

CURRICULUM VITAE

Ioan Alexandru Tofan



PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY:

2019/2020–present – Professor, PhD, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences,
“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași

Courses taught: Romanian Philosophy; History and Philosophy of Religion; Radical Hermeneutics; Philosophical Methodology

Research interests: Philosophy of Religion (20th century); Critical Theory; Classical German Philosophy

Current research focus: Forms of spiritual experience

2014/2015–2019/2020 – Associate Professor, PhD, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași

2008/2009–2014/2015 – Lecturer, PhD, same department and faculty

2006/2007–2008/2009 – Teaching Assistant (PhD candidate), Chair of History of Philosophy and Hermeneutics

2004/2005–2006/2007 – Junior Assistant (PhD candidate), same chair

Since 2015 – Habilitated Doctor, Department of Philosophy (doctoral supervision: Philosophy of Religion, Romanian Philosophy)

Member of the University Senate and Faculty Council.

Director of the “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University Press

Initiator and contact person for the ERASMUS+ partnership between UAIC Iași and Saint Joseph University, Beirut (2019).

Representative for the partnership with the University of Konstanz (2025)

2014-2015: Expert for International Relations for the project: *Inovare și dezvoltare în structurarea și reprezentarea cunoașterii prin burse doctorale și postdoctorale* (IDSRC – doc-postdoc) POSDRU/159/1.5/S/133675, Romanian Academy, Iași

Other Teaching:

2024-2026: Associate Professor, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy

Master’s Course: Religion, Spiritual Experience and the Everyday World

EDUCATION:

2010-2012 – Post-doctoral studies, the Romanian Academy, Iași branch, Romania

2002-2007 – PhD in philosophy, thesis *Dialectic și speculativ. Filosofia religiei la Hegel* [Dialectic and Speculative. Hegel's Philosophy of Religion] "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, Romania (magna cum laude)
 2002-2004 – MA in philosophy (Theory and Practice of Interpretation), thesis *Concept și interpretare. Filosofia religiei la Hegel* [Concept and Interpretation. Hegel's Philosophy of Religion] "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași
 1998-2002 – BA in philosophy, thesis *Hegel și Gadamer: filosofie speculativă și hermeneutică* [Hegel and Gadamer: Speculative and Hermeneutical Philosophy] "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași
 1994-1998 – "Costachi Negruzzi" Highschool of Iași.

LANGUAGES:

German (fluent); French (fluent); English (fluent); Italian (intermediate); Latin (reading ability)

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND ACADEMIC VISITS:

Abroad:

December 2022 – January 2023 – Research Fellowship, KU Leuven, Belgium
 February 2020 – ERASMUS+ Teaching Mobility, Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon
 November 2016 – January 2017 – KAAD Research Fellowship, Hochschule für Philosophie, Munich, Germany
 June 2016 – August 2016 – DAAD Research Fellowship, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany
 August 2012 – Training Fellowship, University of Konstanz, Germany
 January 2012 – Training Fellowship, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany
 January 2011 – Training Fellowship, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany
 September 2009 – March 2010 – KAAD Research Fellowship, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany
 August 2008 – Training Fellowship, University of Konstanz, Germany
 October 2006 – August 2007 – DAAD Research Fellowship, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany
 August 2004 – October 2004 – Training Fellowship, University of Konstanz, Germany
 Summer Semester 2002/2003 – Socrates/Erasmus Scholarship, University of Konstanz, Germany

In Romania:

2012–2013 – Stefan Odobleja Fellow, New Europe College, Bucharest

(CO-)ORGANIZER OF SCIENTIFIC EVENTS:

- 9–11 December 2021 – Member of the Scientific Committee: The national conference *Paradigma conștiinței – abordări multi și interdisciplinare/The Paradigm of Consciousness – Multi- and Interdisciplinary Approaches*, "Gheorghe Zane" Institute for Economic and Social Research of the Romanian Academy, Iași Branch.
- 18 November 2021 – co-organizer: The national conference *Avatarurile Filosofiei în lumea contemporană/The Avatars of Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, "Gheorghe Zane" Institute for Economic and Social Research of the Romanian Academy, Iași Branch.

- 27–28 November 2020 – co-organizer: The national colloquium *Narațiuni și discursuri identitare. Locuri, teritorii, lumi/Narratives and Identity Discourses. Places, Territories, Worlds*, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași.
- 30 noiembrie 2019 – co-organizer: The national colloquium *De la monument la arhivă. Despre sensurile memoriei/From Monument to Archive. About the Meanings of Memory*, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași.
- 1 November 2018 – co-organizer: The national colloquium *Rescrieri ale tradiției. Identități și uzuri hermeneutice/Re-writing Tradition. Identities and Hermeneutical usures*, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași
- 13 July 2018 – co-organizer: The International Conference of the Doctoral School of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences – 1st edition: *Doctoral Research and Public Sphere: An Interaction*, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași
- 26-27 mai 2017 – co-organizer: The international conference *Perspectives in Humanities and Social Sciences: Hinting at Interdisciplinarity*, 4th edition: *Revolutions, the Archeology of Change*, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași
- 23-27 august 2016 – co-organizer: The 36th Congress of *Association des Sociétés de Philosophie de Langue Française (ASPLF)*, Iași
- 7-12 September 2015 – co-organizer: The workshop *Le projet moderne de paix perpétuelle. Du droit cosmopolitique à la démocratie globale* within the OFFRES Summer School on „Faire justice. Quand la philosophie devient politique”, Warsaw, Poland
- 7-11 mai 2015 – co-organizer: The international conference *Humanities and Social Sciences Today. Classical and Contemporary Issues*, Romanian Academy, Iași Branch
- 13-14 November 2014 – co-organizer: The national colloquium *Seriozitatea jocului/The Earnestness of Game*, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași
- 25-26 October 2012 – co-organizer: The national colloquium *Bestiarul puterii. Discursuri, practici, manifestări/The Bestiary of Power. Discourses, Practices, Manifestations*, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași
- 10-18 July 2012 – co-organizer: The workshop *Les Lumières et l’université: le conflit des facultés et l’idée d’homme*, within the OFFRES Summer School on „L’Idée d’Université. Education, tradition, émancipation”, Iași

MEMBER OF EDITORIAL BOARDS:

- *Hermeneia. Journal of Hermeneutics, Art Theory and Criticism*, Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași
- *Meta. Research in Hermeneutics, Phenomenology and Practical Philosophy*, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași
- *European Journal of Science and Theology*, “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University of Iași. Guest Editor of Vol. 9/no. 2 of the journal
- *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai, Cluj, Romania

Peer-reviewer:

- 2014-prezent – Peer-reviewer for the journal *Philobiblon. Transylvanian Journal of Multidisciplinary Research in Humanities*

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC ASSOCIATIONS:

- Uniunea scriitorilor din România [Romanian Writers Union]
- Societatea română de filosofie [Romanian Society for Philosophy]
- Centrul de Hermeneutică, Fenomenologie și Filosofie practică [Center of Hermeneutics, Phenomenology and Practical Philosophy], Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași
- RVP (Research in Values and Philosophy) Iasi Center Research Project Re-Learning to be Human for Global Times: The Role of Intercultural Encounters

AWARDS:

2024 – “Alexandru Tzigara-Samurcaș” Prize, Convorbiri literare, Iași
2024 – Anthropos Journal Prize
2021 – “Dumitru Stăniloae” Prize, Romanian Academy
2014 – “Juventas Scientiae” Diploma, UAIC Iași

Research and Publications

Books:

Ca prin oglindă, în ghicitură. Mici eseuri despre creștinism [Through a Glass Darkly. Short Essays on Christianity], Galaxia Gutenberg, Târgu Lăpuș, 2024

André Scrima, un „gentleman creștin”. Portret biografic [André Scrima, a "Christian Gentleman". Biographical portrait], Humanitas, Bucharest, 2021

Omul lăuntric. André Scrima și fizionomia experienței spirituale [The Inner Man. André Scrima and the Physiognomy of Spiritual Experience], Humanitas, Bucharest, 2019

Mistică și lume cotidiană. Michel de Certeau [The Mysticism and the Everyday. Michel de Certeau], Humanitas, Bucharest, 2017 (EBOOK); Second edition (PRINT): *Experiență spirituală și lume cotidiană. Michel de Certeau* [Spiritual Experience and the Everyday World. Michel de Certeau], Eikon, Bucharest, 2018

Cuvinte, lucruri, imagini. Teorie critică la Walter Benjamin și Theodor W. Adorno [Words, Things, Images. Critical Theory in Walter Benjamin and Theodor W. Adorno], Editura Universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Iași, 2014

City Lights. Despre experiență la Walter Benjamin [City Lights. On Experience in Walter Benjamin], Humanitas, Bucharest, 2014

Logica și filosofia religiei. O re-lectură a prelegerilor hegeliene [Logics and the Philosophy of Religion. A Re-reading of Hegel's Lectures], Editura Academiei Române, Bucharest, 2010

Co-editor:

Eastern Orthodox Christianity and the Culture of Dialogue. The Legacy of André Scrima (with Viorel Coman), CERF, Paris, 2024

Proceedings of the International Conference Humanities and Social Sciences Today. Classical and Contemporary Issues. Section: Philosophy and Other Humanities (with Dan Chițoiu), Editura Pro Universitaria, Bucharest, 2015

Bestiarul puterii [Bestiary of Power] (with Diana Mărgărit), „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University Press, Iași, 2014

From 2024: Editor of *Marin Tarangul Collected Works*, Junimea Publishing House, Iași

Articles (selection):

„The Seen and the Unseen in Art”, *MEΘEXIS Journal of Research in Values and Spirituality*, Vol. II, No. 2, 2022, pp. 51-63

„Reflection on Mediation: Interpreting a Book of Andrei Scrima”, *Review of Ecumenical Studies* 12/3, 2020, pp. 474-484

„Le moine ou le modèle maximal de l’expérience spirituelle”, *Orientalia Christiana Analecta* 306 (André Scrima. *Expérience spirituelle et langage théologique – Actes du colloque de Rome, 29-30 octobre 2008*), Daniela Dumbravă și Bogdan Tătaru-Cazaban (editors), 2019, pp. 211-227

„Historical Sense and Transcendence in André Scrima’s Writings”, *Philobiblon. Transylvanian Journal of Multidisciplinary Research in Humanities*, XXIII/2, 2018, pp. 155-165 – ISSN print: 1224-7448

„Tradition et conseil spirituel. André Scrima”, *Hermeneia*, 21/2018, pp. 53-60 – ISSN print: 1453-9047

„L’expérience religieuse comme itinérance. André Scrima et Michel de Certeau”, *Revue Roumaine de Philosophie*, Vol. 60/2, 2016, pp. 239-253

„Geografii miraculoase: pustia și orașul” [Miraculous Geographies: the Desert and the City], *Revista Transilvania*, Sibiu, 2/2015, pp. 65-72

„Ontologia miracolului sau despre felul frumos de a fi al lumii” [Ontology of the Miracle, Or on the Beauty of the World], *Revista Transilvania*, Sibiu, 9/2014, pp. 79-87

„Illustrated Books and Old Photos. Image in Walter Benjamin’s Works”, *New Europe College Yearbook*, 2012/2013, pp. 219-252

„Conceptul de ”experiență” la Walter Benjamin. Teologie, cunoaștere și politică” [Walter Benjamin’s Concept of ‘Experience’. Theology, Knowledge and Politics], *Revista Transilvania*, Sibiu, 9/2012, pp. 6-12

„Hans Blumenberg and the Critique of Secularization”, *European Journal of Science and Theology*, Vol. 8/3, 2012, pp. 57-65

„Eschatologie și teologie politică. Iudaism și creștinism” [Eschatology and Political Theology. Judaism and Christianity], *Revista Transilvania*, Sibiu, 4/2012, pp. 48-52

„Sur la légitimité théologique de la démocratie”, *Meta. Research in Hermeneutics, Phenomenology and Practical Philosophy*, Vol. I/1, 2011, pp. 195-207

„Secularization and Religious Pluralism. Towards a Genealogy of Public Space”, *European Journal of Science and Theology*, Vol. 7/2, 2010, pp. 5-17

„Problema interpretării filosofice la Constantin Noica” [Constantin Noica and the Problem of Philosophical Interpretation], *Revista Transilvania*, Sibiu, 9/2010, pp. 45-52

„On How God Does not Die in the Idea. The Hegelian Project of Philosophy of Religion”, *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, nr. 22, 2009, pp. 89-114

„Social Norms and Religious Values. About secularization”, *European Journal of Science and Theology*, Vol. 5/3, 2009, pp. 1-11

„The Liberation of Negativity. Adorno and Derrida on Hegel”, *Analele Universității „Al. I. Cuza” Iași, secția Filosofie*, LVI, 2009, pp. 91-105

„The End of Secularization or the "Public Rebirth" of Christianity”, *Ratio Sociologica-Journal of Social Sciences: Theory and Applications*, Università degli Studi "G. d'Annunzio", Chieti-Pescara, Italy, nr. 2/2009, pp. 67-88

„Patericul, in lectura postmodernă. Note despre o moștenire origenistă” [The *Paterikon* in a Postmodern Reading. Notes on Origen's Heritage], *Studia Theologica*, University Babeș-Bolyai, Cluj, 3/2009, pp. 183-194

„Early Theological Works. Towards an Archeology of Certain Late Hegelian Motifs”, *Cultura. Revistă internațională de filosofia culturii și axiologie*, 8/2007, pp. 59-80

„Este *Fenomenologia spiritului* o carte de metafizică? (I) Despre metodă și cunoaștere absolută la Hegel” [Is the *Phenomenology of Spirit* a Metaphysics Book? On Method and Absolute Knowledge in Hegel], *Analele Universității „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Iași, secția Filosofie*, LVI, 2005-2006, pp. 77-93

„Metaphore et reflexion chez Hegel”, *Cultura. Revistă internațională de filosofia culturii și axiologie*, 5/2006, pp. 27-34

„Cine îl mai citește azi pe Hegel? Despre receptarea lui Hegel în cultura română după 1990” [Who Reads Hegel Nowadays? On the Reception of Hegel in Romania after 1990], *Caietele Hermeneia*, Iași, 2006, pp. 71-87

Conference papers (selection):

„Cum se citește un text filosofic. Lectură și gândire speculativă la Constantin Noica” [How to Read a Philosophical Text. Reading and Speculative Thinking In Noica's oeuvre], *Simpozionul Național Constantin Noica, ed. III. Pagini despre sufletul românesc, Iași, mai 2011*, (eds. Mona Mamulea, O. Grama), Ed. Academiei Române, 2011, pp. 149-155

Studies (selection):

„Eros and Charity: on Seeing the Other”, in *Phenomenologies of Love* (eds. Veronica Cibotaru, Iulian Apostolescu), Brill, Leiden, 2025, pp. 422-436

„André Scrima and the Presence of the Other: Towards a Physiognomy of Spiritual Experience”, in *Eastern Orthodox Christianity and the Culture of Dialogue. The Legacy of André Scrima* (eds. Viorel Coman, Ioan Alexandru Tofan), CERF, Paris, 2024, pp. 49-66

„Some Considerations about Hospitality”, in *Willkommen und Abschied. Interdisziplinäre Annäherungen an Migration* (eds. Raluca Rădulescu, Alexandru Ronay, Markus Leimbach), Wissenschaftlicher Verlag, Berlin, 2019, pp. 37-47

„Secularizare și religiozitate postmodernă. Spre o genealogie a spațiului public” (raport de cercetare) [Secularization and Postmodern Religiosity Towards a Genealogy of the Public Sphere (research report)] in *Interpretare și societate* (Corneliu D. Bîlbă, coord.), Institutul European, Iași, 2017, pp. 237-275

„Le texte hégélien et ses traductions. Sur la splendeur et l'échec de la réception”, in *Jassyer Beiträge zur Germanistik XIX, 2016 – Geisteswissenschaften im Dialog: Deutsch-Rumänisch/Rumänisch-Deutsch*, „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University Press, Iași/Hartung-Gorre Verlag, Konstanz, 2016, pp. 63-73

„Secularizarea” [Secularization], in *Concepte și teorii social politice*, (ed. Eugen Huzum), Ed. Institutul European, Iași, 2011, pp. 207-231

„Despre posibilitatea misterului. Filozofie și ezoterism”, in *Adevăr hermeneutic și locuri obscure*, (eds. G. Bondor and C. Bîlbă), „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University Press, Iași, 2008 - ISBN: 978-973-703-340-6, pp. 188-213. Translated into English: „On the Possibility of Mystery. Philosophy and Esotericism”, *Meta. Research in Hermeneutics, Phenomenology and Practical Philosophy*, Vol. I/2, 2009, pp. 368- 395

Research Team Membership:

member of the research team: project UEFISCDI PN-III-P1-1.2-PCCDI- 2017-0686 (*Platformă pluridisciplinară complexă de cercetare integrativă și sistematică a identităților și patrimoniului cultural tangibil și nontangibil din România*) [Multi-disciplinary Platform for Integrative and Systematic Research of Identities and Cultural Tangible/nontangible Heritage in Romania]. Coordinator: Cătălin Alexandru Lazăr, University of Bucharest (2017-2020)

postdoctoral scholar of Romanian Academy, Iași, within the project /89/1.5/S/56815 *Societatea Bazată pe Cunoaștere – cercetări, dezbateri, perspective* [Knowledge Based Society. Research, Debates, Perspectives] co-funded by the European Union and the Romanian Government from the European Social Fund via POSDRU 2007-2013 (2010-2011, 2011-2012)

member of the research team: project CNCSIS: *Origen. Fundamente ale spațiului filosofic european (Comentariul corpusului bilingv adnotat al interpretării origeniene la Hexateuh)* [Origen. Foundations of the European Philosophical Space], code 2029. Coordinator: Dr. Adrian Muraru, „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași (2009-2011)

member of the research team: project CNCSIS: *Reprezentarea străinului în filosofia românească postbelică. O abordare hermeneutică*, [Representation of the Stranger in Post-war Romanian Philosophy. A Hermeneutical Approach] code 824, 413, 307 CNCSIS. Coordinator: Dr. Ștefan Afloroaei, „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași (2000-2002).

Google Scholar:

Hirsch Index: 3
Citations: 19

WOS:

Hirsch Index: 2
Citations: 10

Scopus:

Hirsch Index: 2
Citations: 11