

THE AUTHORS



Mihai BĂDESCU

STUDIES: Bachelor's degree ("Law") - Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest (1990); doctoral studies (field "Law") - Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, (2000); doctoral studies ("Philosophy" field) - Romanian Academy, Institute of Philosophy and Psychology "Constantin Rădulescu-Motru" (2014).

SPECIALIZATIONS: Security and good governance (2007); Internal Affairs Management (2009); Advanced Program in International Relations (2010); The specialized training program for holding a public position, corresponding to the category of high civil servants (2013); Training program for the "Trainer" occupation (COR code 242401); specialization courses (1990-1997): psycho-pedagogy, management, normative elaboration and systematization, legal protection of human rights, humanitarian law.

ACTIVITY: university professor; PhD supervisor (field "Law", since 2009) - Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest; director of the "Law" Doctoral School of the Academy of Economic Studies, Bucharest (2016 - present); member of the CNADTCU Legal Commission (2018 – 2020; 2023 - present); university teaching staff (university teacher, university assistant, university lecturer, university lecturer, university professor, 1990 - present); vice-rector and rector of the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Police Academy; head of service (the Litigation Service and the Strategy, Regulations and Operational Standards Service; deputy general director and general director - General Legal Directorate of the Ministry of Justice; adviser (on legal issues) to the secretary of state and the minister; editor-in-chief, Review of studies and research "Pro Patria Lex" (2001 - 2014) and "Annals. Series on Philosophy, Psychology and Theology (2022 - present);

associate member of the Professional Association "Colegiul Consilierilor Juridici Bucharest"; authorized mediator (suspended).

PUBLICATIONS: author of over 30 works, including: *Constitutional law and political institutions (15 editions); General theory of law (7 editions); Legal sanction; Families and types of law; Schools and Currents in Legal Thought; Fundamental concepts in the theory of law; Introduction to the philosophy of law; Theory of the legal norm; The philosophy of law in interwar Romania; Public Administration; Theory of liability and legal sanction; Fundamentals of public administration; Comparative public administration; History of public administration; Theory of the normative legal act; Fundamentals of law; Contemporary electoral systems; author of over 200 articles, scientific communications, studies, chronicles, notes, reviews, etc.*, among which: *The role of conceptualization procedures and the language of legal norms in the elaboration of normative acts; Law and justice in the age of globalization; Punishment in philosophical-legal thinking; Landmarks of the philosophy of law in Romania; Requirements of the legislative activity in the context of the harmonization of the Romanian legislation with the legislation of the European Union; La notion de sanction dans le droit, avec special application dans le domaine du droit international public; Mono or bicameralism?; Rule of law and globalization; Vote by Mail – Another Modality Expressing the Electoral Option; Democracy – form of government in modern constitutional systems; Legal liability through the prism of new conceptual mutations; Can we Discuss About a Contemporary Law Crisis?; The validity of the legal norm – foundation of legal order and stability; The doctrine of punishment in the work of Petre Pandrea; Technical processes of entropy and creation in legislation; Plea for the philosophy of law; Civil society – contemporary coordinates. Case study: Romania; Whitehead's ideas within some Romanian legal thinkers; Law, Norm and Normativity; The Conceptual Character of Legal Knowledge; Spirit and Law in the view of the Romanian Thinker: Eugeniu Speranția; The Idea of Justice and its Rationale Foundation; Mircea Djuvara and his Contribution to the Romanian Philosophy of Law; The Validity of Legal Norms; The Role and the Features of the Criminal Sanction; The Features, Functions and the Object of the Juridical Sanction etc.*

SCIENTIFIC AFFILIATION: Academy of Romanian Scientists (full member, vice-president of the Philosophy, Psychology and Theology Section); International Association of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy (I.V.R.) – member; Romanian Academy of Legal Sciences (corresponding member, president of the Philosophy, Theory and History of Law Section), Romanian Constitutional Law Association (executive president); Romanian Association of Philosophy of Law (scientific secretary); Romanian Association of Criminal Sciences (member); International Association of Criminal Sciences (member);

Union of Jurists from Romania (member); Romanian Society of European Law(member); Titulescu European Foundation (member).

DISTINCTIONS: "Military Merit" Order, III class (President of Romania, 1998); *"Distinguished Leader's Certificate for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Theory"* (2002); *"Man of the Year 2000"* (2003); National Order *"Faithful Service"* in the rank of Knight (President of Romania, 2004); Honorary sign *"In the service of the country"* (President of Romania, 2005 and 2009); National Order *"Faithful Service"* in the rank of "Officer" (President of Romania, 2012); *"Emblem of Honor"* of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (2016); Honorary title *"Membrum Senatus Honorificus"* (2016); *"Anton Bacalbaşa"* Award for *"General Theory of Law"*, 6th edition, Hamangiu Publishing House, 2020 (Romanian Academy of Scientists - 2022).



Ion CRAIOVAN

Present and Previous Positions

- 2019 - 2020 Director, International Institute for Human Rights of the Dimitrie Cantemir University, Bucharest
- 2017 - 2019 Deputy Director, International Institute for Human Rights of the "Dimitrie Cantemir" Christian University, Bucharest
- 2016 - present day President of the Romanian Association Philosophy of law
- 2016 - present day Member of the Steering Committee of the Criminal Law Association of Romania
- 2015 - 2021 PhD supervisor at "Constantin Stere" University in Chisinau
- 2015 - present day Senior Editor, Legal Portal, Online, The Legal Universe, Bucharest, Romania,
- 2016 - present day Member of the Editorial Board of the National Law Journal from Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
- 2012 - present day Honorary Scientific Researcher at the "Acad. Andrei Rădulescu" Legal Research Institute of the Romanian Academy

- 2008 Rector of "George Barițiu" University of Brasov and beyond, Honorary Rector of the University
- 2005 - 2008 Dean of the "George Barițiu" Law School in Brasov
- 2000 - 2005 Full professor in General Theory of Law, Faculty of Law, Ecological University

Fields of Scholarship

- Scientific research in the field of law
- Philosophy of law
- Legal methodology
- General jurisprudence

Honours and Awards

- 2020 Ambassador Emeritus of Romanian Spirituality, Eco-Europa, Romanian Official Premium Board
- 2016 Doctor Honoris Causa of the "C.Stere" University of Political and Economic Studies, Chisinau
- 2011 Prize of the Romanian Academy, "Simion Bărnuțiu" for the book "Through juridical labyrinth" (Universul juridic, Publishing House, 2009)
- 2010 "Mircea Djuvara" Prize of the Romanian Jurists' Union for "Philosophy of Law or Law as Philosophy", (Universul Juridic Publishing House, 2010)
- 2008 - Honorary Rector, George Baritiu University, Brașov
- 2007 Merit Order and Badge <Who is Who>.
- 2007 Mentioned in Romanian Encyclopedia of Personalities, Hubners Hho is Hho, 2007, pp.308-309
- 2005 "Mircea Manolescu" Prize of the Romanian Jurists' Union for "Legal Methodology", (Universul Juridic, Publishing House, 2005)
- 2004 Order "Merit for education" in Knight degree awarded by the President of Romania (Official Gazette of Romania, Part I, no. 1181 / 13.12.2004).



Theodor DAMIAN

Theodor Damian (Doctor Honoris Causa, Bioterra University, Bucharest; PhD, Bucharest University; PhD, Fordham University; Th.M., Princeton Theological Seminary; Post-graduate studies at the Universities of Geneva and Lausanne, Switzerland, BA, Bucharest University).

Theodor Damian is a theologian, writer and editor. He is Professor Emeritus of Human Services and Education at the Metropolitan College of New York; president and founder of the Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York and of the Literary Society “M. Eminescu”; priest of “Sts. Apostles Peter and Paul” Romanian Orthodox Church in New York; director of *Lumina Lina. Gracious Light*, a review of Romanian spirituality and culture, and of the journals *Symposium* and *Romanian Medievalia*; President of the American branch of the Academy of Romanian Scientists; writer, member of the Writers’ Union of Romania; journalist, member of the Union of Professional Journalists, Romania; member of the editorial board of over 20 literary and academic magazines and journals in Romania and the USA; member in numerous national (Romanian and USA) and international associations.

Theodor Damian has published about 40 books in the fields of theology, philosophy, poetry, and literary criticism such as *The Icons. Theological and Spiritual Dimensions According to St. Theodore of Studion* (The Edwin Mellen Press, Lewiston, NY, 2002), *Philosophy and Literature: A Hermeneutic of the Metaphysical Challenge* (in Romanian, Ed. Fundației România de Măine, Bucharest, 2008), *The Spiritual Implications of the Theology of Icon* (Eikon, Cluj, 2003), *Semnul Isar* (Paralela 45, Pitești, 2006), *Apofaze* (Tracus Arte, Bucharest, 2012), *Lazăre, vino afară* (Junimea, Iassy, 2016), *Perihoreze* (Eikon, Bucharest, 2018).

Among the many prizes, medals and distinctions he received over the years, in 2002 he was honored with the title of honorary citizen of the city of Botoșani; in 2016 with an honorary doctorate by Bioterra University, Bucharest; in 2017 with the prize Queens Ambassador Awards offered by TimesLedger Newspapers; in 2018 he was awarded the decoration *Donum Sacrum Unitatis* by Archbishop

Irineu Pop of Alba Iulia; and the centennial medal „100 pentru Centenar” by the Romanian Government.

Dr. Damian serves as professor of Philosophy and Ethics in both the undergraduate and graduate programs at Metropolitan College of New York and served as the coordinator of the Staten Island branch of MCNY. In addition to teaching at MCNY since 1992, Dr. Damian has taught courses at St. Vladimir's Theological Seminary, the College of New Rochelle, and Spiru Haret University, Bucharest. He has served as a priest in Romania, as Dean of Dorohoi District and as a magazine editor. He is founder and president of the Romanian Institute of Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, New York, editor of one cultural magazine and two academic journals, a Senior Fellow of the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies, Pasadena, CA, and of the Sophia Institute, New York, as well as President of the American branch of the Academy of Romanian Scientists.

Professor Damian's studies have been published in many national and international journals.

He has also been the recipient of prestigious awards for his work in academic disciplines such as Philosophy, Theology, Ethics, Creative Writing, and Literary Criticism. Dr. Damian has published about 40 books, as well as hundreds of articles and poems in both Romanian and English, in the United States and Europe.

Among his books are *Gregory of Nazianzus' Poetry and His Human Face in It; Life and Mind. Perspectives on the Human Condition* (Ed., with Richard Grallo and Bert Breiner); *The Isar Sign; Prayers in Hell; Introduction to Christianity: The First Millenium; Philosophy and Literature: A Hermeneutic of the Metaphysical Challenge;* and *The Icons. Theological and Spiritual Dimensions According to St. Theodore of Studion.*

Dr. Damian has organized, presided and presented his research at over 100 national and international conferences.



Diana-Domnica DĂNIȘOR

Associate member of the Academy of Romanian Scientists

University professor dr., Faculty of Law, University of Craiova

Specialization: philology and law

Fields of scientific competence: jurisprudence, legal French, law, legal methodology, ethics and academic integrity, scientific research, general theory

Outstanding scientific achievements: 251 citations, massive presence in prestigious national and international libraries, presence in international databases

Important Publications:

- Books published in domestic and foreign publishing houses (no.) – 18 books; 3 books as coordinator; 35 books translated from and into French;
- Articles in BDI rated magazines (no.) – 44;
- International conferences published in volumes (no.) – 15;



Gheorghe DĂNIȘOR

Full Member of the Academy of Romanian Scientists.

Graduated in legal sciences, law specialty at the Faculty of Law of the University "A. I. Cuza" Iasi (1967-1972). Doctor of Law with the thesis "Hegel's Philosophy of Law" (2001) defended at the University of Bucharest, scientific supervisor

Prof.univ.dr. Nicolae Popa. University professor at the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences of the University of Craiova; Principal Researcher I at the Institute of the Romanian Academy "C.S.N. Plopsor", Craiova; PhD supervisor at the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences of the University of Craiova

Fields of scientific competence: General theory of law; Philosophy of law.



Ioan N. ROȘCA

Ioan N. Roșca – university professor PhD at the University of Bucharest (1968-2001) and Spiru Haret University (2001-2011) in the field of philosophy and cultural journalism. Through published works, he asserted himself in three fields of culture: philosophy, cultural journalism, literary creation (poetry and prose) and literary criticism. He has published, as the sole author, 18 books on philosophy (on the history of philosophy, philosophical anthropology, axiology, philosophy of history, as well as a book expounding a personal philosophical system), 3 books on cultural journalism and 6 books in the field of poetry, prose, literary critics and art critics.

He was awarded the "Vasile Conta" prize by the Romanian Academy for the work *The Specifics of French Phenomenology: Maurice Merleau-Ponty* (2021) and the "Constantin Noica" prize by the Romanian Academy of Scientists for the book *Landmarks of Romanian Philosophy. From Dimitrie Cantemir to Constantin Noica* (2017) and the "Anton Bacalbașa" award for the work *Philosophy of Integrativity* (2021).

His book of personal philosophical synthesis *The Philosophy of Integrativity* was also translated into Italian: *La filosofia dell'integrabilità*, Istituto Teseo Alta Formazione e Ricerca, 2022; Prefazione di Alessandro Denti: *Il sistema filosofico di Ioan Roșca, o del gioco tra-duttivo dell'Essere e dell'Esistente*).

Among the other philosophical books, we mention: *History in the mirror of the modern and contemporary philosophical spirit*, Bucharest, "Romania de Maine"

Foundation Publishing House, 310 p., 2018; *Values and the human condition*, Bucharest, "Romania de Mâine" Foundation Publishing House, 192 p., 2014; *Introduction to philosophical anthropology*, "Romania de Mâine" Foundation Publishing House, 144p., 2008; *Modern philosophy (French Luminism and classical German philosophy)*, Bucharest, "Romania de Mâine" Foundation Publishing House, 204 p., 2007; *Introduction to axiology*, Bucharest, "Romania de Mâine" Foundation Publishing House, 176 p., 2002; *Modern philosophy (Empiricism and rationalism)*, Bucharest, "Romania de Mâine" Foundation Publishing House, 200 p., 1999; *From mythos to logos*, Bucharest, Paideia Publishing House, 200 p., 1997.

He is an honorary member of AOȘR and a member of UZPR.



Marieta SAFTA

Prof.- PhD - Faculty of Law - Titu Maiorescu University of Bucharest
 Professor of the disciplines Constitutional Law and Political Institutions; Master's Programs – European Constitutional Law, European Constitutional Justice
PhD supervisor, member of the Doctoral School - Law within the University of Economic Studies in Bucharest – Constitutional law. Political Institutions.
First assistant magistrate at the Constitutional Court of Romania (2010-2023), activity started in 2003 as assistant magistrate; previously was legal adviser within the Ministry of Public Finance - DGFPMB
Secretary of State - Ministry of Justice (2017-2018) - coordination: European Affairs and Human Rights Directorate, European Programs Directorate, Normative Drafting Directorate, International Law and Judicial Cooperation Directorate, Crime Prevention Directorate, National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets, Directorate for Approval of Normative Acts
Liaison Officer of the Romanian Constitutional Court to the Venice Commission (2012-2017)

Founding member and co-editor of the *Revista de drept constituțional/ Constitutional Law Review* published by Universul Juridic Publishing House; member of the IACL - The International Association of Constitutional Law, member of ELI- European Law Institute, member of the Romanian Association of Criminal Sciences, member of the International Criminal Law Association, author and co-author of books and articles in the field of Constitutional Law, European Law and Criminal Law.

Research interest: comparative public law, comparative constitutional law and in particular constitutional review, constitutional justice, EU law. Co-author of the book *The dialogue of constitutional judges*, Peter Lang, 2016



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Doctor in social and human sciences at the Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne University and is currently a university professor at the Ovidius University in Constanta and PhD supervisor at the Doctoral School of Sociology at the University of Bucharest.

Fields of scientific competence: Social and territorial mobility, Social development and identity construction, Legal sociology, methodology of social sciences, management of internationalized study programs, curriculum programming



Henrieta Anișoara ȘERBAN

Henrieta Anișoara Șerban is corresponding member of the Romanian Academy of Scientists, full member of the Division of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science at the Romanian Academy (part of the Romanian Committee for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technics/Technology) and works with the Group for Interdisciplinary Research associated with this Division at the Romanian Academy. Senior Researcher at the Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations “Ion I. C. Brătianu”, as well as at the Institute of Philosophy and Psychology “Constantin Rădulescu-Motru” of the Romanian Academy. She is a habilitated doctor (2019, Romanian Academy). Since 2020 she is a founding member of the International Society for the Study of Solitude, with philosophical interest in socio-political aspects of solitude and togetherness. Recent books: *Symbolic forms and representations of socio-political phenomena*, in Romanian, 2017; *Lucian Blaga: Selected Philosophical Extracts*, co-ed. with Angela Botez and R.T. Allen, Vernon Press, 2018; and *Neopragmatism and postliberalism. A contemporary Weltanschauung*, bilingual edition, 2021.



Virginia VEDINAȘ

Vedinaș Virginia, university professor Ph. D. at the Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest, Ph. D. supervisor. doctor in law since 1998 and doctor in philosophy-ethics, at the University from Bucharest.

She is a corresponding member of the Romanian Academy of Scientists. Also, she is the author of over 60 works, most of them as sole author, and approximately 300 articles published in the literature from Romania and abroad. She is the President of the Institute of Administrative Sciences "Paul Negulescu" and deputy editor-in-chief of Public law magazine, as well as a member of the editorial boards of important specialized publications.

Among the awards and distinctions we mention:

- the National Order "Of Merit" in the rank of Knight, granted by the President of Romania;
- Jurist Union Award, 2007; Diploma of excellence awarded in 2008 by the Union of Jurists from Romania;
- Virgil Tatomir Prize for Publicity legal, 2011 and 2012 of the Romanian Lawyers' Union;
- "Anibal Teodorescu" Jurist Union Award awarded in 2018;
- Diploma awarded by the Romanian Lawyers Union, 2018;
- Title and Diploma of excellence "Man of the Year 2014 for a European Romania" awarded by "Eurolink - House of Europe" for excellence in legal academic field.

The "Tudor Popescu" prize awarded by the Academy of Scientists in September 2020 for the work "Theoretical and practical treatise on administrative law", Ed. Universul Juridic, Bucharest, 2018. Diploma of excellence "Book of the year 2021" for outstanding achievements in scientific activity and for the books of special interest, awarded by the Israel Romania Cultural Center in Tel-Aviv, on May 8, 2022, For the academic activity carried out, he was awarded four titles of DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA as follows:

- 2012 Doctor Honoris Causa "Danubius" University, Galati
- 2015 Doctor Honoris Causa Western University Vasile Goldis from Arad (October 23)
- 2022 Doctor Honoris Causa "Ovidius" University of Constanța
- 2023 Doctor Honoris Causa, "Lower Danube" University in Galați.