

## THE AUTHORS



**Elena ARMENESCU**

*Physician, writer and publicist*, was born on May 22, 1948, of Tătăraști de Sus, Teleorman County – Romanian nationality. *Studies*: a) university - Timișoara Medical Institute graduated in 1972 b) postgraduate (including medical practice): specialization in pediatrics and infant cardiology (1978-1980) in Fundeni Clinical Hospital. *She is a member of the Romanian Writers' Union since 1998. He has published volumes, starting in 1995*: poems, short prose, essays, the novel "Dora beyond the smile" Tracus Arte publishing house 2024 and a volume of spirituality: "The New Exit from the Labyrinth" Betta publishing house 2026. *In preparation*: Whispers of the Orient - poetic essays and memoir, When the Universe Smiles at You (poems) Beyond what we see – prose. She is present in numerous *poetry anthologies*. Collaborations: in the literary press and media (radio, TV) and many online magazines. *Distinctions and honorary titles*: Diploma and Cross in Officer's rank - for services to the cause of progress, awarded by the Kingdom of Belgium - Brussels 2006; In 2011-AOȘR awards the George Emil Palade Prize for the volume: „Virusul, Spaima și Speranța omenirii” (co-author). In 2024 she became an Honorary Member of the Romanian Academy of Scientists – AOȘR. It is presented in: „*Dictionary of Doctors, Writers and Publicists*” published in 2001 by Viața medicală, republished in 2003, „*A History of Romanian Literature from Its Origins to the Present*” by Ion Rotaru - Tempus ed. 2006 (references to the author on pages 959-960), Encyclopedia of Personalities in Romania ed. Hubners: „*Who is Who,*” „*Dictionary of Contemporary Romanian Writers*” Vol. IV - Tipo Moldova ed. and in other dictionaries and encyclopedias. Encyclopedia: Writers of the 2000 generation.



**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, 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

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**Theodor DAMIAN**

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 over 40 books in the fields of theology, philosophy, literary criticism and poetry. Among the many prizes, medals and distinctions he received over the years, in 2023 he was honored with The Order *Sf. Ștefan cel Mare*, offered by His Eminence Dr. Nicolae Condrea, Metropolitan of the Romanian Orthodox Church in the Americas, and in 2021 with the Jubilee Diploma and Gold Medal of the Academy of Romanian Scientists and with The Order *Sfântul Cuvios Ioan Iacob de la Neamț, Noul Hozevit*, offered by His Beatitude Daniel, the Patriarch of the Romanian Orthodox Church. In 2026 he was awarded the "Lucian Blaga" National Prize by Asociația CopyRo.



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numerous scientific and cultural editorial boards. Her work stands at the intersection of academic rigor, public communication, and cultural diplomacy, positioning her as one of the most dynamic voices in contemporary Romanian intellectual life.



**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*

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PhD in Philosophy (2006), habilitated doctor in Philosophy (2019); Senior Researcher at “Constantin Rădulescu-Motru” Institute of Philosophy and Psychology as well as at “Ion I. C. Brătianu” Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations of the Romanian Academy. Membership: corresponding member of the Romanian Academy of Scientists (since 2013); 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. Since 2020, she is a founding member of the International Society for the Study of Solitude (President: Professor Julian Stern, PhD). Member of the Association for the Philosophy of Humour since 2024 (President: Professor Lydia Amir, PhD). More recently, since 2026, member of Société Française de Philosophie and member of the Royal Institute of Philosophy (UK). She has coordinated international research projects. Recently authored books: *Symbolic Forms and Representations of Socio-political Phenomena*, in Romanian, Foreword by Claudia Moscovici, 2017; *Lucian Blaga: Selected Philosophical Extracts*, co-editor (with Angela Felicia Botez and R. T. Allen), Vernon Press, 2018; and *Neopragmatism and postliberalism. A contemporary Weltanschauung*, bilingual edition, 2021; *Richard Rorty, a philosophy for multiple blossoms. Freedom, Knowledge, Solidarity and Hope*, in Romanian, Pro Universitaria, 2025. She is also the author of the poetry volume titled *Mis-en-abîme*, L'Harmattan, 2025.