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**04–09 July 2014
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**VENUE: FACULTY OF LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
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- **Dan Claudiu Dănișor**, Professor, Rector of the University of Craiova, Romania.
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*** P R O G R A M M E ***

Friday, July 04

Aula Magna of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences

15,30 – 16,30 – Registration of the participants

16,30–17,00 – Official opening – Addresses by:

- Professor **Dr. Dan Claudiu Dănișor**, Rector of the University of Craiova, Romania.
- Professor **Dr. Christopher Vasillopoulos**, Eastern Connecticut State University, USA, President of the ISUD.
- **Honorary Awards**

17,00 – 18,30 – Plenary session

Chairpersons:

- **Christopher Vasillopoulos**, President of the ISUD
- **Dan Claudiu Dănișor**, Rector of the University of Craiova
- **Panos Eliopoulos**, Vice-President of the ISUD, Congress Coordinator
- **Adriana Neacșu**, Assistant Professor of the University of Craiova, Congress Coordinator
- **Lilian Karali**, General Secretary of the ISUD
- **Jean Campbell**, Treasurer of the ISUD

17,00 – 17,45 – First keynote speaker :

Professor Basarab Nicolescu, Honorary Theoretical Physicist at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), Laboratoire de Physique Nucléaire et de Hautes Énergies, Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France, Member of the Romanian Academy.

Title: *"How Can We Enter in Dialogue? Transdisciplinary Methodology of the Dialogue Between People, Cultures, and Spiritualities"*.

17,45 – 18,30 – Second keynote speaker:

Professor Georgia Xanthaki, Head of the Department of Philology, University of Peloponnese, Greece.

Title: *"Moral and Social Values in the Ancient Greek Tragedy"*.

(Optional) Cultural Activity: 19,00: Play: *Rhinoceros* by Eugene Ionesco at the National Theatre of Craiova. Directed by Robert Wilson (tickets starting from 40 lei / 9 euros).

21,30 - Reception banquet

Saturday, July 05
Faculty of Law and Social Sciences
Parallel Sessions

HALL 1

09,00 - 11,10 – Morning Session A: Humanism and Values

Chairpersons: **Thomas Robinson**, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Toronto, Canada & **Claudiu Mesaroş**, Dr., Lecturer at West University of Timișoara, Romania.

- 09,00 - 09,20 – **Herbert Hrachovec**, Dr., Professor, Institute of Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria, *"The Socrates Treatment"*.
09,20 - 09,40 – **Ana Bazac**, Dr., Professor, Polytechnic University of Bucharest, Romania, *"Person – for me, and object – for the other? How does humanism occur?"*
09,40 - 10,00 – **Özlem Duva Kaya**, Associate Professor, Dokuz Eylül University, Faculty of Letter, Department of Philosophy, Izmir, Turkey, *"Being Human Among Humans: Plurality in the Divided World"*.
10,00 - 10,20 – **Vladimir Przhilenskiy**, Prof., Dr., Professor of the Department of Philosophy, Kutafin Moscow State Law University, Russia, *"On Modernization of Humanism"*.
10,20 - 10,40 – **Jean A. Campbell**, Language specialist, New York University, USA, *"Considering Value - What are the Ways and Means of its Expression?"*
10,40 – 11,10 – **Discussion**.

11,10 – 11,40 – COFFEE BREAK

11,40 – 13,50 – Morning Session B: Soul and Death

Chairpersons: **Charles S. Brown**, PhD, Professor of Philosophy in the Social Sciences Department at Emporia State University, USA & **Eudochia Săhărneanu**, Dr.hab. Prof., Head of Philosophy and Anthropology Department, Moldova State University, Moldavia.

- 11,40 – 12,00 – **Eleni Karabatzaki**, Associate Professor, University of Ioannina, Greece, *"Resonance of Philosophical Views on Soul and Death in Hellenistic and Graeco-Roman Inscriptions"*.
12,00 – 12,20 – **Panos Eliopoulos**, PhD, Lecturer at University of Peloponnese, Greece, *"The Epicurean Views on the Human Soul in Lucretius' De Rerum Natura"*.
12,20 – 12,40 – **Thomas Robinson**, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Toronto, Canada, *"Did Plato Distinguish Male and Female Souls? Some Thoughts on this and Other Features of his Discussion of psyche"*.

12,40 – 13,00 – **Andrey Matsyna**, Associate Professor, Chelyabinsk Aeronautical Institute, Chelyabinsk State University, Russia, *“Integral Model of Archaic Perception of Death”*.
 13,00–13,20 – **Daniela Maci**, PhD, Lecturer at University of Oradea, Romania, *“Death in the Romanian Philosophy”*.
 13,20 – 13,50 – **Discussion**.

13,50 – 17,00 – LUNCH BREAK

17,00 – 19,10 – Afternoon Session: Religion and Human Belief

Chairpersons: **Herbert Hrachovec**, Dr., Professor, Institute of Philosophy, University of Vienna, Austria & **Olga Gomilko**, PhD, Professor, The National Academy of Science of Ukraine, H. Skovoroda Institute of Philosophy.

17,00 – 17,20 – **Harsha Badkar**, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy, Wilson College, Mumbai, India, *“Concept of Universal Religion in Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi – An introspection”*.
 17,20 – 17,40 – **Amita Valmiki**, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Philosophy, Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College, Affiliated to University of Mumbai, India, *“The Path of Theistic Mysticism – The Only Hope for Future?”*
 17,40 – 18,00 – **Rattan Lal Hangloo**, Professor, Vice-Chancellor of University of Kalyani, India, *“Mass Conversion in Kashmir. A story of Human Belief System”*.
 18,00 – 18,20 – **Lorena Stuparu**, Dr., Researcher, Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy, Romania, *“The Religious Dimension of Aesthetic Experience”*.
 18,20 – 18,40 – **Claudiu Mesaroş**, Dr., Lecturer at West University of Timişoara, Romania, *“Concordia Doctrinarum or the Concept of Cosmic Harmony in Gerard of Ceneda”*.
 18,40 – 19,10 – **Discussion**.

HALL 2

09,00 – 11,10 – Morning Session A: Economy, Progress and Technology

Chairpersons: **Raghunath Ghosh**, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, India & **Andrey Matsyna**, Associate Professor, Chelyabinsk Aeronautical Institute, Department of Philosophy, Chelyabinsk State University, Russia.

09,00 - 09,20 – **James Tanoos**, Dr., Assistant Professor-Business and CIS Department Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Indiana, USA, *“Profiles of CEOs from Top-Performing Multinational Manufacturing versus Financial Organizations: Age, Tenure, Internal Hiring, and Gender”*.

- 09,20 - 09,40 – **Jean-François Gava**, Dr., Scientific collaborator, Centre for Research in Philosophy, Free University of Brussels, Belgium, *“The Continued Exploitation of the Earth by Human Beings; the Effect of the Global Economy on Human Life and Values”*.
- 09,40 - 10,00 – **Tatiana Leshkevich**, Professor South Federal University, Rostov-on-Don, Member of Presidium Russian Philosophical Society, Russia, *“Prospects of human being and supertechnological future”*.
- 10,00 - 10,20 – **Stilian Yotov**, Dr., Professor, Sofia University, Faculty of Philosophy, Bulgaria, *“New Medical Technology and Human Dignity”*.
- 10,20 - 10,40 – **Vihren Bouzov**, PhD, Professor at St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria, *“Globalization and Cosmopolitanism: Some Challenges”*.
- 10,40 – 11,10 – **Discussion**.

11,10 – 11,40 – COFFEE BREAK

11,40 – 14,10 – Morning Session B: Issues in History and Morality

Chairpersons: **Małgorzata Czarnocka**, Ph.D, Professor of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Science, Poland & **Vihren Bouzov**, PhD, Professor at St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria.

- 11,40 – 12,00 – **Ionuț Răduică**, PhD Candidate, Assistant Professor, University of Craiova, Romania, *“The Hans Blumenberg’s ‘Great Questions’. Freedom within Immanent History”*.
- 12,00 – 12,20 – **Stanisław Czerniak**, PhD, Professor of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw, Poland, *“Moralisation as an Anthropological Category, Human Nature, Morality”*.
- 12,20 – 12,40 – **Sounak Mohanta**, Department of Philosophy, Derozio memorial College, Kolkata, West Bengal, India, *“Development, Environment and Buddhist Ethics”*.
- 12,40 – 13,00 – **Noell Birondo**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Wichita State University, USA, *“Aristotelian Eudaimonism and Patriotism”*.
- 13,00 – 13,20 – **Ramezan Mahdavi Azadboni**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Mazandaran, Iran, *“Quranic Perspective on Human Dignity: An Existential Interpretation”*.
- 13,20 – 13,40 – **Giorgos Papaoikonomou**, MA student of Moral Philosophy, Department of Philosophy of National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, *“Hannah Arendt on Morality”*.
- 13,40 – 14,10 – **Discussion**.

14,10 – 17,00 – LUNCH BREAK

17,00 – 19,10 – Afternoon Session: Ethics I

Chairpersons: **Ana Nolasco**, Aesthetic Professor at the University of Education in Lisbon, Portugal & **Keqian Xu**, PhD, Professor of Ancient Chinese Philosophy and literature, School of Chinese Literature and Culture, Nanjing Normal University, China.

- 17,00 – 17,20 – **Ivan Kaltchev**, PhD, Professor of Sofia University, President of Bulgarian Philosophical Association, Bulgaria, *“From Ethology to Ethics”*.
- 17,20 – 17,40 – **Raghunath Ghosh**, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal, India, *“Morality and its Role in Human Being: An Indian Approach”*.
- 17,40 – 18,00 – **Indoo Pandey Khanduri**, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, HNB Garhwal Central University, Srinagar, India, *“The Nature of Human Being and Moral Regulation of Passions”*.
- 18,00 – 18,20 – **Vaiva Adomaityte**, PhD student of theological ethics at the KU Leuven, Belgium, *“Emotions and Ethics. A Conversation with Martha C. Nussbaum and Thomas Aquinas”*.
- 18,20 – 18,40 – **Archontissa Kokotsaki**, PhD Candidate in History of Philosophy, National and Kapoditrian University of Athens, Greece, *“Passions of the Soul Being Associated with Humanistic Society: Theories of Plutarch, Aristotle, Stoics, Boethius”*.
- 18,40 – 19,10 – **Discussion**.

HALL 3

09,00 – 11,40 – Morning Session A: Papers presented in Romanian

Chairpersons: **Gheorghe Vlăduțescu**, PhD, Professor at University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy, Member of the Romanian Academy, Romania & **Ioan Alexandru**, PhD, Professor at National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania.

- 09,00 – 09,20 – **Gheorghe Dănișor**, PhD, Professor at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, University of Craiova, *“Justice – an Expression of the Human Being’s Essence”*.
- 09,20 - 09,40 – **Victor Alexandru Pricopi**, PhD, Postdoctoral researcher, ‘Alexandru Ioan Cuza’ University of Iasi, Romania, *“From Human Knowledge to Human Nature. Ancient Platonists and Valentinian Gnostics on True Inner Self”*.
- 09,40 - 10,00 – **Ioan Dura**, PhD, ‘Al. I. Cuza’ University of Iași, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, Romania, *“Meaning of Knowledge in Advaita Philosophy and Orthodox Theology: Correspondences and Differences”*.
- 10,00 - 10,20 – **Cristina Lucia Șutiu**, PhD fellow, Romanian Academy, Iasi Brach, Romania, *“Human Nature – Between Persuasion and Manipulation”*.
- 10,20 - 10,40 – **Ecaterina Sarah Frășineanu**, PhD, Lecturer, Department of Teacher Training, University of Craiova, Romania, *“Interferences Between Knowledge and Learning”*.
- 10,40 - 11,00 – **Titus Lates**, PhD, Researcher, Institute of Philosophy and Psychology of the Romanian Academy, Romania, *“Stories About the Human Being in Romanian Philosophy”*.
- 11,00 – 11,20 – **Ioan Alexandru**, PhD, Professor at National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania, *“The Problem of the Sacredness of Justice”*.
- 11,20 – 11,40 - **Discussion**.

11,40 – 12,00 – COFFEE BREAK

12,00 – 14,10 – Morning Session B: Epistemology and Perspectives of Knowledge

Chairpersons: **Jean A. Campbell**, Language specialist, New York University, USA & **Indoo Pandey Khanduri**, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, HNB Garhwal Central University, Srinagar, India.

- 12,00 – 12,20 – **Hope Fitz**, Dr., Professor of Philosophy, Eastern Connecticut State University, USA, *“Human Knowledge from a Human Perspective”*.
- 12,20 – 12,40 – **Liu Jingzhao**, PhD, Professor, Philosophy Institute, Shanxi Academy of Social Sciences, China, and **Guo Jie**, PhD, Center for international Scientific Exchange, Shanxi Academy of Social Sciences, China, *“The Function of Human Intentionality in Ideological Cognition and Practical Activities”*.
- 12,40 – 13,00 – **Artur Karimov**, PhD, Associate professor of the Department of Philosophical Anthropology, Kazan Federal University, Russia, *“Virtue Epistemology as Answer to Skeptical Challenge”*.
- 13,00 – 13,20 – **Abraham Joseph**, Postgraduate in sociology (M.A), founder secretary of ‘Conscience of the Society’ Organisation, New Delhi, India, *“The Scientific Explanation of Reality: All ‘Bits but No Its”*.
- 13,20 – 13,40 – **Emilya Tajsina**, Professor, DSc in Philosophy, Head of the Department of Philosophy, Kazan State University of Power Engineering, Russia, *“Knowledge from a Human Perspective: on Existential Materialism”*.
- 13,40 – 14,10 – **Discussion**.

14,10 – 17,00 – LUNCH BREAK

17,00 – 19,10 – Afternoon Session: Theory of Communication and Discourse

Chairpersons: **Georgia Xanthaki**, Professor, Head of the Department of Philology, University of Peloponnese, Greece & **Ana Bazac**, Dr., Professor, Polytechnic University of Bucharest, Romania.

- 17,00 - 17,20 – **Anna Ivanova**, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria, *“Understanding Others: The Coherentist Method in Intercultural Communication”*.
- 17,20 - 17,40 – **Svetla Yordanova**, PhD Candidate, University of Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria, *“Manipulations of questions or Manipulations with questions”*.
- 17,40 - 18,00 – **Vasil Penchev**, Associate Professor, Sofia, Bulgaria, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences: Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Bulgaria, *“Superhumans: Superlanguage?”*
- 18,00 - 18,20 – **Henrieta Anișoara Șerban**, PhD, Researcher, Institute of Philosophy and Psychology and Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy, correspondent member of the Academy of Romanian Scientists, Romania, *“Actualization and Becoming: The Dialogical Being within Transversal Reason”*.
- 18,20 - 18,40 **Elina Minnullina**, Professor, PhD, Department of Philosophy, Kazan State University of Power Engineering, Russia, *“Social Knowledge in Discourse Practice”*.
- 18,40 – 19,10 – **Discussion**.

Saturday, July 05

Cultural Programme

19,15: visiting the “Romanescu” Park in Craiova.

21,00: Open air concert of the Philharmonic Orchestra “Oltenia” of Craiova.

Sunday, July 06

Cultural Activities

Morning:

8,30- Trip to: Craiova - Targu Jiu (Constantin Brancusi's sculptures) - Hobița (native house of Constantin Brancusi) - Tismana Monastery - Polovragi Cave - Monastery Polovragi – Muierii Cave - Monastery Horezu – Targu - Jiu – Craiova.

Evening:

19,00- Presentation of the philosophical dialogue *‘Reaching for Democracy’*, written by Dr. Thomas Robinson, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Toronto, Canada, and performed by Participants of the Congress.

Monday, July 07
Faculty of Law and Social Sciences
Parallel Sessions

HALL 1

09,00 – 11,30 – Morning Session A: Political Philosophy

Chairpersons: **Eleni Karabatzaki**, Associate Professor, University of Ioannina, Greece & **Ivan Kaltchev**, Ph.D, Professor of Sofia University, President of Bulgarian Philosophical Association, Bulgaria.

- 09,00 – 09,20 – **Christopher Vasillopoulos**, Professor, Eastern Connecticut State University, USA, *“Aristotle's defense of equality: explanation or warning”*.
09,20 – 09,40 – **Hu Jihua**, Assistant Dean, Prof. Dr. of Institute for transcultural Studies, Beijing International Studies University, China, *“The Classic Mythology and Political Regime”*.
09,40 – 10,00 – **Cristian-Ion Popa**, PhD, Researcher, Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy, Romania, *“Republicanism – a New Political Philosophy?”*
10,00 – 10,20 – **Earnest N. Bracey**, PhD, Professor of Political Science, College of Southern Nevada, USA, *“The Political and Spiritual Interconnection of Running, Death and Reincarnation”*.
10,20 – 10,40 – **Maria Kli**, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Athens, Greece, *“Human Nature in the Political Philosophy of Modern Period”*.
10,40 – 11,00 – **Michail Mantzanas**, Assistant Professor, Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens, Greece, *“The Sophists’ Political Art”*.
11,00 – 11,30 – **Discussion**.

11,30 – 12,00 – COFFEE BREAK

12,00 – 14,10 – Morning Session B: The Individual, Nature and Society

Chairpersons: **Christopher Vasillopoulos**, Professor, Eastern Connecticut State University, USA & **Earnest N. Bracey**, PhD, Professor of Political Science, College of Southern Nevada, USA.

- 12,00 – 12,20 – **Manjulika Ghosh**, Former Professor of Philosophy and Emeritus Fellow, University of North Bengal, India, *“Human Transcendence, Nature and Society”*.
12,20 – 12,40 – **Isabelle Sabau**, Professor at Northern Illinois University, Art Department, USA; **Carmen Sabau**, Dr., *“The Impact of Technology on Humanism and Morality”*.
12,40 – 13,00 – **Ilektra Stampoulou**, MA student at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Philosophy, Greece, *“Considering Ågren's Findings: Ethical*

Ramifications of Interfering to Brain Functions with the Intention of Neutralizing Memories of Pain or Fear”.

13,00 – 13,20 – **Sandeep Gupta**, Faridabad Center of Dayalbagh Education Institute, Deemed University, Agra, India, *“The Option Before Modernity: Change or Perish”.*

13,20 – 13,40 – **Adrián Bene**, PhD, University of Pécs, Hungary, *“Nature and Lived Experience in Late Sartre”.*

13,40 – 14,10 – **Discussion.**

14,10 – 17,00 – LUNCH BREAK

17,00 – 19,10 – Afternoon Session: Papers presented in Romanian

Chairpersons: **Alexandru Boboc**, PhD, Professor at Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Romania, Member of the Romanian Academy, Romania & **Adriana Neacșu**, PhD, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania.

17,00 -17,20 – **Gabriela Vasilescu**, PhD, Associate Professor, Faculty of Letters and Sciences, Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiești, Romania, *“On the Relation Human Being - Nature”*

17,20 - 17,40 – **Dorin Baba**, PhD Candidate, Al. I. Cuza University, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, Iasi, Romania, *“Art and Morality”.*

17,40 - 18,00 – **Frăguța Zaharia**, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, ‘Alexandru Ioan Cuza’ University of Iasi, Romania, *“From Individual to the Human Being. On Dignity in the Vision of Constantin Micu Stavila”.*

18,00 - 18,20 – **Ion Vrabie**, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, ‘Alexandru Ioan Cuza’ University of Iasi, Romania, *“The Reality of Myth and the Myth of Reality in Russian Philosophy”.*

18,20 - 18,40 – **Gabriela Tănăsescu**, Scientific researcher III, PhD, Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations of the Romanian Academy, Romania, *“Individualism and Responsibility in the Rationalist Ethics. The Actuality of Spinoza’s Ethics”.*

18,40 – 19,10 – **Discussion.**

HALL 2

09,00 – 11,10 – Morning Session A: Myth and Current Understandings

Chairpersons: **Martha Beck**, Dr., Prof., Lyon College, USA & **Hu Jihua**, Assistant Dean, Prof. Dr. of Institute for Transcultural Studies, Beijing International Studies University, China.

09,00 – 09,20 – **Anna Aravantinou**, Athens Academy, Greece, *“The role of Myth in the Greek World-View”.*

09,20 – 09,40 – **Zaphira Kambouris**, Postgraduate History of Philosophy, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, *“The Didactic Quality of Logos and Myth in the Ancient Greek Context in Comparison with Other World Mythic Views”.*

09,40 – 10,00 – **Ogbujah Columbus**, PhD, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, Nigeria, *“Exploring Myths: a Key to Understanding Igbo Cultural Values”*.
 10,00 – 10,20 – **Adrian Boldișor**, PhD, Fr. Lecturer, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Craiova, Romania, *“Myth in the Thinking of Mircea Eliade”*.
 10,20 – 10,40 – **Ana Nolasco**, Aesthetic Professor at the University of Education in Lisbon, Portugal, *“Art, Mythology and Cyborgs”*.
 10,40 – 11,10 – **Discussion**.

11,10 – 11,50 – COFFEE BREAK

11,50 – 14,00 – Morning Session B: Human Nature I

Chairpersons: **Manjulika Ghosh**, Former Professor of Philosophy and Emeritus Fellow, University of North Bengal, India & **Stilian Yotov**, Dr., Professor, Sofia University, Faculty of Philosophy, Bulgaria.

11,50 – 12,10 – **James Block**, Professor, DePaul University, Chicago in Political Theory and Cultural Studies, USA, *“Human Nature in the Post-Modern Era: Toward a Theory of Instinctual Flourishing”*.
 12,10 – 12,30 – **Lilian Karali**, PhD, Professor of Prehistoric and Environmental Archaeology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, *“The Human Being Nature and Culture: Revisiting the History and the Achievements of the First Humans in the Western World”*.
 12,30 – 12,50 – **Martha Beck**, Dr., Prof., Lyon College, USA, *“All Human Beings, by Nature, Seek Understanding: Creating a Global Noosphere in Today’s Era of Globalization”*.
 12,50 – 13,10 – **Mou Chengwen**, Professor of Huanzong (Central China) Normal University, P.R. China, *“The Philosophical Contemplation on The Finitude of Human’s Existence”*.
 13,10 – 13,30 – **Nicolae Răzvan Stan**, PhD, Fr. lecturer, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Craiova, Romania, *“The Ontological Structure and the Destiny of the Human Person in Dumitru Stăniloae’s Theological Vision”*.
 13,30 – 14,00 – **Discussion**.

14,00 – 17,00 – LUNCH BREAK

17,00 – 18,50 – Afternoon Session: Education and the Human Mind

Chairpersons: **Panos Eliopoulos**, PhD, Lecturer at University of Peloponnese, Greece & **Emilya Tajsina**, Professor, DSc in Philosophy, Head of the Department of Philosophy, Kazan State University of Power Engineering, Russia.

17,00 – 17,20 – **Małgorzata Czarnocka**, Ph.D, Professor of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Science, Poland, *“Two-Level, Open, Plastic and Multidimensional Human Nature. An Ontological Riddle”*.
 17,20 – 17,40 – **Tetyana Matusevich**, Lecturer of the Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences, Of Kyiv University of Tourism, Economic and Law, Ukraine; **Oleg Bazaluk**, PhD,

Professor of Philosophy and Social Sciences, Department at Pereyaslav-Khmelnytsky State Pedagogical University, Ukraine, Chairperson of the International Society of Philosophy and Cosmology (ISPC), Editor-in-Chief of journal *Philosophy and Cosmology*, *"The Future Human Being – What Is It Like? (Issues of Philosophy of Education)"*.

17,40 – 18,00 – **Silvia Florea**, Associate Professor and UNESCO Chair's Office Director, "Lucian Blaga" University, Sibiu, Romania; Professor **Eric Gilder**, Communication and Development Studies Department, Papua New Guinea University of Technology, PNG; **Peter J. Wells**, Director, Bucharest College (BPTC), Romania, Former Program Specialist and Director (*a.i.*) of UNESCO-CEPES, Bucharest, *"Where Have All the Characters Gone? Understanding the Changing Ethos of Higher Education and the Reclaiming of 'Being' Higher Education"*.

18,00 – 18,20 – **Olga Gomilko**, PhD, Professor, The National Academy of Science of Ukraine, H. Skovoroda Institute of Philosophy, Ukraine, *"The Embodied Mind: From Mind Power to Life Vitality"*.

18,20 – 18,50 – **Discussion**.

HALL 3

09,00 – 11,10 – Morning Session A: Human Nature II

Chairpersons: **Hope Fitz**, Dr., Professor of Philosophy, Eastern Connecticut State University, USA & **Ogbujah Columbus**, PhD, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

09,00 - 09,20 – **Kevin M. Brien**, Professor of Philosophy, Washington College, USA, *"The Human Being: its Nature and Functions"*.

09,20 - 09,40 – **Charles S. Brown**, PhD, Professor of Philosophy in the Social Sciences Department at Emporia State University, USA, *"Rethinking Anthropos in the Anthropocene"*.

09,40 - 10,00 – **Bogdan-Costin Georgescu**, PhD. eng. Fr., Editor of Axioma, Consciousness, The Citadel journals, Romania, *"Towards a new The(c)ological Anthropology: the Anthropocentric Vision of Eastern Christian Theology and the Right of Man on the Nature"*.

10,00 - 10,20 – **Leepo Modise**, Senior lecturer in the department of Philosophy, Practical and Systematic Theology, University of South Africa, Pretoria, *"Human Being as Multi-Dimensional Being: the Anthropocosmic Approach to Wellness and Wellbeing"*.

10,20 - 10,40 – **Renat Apkin PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of Engineering Ecology, Kazan State Power Engineering University, Russia, *"Human Functions and Human Nature: Radiation Life-Threat"*.

10,40 – 11,10 – **Discussion**.

11,10 – 11,50 – COFFEE BREAK

11,50 – 14,00 – Morning Session B: Legal and Ethical Issues

Chairpersons: **Ashok Kumar Malhotra**, Dr., Distinguished Teaching Professor Department of Philosophy, SUNY College at Oneonta, New York, USA & **Marie Pauline Eboh**, Sr. Professor, Institute of Foundation Studies, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria.

11,50 - 12,10 – **Delamar José Volpato Dutra**, Ph.D, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, *“Human Rights and the Debate on Legal Positivism”*.

12,10 - 12,30 – **Kanti Lal Das**, Professor North Bengal University, India, *“Justitum vs. Justita: A Debate Between Rawls and Sen”*.

12,30 – 12,50 – **Danica Pirsl**, Faculty of Sport, Nis, Serbia, and **Solzica Popovska**, Faculty of Philology, Skopje, FYROM, *“Philosophy of Disability Advertising or Human Behaviour Revisited”*.

12,50 – 13,10 – **Ermolaos Psarianos** (M.Ed.), PhD Candidate of Philosophy, University of Macedonia, Greece, *“Dewey's Inter-Subjective Nature of Freedom”*.

13,10 - 13,40 – **Discussion**.

13,40 – 17,00 LUNCH BREAK

17,00 – 18,50 – Afternoon Session: Human Identity and the World

Chairpersons: **Kanti Lal Das**, Professor North Bengal University, India & **Artur Karimov**, PhD, Associate Professor of the Department of Philosophical Anthropology, Kazan Federal University, Russia.

17,00 – 17,20 – **Ashok Kumar Malhotra**, Dr., Distinguished Teaching Professor, Department of Philosophy, SUNY College at Oneonta, New York, USA, *“Time and the Mystery of Existence”*.

17,20 – 17,40 – **Eudochia Săhărneanu**, Dr.hab. Professor, Head of Philosophy and Anthropology Department, Moldova State University, Moldavia, *“Crisis of Human Identity in Postmodernity”*.

17,40 – 18,00 – **Mohammadreza Shahidi Paak**, Dr., Islamic Azad University Central Tehran Branch, Iran, *“Spinoza, Peace and Global Environment”*.

18,00 – 18,20 – **Valery Goryunov**, Dr., Professor, Polytechnic University, Chair of Philosophy Saint-Petersburg, Russia, *“Redundancy as a Driving Force of Human Existence”*.

18,20 – 18,50 – **Discussion**.

Cultural Programme

19,30: Watching the play: *A Letter...*, adaptation of the play *A Lost Letter*, by Ion Luca Caragiale. Performed by the graduates of the Theatre Department of the University of Craiova - in 'Aula Buia', the Theatre Hall of the University of Craiova, Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture.

Tuesday, July 08
Faculty of Law and Social Sciences
Parallel Sessions

HALL 1

09,00 – 11,10 – Morning Session A: Human Nature III

Chairpersons: **Bruce A. Little**, DMin; PhD, Senior Professor of Philosophy, Wake Forest, North Carolina, USA & **Leopo Modise**, Senior lecturer in the department of Philosophy, Practical and Systematic Theology, University of South Africa, Pretoria.

09,00 – 09,20 – **Adriana Neacșu**, PhD, Associate Professor at Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania, *“Between Heaven and Earth – Human Being in Porphyry’s Conception”*.

09,20 – 09,40 – **Sergey Nizhnikov**, Professor at University in Moscow, Russia, *“Spiritual Cognition and Morality”*.

09,40 – 10,00 – **Keqian Xu**, PhD, Professor of Ancient Chinese Philosophy and literature, School of Chinese Literature and Culture, Nanjing Normal University, China, *“Ren Xing: Mencian Understanding of Human Being and Human Becoming”*.

10,00 – 10,20 – **Zhang Zengxiang** and **Li Yuping**, Associate Researchers of Philosophy Institute, Shanxi Academy of Social Sciences, Taiyuan, China, *“The Theory of Yin and Yang and the Nature of Human Being”*.

10,20 – 10,40 – **Mostafa Younesie**, Assistant professor, Tarbiat Modares University, Tehran, Iran, *“Re-Reading Farabi Speculation on Human Nature”*.

10,40 – 11,10 – **Discussion**.

11,10 – 11,50 – COFFEE BREAK

11,50 – 14,00 – Morning Session B: Anthropological Problems

Chairpersons: **Mostafa Younesie**, Assistant professor, Tarbiat Modares University, Tehran, Iran & **Delamar José Volpato Dutra**, Ph.D, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil.

11,50 – 12,10 – **Yusuf Heidari Chenari**, Assistant Professor of Babol Noshirvani University of Technology, Iran, and **Ramezan Mahdavi Azadboni**, Associate Professor, University of Mazandaran, Iran, *“Islamic Notion of Fitrah as the Nature of Human being”*.

12,10 – 12,30 – **Marie Pauline Eboh**, Sr. Prof., Institute of Foundation Studies, Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria, *“Woman Being: Its Nature and Functions.”*

12,30 – 12,50 – **Roberta Matkovic**, PhD, lecturer at the Department for Humanistic Sciences at the University 'Juraj Dobrila' of Pula, Croatia, *"Shadows and Lights of Violence"*.
 12,50 – 13,10 – **Bruce A. Little**, DMin; Ph.D, Senior Professor of Philosophy, Wake Forest, North Carolina, USA, *"What Is A Human Being?"*
 13,10 – 13,30 – **Egor Makharov**, Doctor of Philosophy, Professor, Head of the Philosophy Department, Yakut Scientific Center, Siberian Division, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia, *"Man as the Supreme Object of Philosophy"*.
 13,30- 14.00 - **Discussion**.

14,00 – 17,00 – LUNCH BREAK

HALL 2

09,00 – 11,10 – Morning Session A: Social and Applied Ethics

Chairpersons: **Kevin M. Brien**, Professor of Philosophy, Washington College, USA & **Ramezan Mahdavi Azadboni**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Mazandaran, Iran.

09,00 - 09,20 – **Alejandro Rosas Lopez**, PhD, Docent, Philosophy Department, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia, *"Social Preferences Make Us Moral"*.
 09,20 - 09,40 – **S. Rama Devi**, Research Scholar, Department of Philosophy, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, India, *"The Role of Morality in Social Living: An Indian Perspective"*.
 09,40 - 10,00 – **Satyanarayana, Y. V.**, Emeritus Professor in Philosophy, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, India, *"Environmental Protection and Human Survival"*.
 10,00 - 10,20 – **Ana Caras**, PhD Candidate at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Faculty of Philosophy and Social Political Sciences, Research assistant at Lumen Research Center in Social and Humanistic Sciences, Iasi, Romania; **Antonio Sandu**, Dr., Associate Professor at Mihail Kogalniceanu University from Iasi, Lumen Research Center in Social and Humanistic Sciences, Romania, *"Relational Autonomy – Connections Between Moral Agent Theory and Supervision of Ethics"*.
 10,20 - 10,40 – **Ionuț Untea**, Temporary Lecturer and Research at La Rochelle University, Romania, *"From 'the Kingdom of Darkness' to 'the Pit Beneath the Cave': Leo Strauss's Critique of 'Steady Progress' and the Contemporary Ideal of Sustainable Development"*.
 10,40 – 11,10 – **Discussion**.

11,10 -12,00 COFFEE BREAK

**12,00 – 14,30 - Morning Session B: Papers presented in Romanian by the students
of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, Philosophy Specialisation**

Chairperson: Vasile Sălan, PhD., Lecturer, University of Craiova, Romania.

- 12,00 – 12,20 – **Daniel Casangiu** "Pythagoras and the power of knowledge", Coordinator: PhD Candidate Ionuț Răduică, Assistant Professor.
- 12,20 – 12,40 – **Georgiana Antonela Zamfir**, "The Man from self-knowledge to Socratic irony", Coordinator: Ph D Ionel Bușe, Professor
- 12,40 – 13,00 – **Denisa Marcu**, "The rapport between man and God in Tomas Aquino", Coordinator: Ph D Adriana Neacșu, Associate Professor
- 13,00 – 13,20 – **Iustina-Smărăndița Apetrei**, MA student, "Levels of the human being moral achievement in Schopenhauer's conception", Coordinator: Ph D Adriana Neacșu, Associate Professor
- 13,20 – 13,40 – **Bianca Mihaela Angela Golumbeanu** – "*Die kehre*, the other beginning in Martin Heidegger's thought, Coordinator: Ph D Cătălin Stănciulescu, Lecturer
- 13,40 – 14,00 – **Elena Preduț**, MA student, "The relation between man and the world in the analytical philosophy", Coordinator: Ph D Adriana Neacșu, Associate Professor
- 14,00 – 14,30 – **Discussion.**

14,30 – 17,00 – LUNCH BREAK

**17,00 – 19,30 – Afternoon Session: Papers presented in Romanian by the students
of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, Philosophy Specialisation**

Chairperson: Cristinel Trandafir, Lecturer, University of Craiova, Romania.

- 17,00 – 17,20 – **Lavinia Poenaru**, MA student, "Sigmund Freud's Theory of Psychosexual Development, Coordinator: PhD Ștefan Viorel Ghenea, Lecturer.
- 17,20 – 17,40 – **Emilia Mirela Văduva**, "Ethical Issues in Psychotherapy and Counseling", Coordinator: PhD Ștefan Viorel Ghenea, Lecturer.
- 17,40 – 18,00 – **Simona Catrinoiu**, "Brain death. Ethical implications", Coordinator: Ph D Adriana Neacșu, Associate Professor.
- 18,00 – 18,20 – **Alina Georgiana Firu (Ghenea)**, MA student, "Education and Media Culture", Coordinator: PhD Ștefan Viorel Ghenea, Lecturer.
- 18,20 – 18,40 – **Bănică Valentin**, MA student, "Consumer Society and Contemporary Alienation", Coordinator: PhD Ștefan Viorel Ghenea, Lecturer.
- 18,40 – 19,00 – **Alin Popa**, "Crime, law and punishment. Contemporary theories of punishment", Coordinator: Ph D Adriana Neacșu, Associate Professor.
- 19,00 – 19,30 – **Discussion.**

**- DINNER BANQUET
With dance and singing...**

Wednesday, July 09
Aula Magna of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences

Morning:

10,00 – 14,00 - G E N E R A L A S S E M B L Y

14,00-17,00 - LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon:

Cultural Programme

15.00- 17.00 - Visiting the Museum of Natural Sciences in Craiova (2,5 euros).

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