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Archiepiscopate of Tomis

International Conference and Seminar  
**KNOWLEDGE, REALITY, TRANSCENDENCE**  
**A Dialogue between East and West**  
31 Oct. - 6 Nov. 2016 Constanta, Sinaia, Vatra-Dornei (Romania)

## PROGRAM

### 31 OCTOBER - SENATE HALL | “OVIDIUS” UNIVERSITY OF CONSTANTA

#### OPENING CEREMONY / WELCOMING ADDRESS

10<sup>00</sup> - 10<sup>30</sup>

† Teodosie PETRESCU - Archbishop of Tomis  
Sorin RUGINĂ - Rector of Ovidius University, Constanta  
Ion BOTESCU - President of Senat, Ovidius University, Constanta  
Bogdan MOISE - Dean of Faculty of Theology, Ovidius University  
Dănut POPOVICI - Prodean of Faculty of Theology, Ovidius University  
Bogdan CHIRILUTĂ - Faculty of Theology, Ovidius University  
Ioan DURA - Faculty of Theology, Ovidius University

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

10<sup>30</sup> - 11<sup>30</sup>

† Teodosie PETRESCU - Archbishop of Tomis  
*Religions in Dialogue: from Challenge to Necessity*  
Robin WANG | Stanford University | USA  
*A Journey of Chaoyue 超越 (Transcending): Reality, Knowledge and The Way of Life  
in a Daoist Perspective*

#### THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY IN DIALOGUE EAST AND WEST PERSPECTIVES

11<sup>30</sup> - 12<sup>30</sup>

Madeea AXINCIUC | University of Bucharest | Romania  
Sarah FLAVEL | Bath Spa University | United Kingdom  
Mihaela GLIGOR | Cluj Center for Indian Studies | Romania  
Russell RE MANNING | Bath Spa University | United Kingdom  
Mohamed SULEIMAN | Beni Suef University | Egypt  
Halina MARLEWICZ | Jagiellonian University | Poland  
Iulian RUSU | Technical “Gheorghe Asachi” University | Romania  
Gabriel SÎMBOTIN | The “Gheorghe Zane” Institute for Economic and  
Social Research, Romanian Academy, Iasi Branch

13<sup>00</sup> - 14<sup>00</sup>  
14<sup>00</sup>

LUNCH | ARCHIEPISCOPATE OF TOMIS  
DEPARTURE TO SINAIA

### 31 OCTOBER - SINAIA | HOTEL “CASA AMURG”\* / HOTEL “CASA GALBENĂ”\*\*

19<sup>30</sup> - 20<sup>00</sup>  
20<sup>00</sup> - 20<sup>30</sup>  
20<sup>30</sup> - 21<sup>30</sup>

REGISTRATION  
BOOKING FOR ROOMS  
DINNER | “CASA NOASTRĂ” RESTAURANT

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# 1 NOVEMBER | SINAIA

07<sup>30</sup> - 09<sup>00</sup>

**BREAKFAST** | RESTAURANT OF HOTEL “CASA AMURG”

## SESSION I

**ROOM** CARAIMAN | HOTEL “CASA IRIS”

**MODERATOR** IOAN DURA

**LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION** ENGLISH

09<sup>00</sup> - 10<sup>15</sup>

**RUSSELL RE MANNING** | Bath Spa University | UK

*Failed Transcendence? Doing Theology of Culture Today*

**SERGEI NIZHNIKOVS** | Peoples' Friendship University | Russia

*Opening of transcendence in “axial time”*

**MIHAELA GLIGOR** | Cluj Center for Indian Studies | Romania

*Mapping Mircea Eliade. A Short History of Symbols*

10<sup>15</sup> - 10<sup>30</sup>

**COFFEE BREAK**

## SESSION II

**ROOM** CARAIMAN | HOTEL “CASA IRIS”

**MODERATOR** MIHAELA GLIGOR

**LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION** ENGLISH

10<sup>30</sup> - 11<sup>45</sup>

**MADEEA AXINCIUC** | University of Bucharest | Romania

*Religion and the Concept of Being. A Comparative Approach*

**HALINA MARLEWICZ** | Jagiellonian University | Poland

*Gerhard Oberhammer on the Reality of Transcendence*

**SARAH FLAVEL** | Bath Spa University | UK

*Transcendence in the Daoist Context*

11<sup>45</sup> - 12<sup>00</sup>

**COFFEE BREAK**

## SESSION III

**ROOM** CARAIMAN | HOTEL “CASA IRIS”

**MODERATOR** MADEEA AXINCIUC

**LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION** ENGLISH

12<sup>00</sup> - 13<sup>15</sup>

**MICHAL VALČO** | University of Žilina | Slovakia

*Religious and Scientific Knowledge: A Meta-Narrative Corrective*

**IULIAN RUSU** | Technical “Gheorghe Asachi” University | Romania

*About Real and Imaginary in Science and Theology*

**NICUSOR NACU** | University Lausanne | Switzerland

*Attempt of gnoseological review of a cosmological paradigm. A theological rereading of the phenomenology of pantheism*

**ILIE VALENTIN** | University of Bucharest | Romania

*Existence and Knowledge in Molla Sadra's vision and in Christian Theology*

13<sup>30</sup> - 14<sup>30</sup>

**LUNCH** | “CASA NOASTRĂ” RESTAURANT

14<sup>30</sup> - 18<sup>30</sup>

**VISITING PROGRAM** | Peles Castle, Pelisor Castle

19<sup>00</sup> - 20<sup>00</sup>

**DINNER** | “CASA NOASTRĂ” RESTAURANT

## 2 NOVEMBER | SINAIA

8<sup>00</sup> - 9<sup>00</sup> **BREAKFAST** | RESTAURANT OF HOTEL “CASA AMURG”

9<sup>00</sup> - 13<sup>00</sup> **VISITING PROGRAM** | SFINX, BABELE, CARAIMAN CROSS\*

13<sup>30</sup> - 14<sup>30</sup> **LUNCH** | “CASA NOASTRĂ” RESTAURANT

### SESSION IV

ROOM CARAIMAN | HOTEL “CASA IRIS”

MODERATOR RUSSELL RE MANNING

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION ENGLISH

14<sup>30</sup> - 15<sup>45</sup>

**ILARIA ACQUAVIVA** | Scuola Alti Studi Internazionali Collegio San Carlo, Modena | Italy

*The place of apophatic theology in the framework of speculative sciences according to Thomas Aquinas*

**EMIL POTEȚ** | University of Bucharest | Romania

*Apophatism or Knowing the Divine Oneness. Comparative View Christianity- Islam*

**CRINA GALITA** | University of Bucharest | Romania

*On the Relation Philosophy - Religion in the Conception of Truth in the Conception of Truth in the Epistles on Logic of the Brethren of Purity*

15<sup>45</sup> - 16<sup>00</sup>

**COFFEE BREAK**

### SESSION V

ROOM CARAIMAN | HOTEL “CASA IRIS”

MODERATOR SARAH FLAVEL

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION ENGLISH

16<sup>00</sup> - 17<sup>15</sup>

**FLORIN CRÎSMĂREANU** | “Al. I. Cuza” University | Romania

*Two Ways of Relating to Transcendence: Analogia Entis and the “Participation Quantum Potest”*

**ADRIAN DUTUC** | “Stefan cel Mare” University of Suceava | Romania

*Gnosology and Theology in Orthodox Christianity. Remarks on Isibast Experience*

**DAN SISERMAN** | University of Tübingen/Bucharest | Germany/Romania

*Knowledge and Progress in Gioacchino da Fiore's Understanding of Revelation*

17<sup>15</sup> - 17<sup>30</sup>

**COFFEE BREAK**

### SESSION VI

ROOM CARAIMAN | HOTEL “CASA IRIS”

MODERATOR MOHAMED SULEIMAN

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION ENGLISH

17<sup>30</sup> - 18<sup>45</sup>

**LORENA COZNEAC** | Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca | Romania

*Dialogue between East and West: Parallel between the Phenomenological Reduction of Husserl and Indian Meditation Techniques*

**OVIDIU CRISTIAN NEDU** | Museum of History | Romania

*Buddhist Doctrine as Ontological Therapy*

**MARIA CIURCHEA** | Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca | Romania

*Making Sense of Suffering: Buddhism and Christianity*

19<sup>30</sup> - 21<sup>00</sup>

**DINNER** | “GASTRO BIERHAUS ECONOMAT” RESTAURANT

\* This part of program depends on weather.

## 3 NOVEMBER | BRAN

8 <sup>00</sup> - 9 <sup>00</sup>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>   RESTAURANT OF HOTEL "CASA AMURG"
9 <sup>30</sup>	<b>DEPARTURE TO BRAN</b>
10 <sup>30</sup> - 12 <sup>30</sup>	<b>VISITING BRAN CASTLE</b>
12 <sup>30</sup>	<b>DEPARTURE TO VATRA-DORNEI</b>
18 <sup>00</sup>	<b>BOOKING ROOMS AT DORNA ARINI MONASTERY</b>

## 4 NOVEMBER | VATRA-DORNEI

8 <sup>00</sup> - 9 <sup>00</sup>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>   DORNA ARINI MONASTERY
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### SESSION VII

ROOM CONFERENCE HALL | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

MODERATOR NICUSOR NACU

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION ENGLISH

09<sup>00</sup> - 10<sup>15</sup>

**ROBERT LUZAR** | Bath Spa University | UK

*Objectless Faith Through Inaesthetics*

**DAN SÎMBOTIN** | The „Gheorghe Zane” Institute for Economic and Social Research, Romanian Academy, Iasi Branch

*About Rationalizing Imaginary. Rational imaginary*

**SZENKOVICS DEZSŐ** | Sapientia University of Cluj-Napoca | Romania

*The Truth (Satya) as Core Concept in Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi's Philosophy*

**BOGDAN CHIRILUTA** | Ovidius University | Romania

*Reality and Ontology in Orthodox Theology. Conceptual Delimitations*

10<sup>15</sup> - 10<sup>30</sup>

**COFFEE BREAK**

### SESSION VIII

ROOM CONFERENCE HALL | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

MODERATOR DAN SÎMBOTIN

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION ENGLISH

10<sup>30</sup> - 12<sup>00</sup>

**ALINA GIOSANU** | University of Bucharest | Romania

*Comparative Theology: Seeking Understanding*

**ANA PETRACHE** | Foundation for Interreligious and Intercultural Research and Dialogue, Geneva | Switzerland

*From Eschatological Narratives to Cultural Framework*

**BOGDAN DUCA** | Centre for Studies "Constantin Noica" | Romania

*The Theology of Interreligious Dialogue in the Light of Vatican II and Synod of Crete*

**VIOLETA POPOVICI** | Ovidius University | Romania

*Eastern Christian Spirituality and Medicine: Together for a High Quality of Health-care*

12<sup>00</sup> - 13<sup>00</sup>

**LUNCH** | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

13<sup>00</sup> - 18<sup>00</sup>

**VISITING PROGRAM** | MOLDOVITA & VORONET MONASTERIES

18<sup>00</sup> - 19<sup>00</sup>

**DINNER** | TOACA BELLEVUE RESTAURANT | GURA HUMORULUI

# 5 NOVEMBER | VATRA-DORNEI

8<sup>00</sup> - 9<sup>00</sup>

**BREAKFAST** | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

## SESSION IX

ROOM CONFERENCE HALL | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

MODERATOR FLORINA HARIGA

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION ENGLISH

09<sup>00</sup> - 10<sup>15</sup>

**AMELIA NACU** | Fondation de Nant, Département de Psychiatrie et de Psychothérapie | Switzerland

*Psychic suffering, self-knowledge and spiritual propensity. A clinical vision on the inner wholeness of the human being*

**KATARÍNA VALČOVÁ** | University of Žilina | Slovakia

*Exposing the Dangers of Moralistic, Therapeutic Deism*

**CRISTIAN ANDREI TĂȚARU** | University of Bucharest | Romania

*Subjectivation function and jouissance field between ethics of desire and aesthetics of the real to Jacques Lacan*

10<sup>15</sup> - 10<sup>30</sup>

**COFFEE BREAK**

## SESSION X

ROOM CONFERENCE HALL | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

MODERATOR HALINA MARLEWICZ

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION ENGLISH

10<sup>30</sup> - 11<sup>45</sup>

**VIRA SACHENKO** | University of Potsdam | Germany

*Virginia Woolf's 'Realism': Illness and Spirituality*

**IOANA ZAMFIR** | University of Bucharest | Romania

*Some Elements of Epistemology and Metaphysics around the Theme of the Foolishness for Christ*

**MOHAMED SULEIMAN** | Beni Suef University | Egypt

*The mystical theology of Hugh of Balma*

11<sup>45</sup> - 12<sup>00</sup>

**COFFEE BREAK**

## SESSION XI

ROOM CONFERENCE HALL | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

MODERATOR BOGDAN DUCA

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION ENGLISH

12<sup>00</sup> - 13<sup>30</sup>

**FLORINA HARIGA** | "Al. I. Cuza" University | Romania

*The Inner Judge: Conscience as Self-Knowledge in Christian Practical Philosophy*

**IULIAN DAMIAN** | "Al. I. Cuza" University | Romania

*Faithful agnostic vs. unfaithful believer*

**CEZAR HÂRLOANU** | "Al. I. Cuza" University | Romania

*Who can know God? Some biblical remarks on the knowledge of God*

**EMILIAN ROMAN** | "Al. I. Cuza" University | Romania

*Divine Law and Orthodox Canon Law. Premises and Perspectives*

**IOAN DURA** | Ovidius University of Constanta | Romania

*Knowledge and Transcendence: A Comparative Perspective between Orthodox Theology*

14<sup>30</sup> - 15<sup>30</sup>

**LAUNCH** | RESTAURANT "POIANA" | POIANA NEGRII

15<sup>30</sup> - 18<sup>00</sup>

**VISITING PROGRAM** | VATRA-DORNEI CITY

## SKYPE PRESENTATIONS

ROOM CONFERENCE HALL | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

MODERATOR IOAN DURA

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION ENGLISH

18<sup>30</sup> - 20<sup>30</sup>

**JOHN FARINA** | George Mason University | USA

*Dante and the Politics of Hell: Eastern and Western Perspectives*

**ALEXANDER CHIRILA** | Webster University | Thailand

*Thresholds of Knowing: Conceptions of Transcendent Knowledge across Traditions*

**JIM JOVE AGUAS** | Santo Thomas University | Philippines

*The Notions of Ultimate Reality and Ultimate End of Human Life: General Comparison between Monotheistic and Non-monotheistic Religions*

**XIAO OUYANG** | University College Cork | Ireland

*Moral Teleology in Kant and Zhu Xi. A Study on "Reflective Judgment" and "Investigation of Things"*

**ROBIN DAUD** | Riphah International University, Islamabad | Pakistan

*Religious Common Values between Pakistani Minorities and Islam*

**WALTER REID** | McMaster University | Canada

*A Soteriological Argument Against Suicide*

20<sup>00</sup> - 21<sup>00</sup>

**DINNER** | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

## 6 NOVEMBER | VATRA-DORNEI

8<sup>00</sup> - 9<sup>00</sup>

**BREAKFAST** | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

9<sup>00</sup> - 11<sup>00</sup>

**HOLY LITURGY** | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

12<sup>00</sup> - 13<sup>00</sup>

**CONCLUSIONS / END OF CONFERENCE**

13<sup>00</sup> - 14<sup>00</sup>

**LUNCH** | DORNA ARINI MONASTERY

15<sup>00</sup>

**DEPARTURE**