Georges Gallais-Hamonno (GGH) Workshop in Historical Finance, organized by Laboratoire d'Economie d'Orléans (LEO), University of Orléans;
- October 2022: Participation at the INFER online Webinar - "*Telework and well-being: are the effect gendered?*"; presented by Malo Mofakhami, CEPN, University Sorbonne Paris Nord, France;
- June 2022: Participation at LE STUDIUM 25 Years Conference – Understanding, preserving and improving the world around us, Orléans, France.

3.5 Organization of Scientific Conferences

- September 2024 to June 2025: Organizer of Junior Research Seminar, Department of Finance, Information Systems, and Business Modeling, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania;
- July 2024: Local organizing coordinator at the 29th International Panel Data Conference – IPDC 2024, University of Orléans – LEO, Orléans, France;
- November 2023: International Conference on “China in the World Economy” (16-17 November 2023), University of Orléans – LEO, Orléans, France;
- December 2022: BRIDGES Conference, Embassy of Romania in the French Republic, Paris, organized by League of Romanian Students Abroad (LSRS) – France Subsidiary.

3.6 Editorial Assistant

- 2023 to present: Economic Research Guardian (Scopus Indexed).

3.7 Referee/ Review papers to:

- Economic Change and Restructuring;
- Economic Research Guardian;
- Ekonomický časopis/Journal of Economics;
- European Journal of Political Economy;
- International Economics;
- Journal of Applied Economics;
- Journal of Institutional Economics.

4/ Scholarships and Awards

4.1 Scholarships

- 2022-2025: French Government Scholarship;
- 2022-2024: Erasmus Scholarship (granted by European Commission via West University of Timisoara);
- 2025: Student Fellow of the Public Choice Society, Louisville, Kentucky, USA;
- 2024: Student Fellow of the Public Choice Society, Dallas/Plano, Texas, USA;
- 2023: Student Fellow of the Public Choice Society, Seattle, Washington, USA;
- 2022: Pedagogical Certificate, First and Second Degree, West University of Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania;
- 2016-2021: Scholarship granted by the Government of Romania;
- 2019: Private Scholarship offered by Bosch Company, Romania.

4.2 Awards

- 2023: 1st prize at the "Socio-Economic Sciences for Academic Excellence Abroad" category, offered by the League of Romanian Students Abroad (LSRS), Parliament of Romania, Bucharest, Romania;
- 2021: Special Prize at the National Olympiad of Economists in Training (ONEF 2021);
- 2021: 1st prize in Finance at the Research Competition for Students, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration (FEAA), West University of Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania.

5/ Volunteering

- 2022 to present: Member in the Foreign Relations Department at the League of Romanian Students Abroad (LSRS) – France Subsidiary, Paris, France.

Task: organizing scientific events as the Bridges Conference (December 2022);

- 2017-2019: Volunteering certificate, West University of Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania;

Tasks: co-organizing the Open Days of the University, the Graduation Ceremony;

- 2017-2019: Ambassador student at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timisoara, Romania.

Task: presentation of the West University of Timisoara at different forums and conferences in Romania.

6/ Languages

- Romanian (native);
- English (fluent);
- French (conversational);
- Spanish (fluent).

7/ Computer Skills

- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), STATA, EViews, Matlab, SAP system, Latex.

8/ Communication and interpersonal skills

8.1 Communication skills

- As a result of volunteering, I developed strong communication skills such as active listening, collaboration, diplomacy, and mediation.

8.2 Organizational skills

- Due to my professional experience as an economist, I developed particular skills as paying attention to details, time management and working under pressure;
- During my studies, I have acquired solid computation and analytical skills.

9/ Publications, working papers

9.1 Publication in refereed journals

- Strango, C., Mutascu, M., Hegerty, S. W. (2025). Does English Proficiency Promote International Trade?. *International Economics*, 100628;
- Strango, C., Mutascu, M. (2025). Beyond the Buzz: Electric cars and the German health public budget. *Journal of Transport & Health*, 43, 102076;

- Mutascu, M., Strango, C., Turcu, C. (2025). Online Social Media and Populism in Europe. *European Journal of Political Economy*; 86, 102619;
- Mutascu, M., Strango, C., Sokic, A. (2024). Wildfires and Wind Turbine Plants: A Story Never Told. *Journal of Forest Economics*, 39;
- Mutascu, M., Strango, C., Sokic, A. (2024). Demand for electric cars and oil prices: a wavelet approach. *International Journal of Green Energy*, 21(15), 3498-3520;
- Mutascu, M., Horky, F., Strango, C. (2023). Good or bad? Digitalisation and green preferences. *Energy Economics*, 121, 106640;
- Strango, C. (2021). Does digitalisation in public services reduce tax evasion? *Economic Research Guardian*, 11(2), 218-232.

9.2 Papers in revision, submitted papers, and papers in progress

9.2.1 Submitted papers (under review)

- Strango, C., Mutascu, M., Roy, L. (2024). Green but corrupt? Evidence of bribery in the renewable energy sector. *Natural Resources Forum*.

9.2.2 Papers in progress

- Strango, C. (2024). Digitalisation of public services and corruption in the EU;
- Hegerty, S. W., Strango, C. (2024). Corruption in the Digital Age: Insights from Renewable Energy in the G7;
- Strango, C., Turcu, C. (2023). Artificial intelligence and corruption: an European NUTS 2 regional approach.

10/ References

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11/ Driving licence

- Driving Licence: B category.

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