



« ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA »  
UNIVERSITY OF IASI



**2014**  
**DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**AND**  
**SOCIAL - POLITICAL SCIENCES**



# WELCOME

*Dear incoming doctoral student,*

It is a pleasure for us to welcome you to the Doctoral School in Philosophy and Socio-Political Sciences (DSPSPS) at « ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA » UNIVERSITY OF IASI.

By tradition and its prestige, the university is known all over the world, ranging the number 601 from 700 in the world universities ranking for the year 2012 (published by Quacquarelli Symonds Company). In Romania, it is among the top 10 universities for advanced research and education - bachelor, master and doctoral programs. The Diploma issued by the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi is recognized both in Romania and in almost 300 universities from Europe, USA, Asia, Africa and Australia that has signed partnerships with our university.

With 2757 students enrolled, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences occupies the second place in the University hierarchy, but, in the same time it is one of the oldest in Romania because at Iasi, philosophical thinking has a very old tradition. At the beginning of the eighteenth century, here lived the great Romanian philosopher Dimitrie Cantemir, member of the Berlin Academy, but as an academic institution, the Faculty of Philosophy was created only in 1856 and, together with the Faculty of Law and Theology, they founded the University of Iasi on 1 October 1860.

Although not organized as a doctoral school, however, there were granted Doctoral degrees in Social Sciences (Sociology) from the early twentieth century, and after 1960 followed doctoral degrees in epistemology and logic, hermeneutics and the history of philosophy. After 1990, new fields of research have emerged, like political science and sciences of communication, all of them being supervised by professors who are highly specialized in those fields. Beginning with 1 September 2005, all these fields of research are united in a large school with over 100 PhD students and 15 PhD supervisors, as the PhD degree is offered now as part of the curricular program of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences.

The DSPSPS has a strong interdisciplinary character, open to the latest research in these areas, which can boast with great international achievements: participations in conferences and forums, publications, and numerous joint supervisions with prestigious universities from Europe. The DSPSPS has four doctoral programs: Philosophy, Sciences of Communication, Sociology, and Political Sciences, but the strength of this PhD program lies in the diversity of its specializations. PhD student can chose a major or a minor field in the areas the department offers: Comparative Politics, International Relations, EU policies and institutions, History of Philosophy, History and Philosophy of Religion, Semiotics, Ethics, Hermeneutics, Philosophical anthropology, Metaphysics, Axiology, Philosophy of Culture and Intercultural Communication, Logic and applications, Rhetoric and argumentation theory, Psycho-sociology, Sociology of Religions, Legal Sociology and social work on vulnerable groups, Aesthetics, and more others.

Our mission is to help students like you to develop theoretical and research skills in order to become internationally recognize scholars, competitive university teachers, and leaders for the 21st century. In order to achieve this, you will take courses in theory and methodology, can spend a semester abroad to another university, gain teaching experience, and, finally, you will realize a significant original research, your doctoral thesis.

The last, but not the least, we should mention the opportunities offered by the city of Iași, located on seven hills, and having a population of almost 400,000 inhabitants. Here, you can visit museums, wonderful parks and the old Botanic garden, or you can enjoy a lot of cultural activities at theater, philharmonics, opera and ballet.

Looking forward to see you soon all I can say is....

**COME AND JOIN OUR  
ACADEMIC COMMUNITY!**

**Director of  
Doctoral School in Philosophy  
and Social-Political Sciences**  
Prof. Marius Dumitrescu, PhD



## **ADMISSION TO THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL**

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The length of study for doctoral studies is 3 years. Admission to the PhD program is competitive; a limited number of applicants are accepted into the program each year as a PhD supervisor cannot have more than 10 PhD students at one time.

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR CANDIDATES**

Graduates holding a Master Degree (or equivalent) may apply to their study area or to a connected area. The PhD School Council establishes the correspondences of study area. The applications of candidates holding MA degrees in other study areas than the areas chosen for their PhD, will be approved by the Council of the Doctoral School. Each candidate will apply for one vacant place in the study area of the PhD School. Successful candidates can be financed from the state budget once for the PhD studies.

### **ADMISSION CALENDAR 2014**

Applications: 1-12 September

Selection of the candidates: 15-17 September

Communication of the results: 18 September

Exam appeals: 19 September.

## 2014 ADMISSION (ENTRANCE EXAM)

The admittance will be organized in September each year for the vacancies put up by each PhD supervisor.

The subjects and bibliography related to the tests are proposed by the PhD supervisor with vacancies, validated by the Doctoral School Council.

The written and oral tests, evaluation and selection criteria for the admittance to the Doctoral School are as following:

The admittance consists of calculating the arithmetical mean of three grades: written test grade; interview grade; the arithmetical mean from dissertation exam. The criterion for differentiation in the case of equal means is given by the graduation exam mean.

**WRITTEN TEST:** questions will be formulated by study area from the list of topics and will be submitted by PhD advisor/team of PhD advisors.

**INTERVIEW:** the student will present a PhD research project. The project will be based on topics from study area candidates apply for.

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL** should include the following:

*Introduction* – background and research aim required the scientific knowledge

*PhD proposal:* topic, research questions, current literature review

*Objectives:* aim, expected results and contribution to the to the development of study area

*Methodology:* methods and strategy, interdisciplinary aspects, etc.

*References*

*Previous research*

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# AREAS OF COMPETENCE



## I. PHILOSOPHY

**Prof. univ. dr. ȘTEFAN AFLOROAEI**

Hermeneutics, Metaphysics

**Prof. univ. Dr. ANTON ADĂMUȚ**

Medieval Philosophy

History and Philosophy of Religion

**Prof. univ. dr. CARMEN COZMA**

Ethics in Humanities and Social Sciences

**Prof. univ. dr. MARIUS DUMITRESCU**

History of Modern Philosophy

Philosophical Anthropology

**Prof. univ. dr. NICOLAE RÂMBU**

German Classical Philosophy

Philosophy of Culture and Intercultural Communication.

**Prof. dr. PETRU IOAN**

Logic and Meta-logic

**Prof. dr. Traian Dinorel Stănciulescu**

Semiotics

**Prof. dr. Dumitru N. Zaharia**

Aesthetics



## II. SCIENCES OF COMMUNICATION

**Prof. univ. dr. Constantin Sălăvăstru**

Logic and Applications

Rhetoric and Argumentation Theory

Political Speech and Power

## III. SOCIOLOGY

**Prof. univ. dr. Doina Balahur:**

Legal Sociology and Social Work on Vulnerable Groups;

Psycho-Sociology of Social Organizations and Institutions.

**Prof. univ. dr. Nicu Gavriliuță:**

Sociology of religion

Social and Cultural Anthropology

**Prof. univ. dr. Mihai Dinu Gheorghiu:**

Psycho-Sociology of Education

Psycho-Sociology of Social Work and Organizations

**Prof. dr. Ștefan Cojocaru**

Sociology of vulnerable and disadvantaged populations

## IV. POLITICAL SCIENCES

**Prof. univ. dr. Anton Carpinski**

Political Theory

Comparative Political Systems

International Organisations

**Prof. univ. dr. George Poede:** EU Policies and Institutions

# TOPICS FOR DOCTORAL RESEARCH

## I. PHILOSOPHY



### **Prof. univ. dr. ANTON ADAMUT**

- The Analogy and Univocality of Being in Medieval Philosophy
- Freedom and Free Will in Saint Augustine's Philosophy
- Metaphysics and Intentionality in Medieval Philosophy

### **Prof. univ. dr. ȘTEFAN AFLOROAEI**

- The Critical Version of Metaphysics (Imm. Kant)
- Phenomenology and Hermeneutics (H.-G. Gadamer)
- Metaphysics and Hermeneutics (M. Eliade, P. Ricoeur)

### **Prof. univ. dr. CARMEN COZMA**

- Theoretical Ethics and Applied Ethics
- Aretaic and Deontic in Moral Philosophy
- Ethics' Challenges in the Context of Globalization

### **Prof. univ. dr. MARIUS DUMITRESCU**

- Human Nature and the Problem of Freedom in the Philosophy of 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Centuries
- Philosophy, Science and Art in the Renaissance
- Philosophy of the Baroque theater

**Prof. univ. dr. PETRU IOAN**

- The Logic of Designation and Enunciation in Terms of Aristotelian Table of the Existence Categories
- Distortions and Blockages in Social Communication: an Application of the Situational - Hexadic Model
- The Slippage in the Functioning of Politics and Ways of Overcoming Them: a Situational – Hexadic Model

**Prof. univ. dr. NICOLAE RÂMBU**

- Morphology of Culture
- Culture and Civilisation
- The Values of Metaphysics
- The Gnoseology of Values
- The Crisis of Values

**Prof. univ. dr. TRAIAN DINOREL STĂNCIULESCU**

- The Sign as a „Hard Nucleus” of Semiotic Discourse
- The human language, from nature to culture
- The semiotic methodology, an efficient instrument of analysis and construction

**Prof. univ. dr. DUMITRU N. ZAHARIA**

- Theories on Art in Antiquity: Plato and Aristotle
- Theories on Art in The Modern Era: Hegel or Kant
- Evaluation and Aesthetic Judgment
- Aesthetic Criteria in Light of Contemporary Arts

## **II. SCIENCES OF COMMUNICATION**

**Prof. univ. dr. CONSTANTIN SĂLĂVĂSTRU**

- Rational Order of Discourse : Argument, Argumentation Techniques and Argumentative Strategies
- Style and Expressivity in the Construction of Oratorical Discourse
- A Special Form of Discourse : Public Debate

## **III. SOCIOLOGY**

**Prof. univ. dr. DOINA BALAHUR**

- Gender, Career and Excellence in Scientific Research. Gender Equality in Science. Research Activity within this Topic will be Carried out in Cooperation with the European FP7 Project “Structural Transformation to Achieve Gender Equality in Science”.
- Society, Law and the New Forms of Social Control (Crime, Risk and Community Safety; Juvenile Justice in Europe; Restorative Justice, Mediation and Conflict Resolution ; Social Control, Surveillance and the New Information Technologies, Youth Violence in European Societies).
- Social Work and Human Rights: Protection Strategies and Social Programmes for Vulnerable People and Groups (Children, Women, Ethnic Minorities, Refugees, Migrants, Human Trafficking).

**Prof. univ. dr. NICU GAVRILUȚĂ**

- Protestant Origins of the Modern Mentality
- Challenge (post) Modernity: Sexuality, Abortion and Cloning. A Socio-Anthropological Perspective
- Tolerance, Intolerance and Religious Fundamentalism

**Prof. univ. dr. MIHAI DINU GHEORGHIU**

- Sociology of Elites
- Sociology of Community
- Sociology of Intellectuals, of Literature and of the Arts

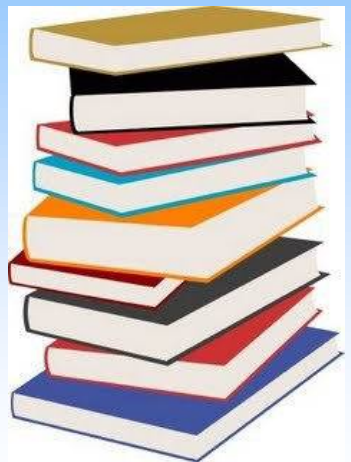
**IV. POLITICAL SCIENCES**

**Prof. univ. dr. ANTON CARPINSCHI**

- Multiculturalism and Globalization. Trends and Challenges.
- Political System and Global Society
- Political Ideologies and the Dynamics of Democracy

**Prof. univ. dr. GHEORGHE POEDE**

- Political Science and Theory of Knowledge
- Typology of Domination and Current Theories on Power
- Political Theory and its Problems
- Objectivity and Subjectivity in Political Science.



## RELEVANT DOCTORAL THESES COMPLETED

### I. PHILOSOPHY

**Advisor: Prof. dr. ANTON ADAMUT**

Crîșmăreanu, Florin, THE CONCEPT OF METAPHYSICS IN FRANCESCO SUAREZ. FROM THE ENTIS ANALOGY TO THE UNIVOCALITY OF BEING (cotutelle: Ph.D. prof. Christian Trottman, Université François Rabelais, Tours, France), 2009

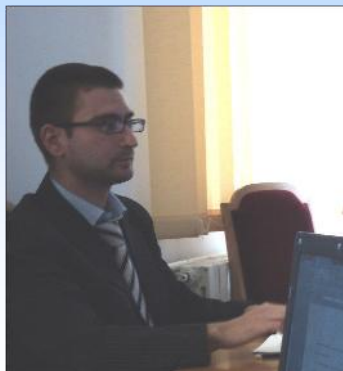
Băltuță, Elena, THE PROBLEM OF INTENTIONALITY IN THOMAS OF AQUINAS, 2011

**Advisor: Prof. univ. dr. ȘTEFAN AFLOROAEI**

Bondor, George, FROM METAPHYSICS TO HERMENEUTICS. FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE, 2004

Balba, Corneliu, CRITIQUE OF REPRESENTATION AND THE END OF MODERNITY. MICHEL FOUCAULT, 2005

Gherghel, Valeriu, THE BOUNDS OF METAPHYSICAL LANGUAGE. FROM THE ONE OF PLATO TO THE ONE OF PLOTINUS, 2005



**Advisor: Prof. univ. dr. CARMEN COZMA**

Măgurianu, Liviu Adrian, HUMANNESSTH ACHIEVEMENT WITHIN AN EDUCATIONAL ETHICS

**Prof. univ. dr. TRAIAN DINOREL  
STĂNCIULESCU**

Poenaru, Aritia, SEMIOTICS OF THE  
ARCHITECTURAL FORMS (2010):

Bahrin, Ana-Daniela, THE CONDITION  
OF TRAGIC IN THE CREATION OF  
ALBERT CAMUS: SEMIOTIC INTER-  
PRETATION (2011)



**Advisor: Prof. univ. dr. Nicolae Râmbu**

Ungureanu, Daniel , FUNDAMENTALISMUL ISLAMIC CA FORMĂ  
A ORBIRII AXIOLOGICE

Sidoriuc, Marius, CONCEPTUL DE RUINĂ. RUINA CA  
HETEROTOPIE

## **II. SCIENCES OF COMMUNICATION**

**Prof. dr. CONSTANTIN SĂLĂVĂSTRU**

Tuțui, Viorel, THE PROBLEM OF THE A PRIORI IN CONTEMPORARY  
EPISTEMOLOGY, 2008.



### III. SOCIOLOGY

**Advisor: Prof. univ. dr. DOINA BALAHUR**

Popovici, Irina-Elena, THE MINORS BEHAVIOR IN THE VIRTUAL SPACE AND ONLINE GROOMING. THE PROFILE OF ROMANIAN UNDERAGE USER OF INTERNET SOCIAL NETWORKS

Margineanu-Vicovan, Magdalena, CARE AND EDUCATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD UNDER EUROPEAN POLICY AND LAW. A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND GERMANY

Arustei – Braescu, Dana - Paula, FEAR AND RISK IN CHILD PROTECTION. A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND GREAT BRITAIN.

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Aboboaei, Cristina, RELIGION AND POWER IN INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Zanfirescu, Liviu, DESECRATION OF THE BODY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING.





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Octavia Amariței Gramaticu, Octavia, OCCUPATIONAL STRESS IN KINDERGARTEN WITH EXTENDED PROGRAMME. THE IMPACT OF CHANGES IN THE EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE ON HUMAN RESOURCES IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION. (2011)

Nastasă Neculau, Diana, THE IMPACT OF THE SENTENCE EXECUTION ON THE SOCIAL REINTEGRATION OF FORMER PRISONERS, (2011)

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Mărgărit, Diana, FROM NATIONAL TO SUPRANATIONAL. CONCEPTUAL MUTATIONS OF THE DEMOCRACY

Greco, Silviu, QUANTITATIVE - MULTIVARIATE MODELING OF THE DEMOCRACY CONSOLIDATION PROCESSES OF THE EAST-EUROPEAN SPACE



## **COURSES OF THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL**

**Methods for Writing a Scientific Paper**  
(common discipline)

**Theories of Argumentation and Interpretation** (Philosophy module)

**Paradigms of Knowledge and Communication**  
(Sociology, Political Science, and Sciences of Communication Module)





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