HABILITATION THESIS

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ABSTRACT

My scientific achievements in Philosophy have been obtained over 28 years of publishing activity, since 1985. I have reached my professional-academic accomplishments in my 23 years of academic teaching activity in Romanian university education system, starting with 1990, when I won by contest the position as an University Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Philosophy, of The University of Bucharest.

In 1994 I presented my PhD work entitled "Good within the Plotinian system", and I was awarded the title as a doctor in Philosophy.
After obtaining this award, my

SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS

can be grouped on the following themes:

1. **Publications on philosophic concepts** include 1 book author and 6 studies and articles. The works, unique within the professional publishing environment is useful both for those who wish to familiarize themselves with the most important philosophical concepts and for researchers interested in an overview, synthetic view on these. They outline an authentic history of philosophy, however, focused on concepts and not, as usual, on philosophical ages and creative personalities.

2. **Publications on history of philosophy** include 2 author books: *Philosophy of history of philosophy*, that is one of the very few works in Romania which aim to make a major theoretical and methodological reflection on the history of philosophy; *History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*, L'Harmattan, **written in French**, a synthesis of philosophical thought in antiquity and middle age; and 8 studies.

3. **Publications on ancient philosophy** include 1 book author and 4 studies, written in Romanian and French. They approach in a personal way the major phases of ancient philosophy, trying to highlight the peculiarity of each of them.

4. **Publications on Plato's work** include 1 author book and 5 studies, written in Romanian and French. They present original interpretations on Plato's various dialogues and points of doctrine.

5. **Publications on ancient Neo-Platonism and especially Plotinus' philosophy** include 1 book author and 4 studies. They have the merit that insist upon a time in the history of philosophy to which only after 2000 philosophical analysis works and translations began to appear in Romania.

6. **Publications on medieval philosophy** include 1 book author, 8 studies and 1review, written in Romanian and French. They provide a synthetic overview, on the whole

period of Middle Ages philosophy, treating on Christian philosophy, Arab-Islamic philosophy and Jewish philosophy.

7. **Publications on religious phenomenon** include 1 original study witch examines the explanation developed by theology in the context of various models of knowledge and interpretation of reality in the culture, highlighting the importance of each of them as well as their complementarities; and 1 review in French, to a volume published by Féline Publishing House.

8. **Publications on modern philosophy** include 3 studies of d'Holbach and Kant, which examine the ethical conceptions of the two philosophers, and 1 review to a volume published by Le Cavalier Bleu Publishing House, written in Romanian and French.

9. **Publications on contemporary philosophy** include 4 studies written in Romanian and French, which analyze significant aspects of the works of Heidegger, Levinas, Merleau-Ponty and Rorty.

10. **Publications on Sartre's philosophy** include 1 book author, the translation of *Being and Nothingness*, 1 foreword to a book on Sartre, 1 collective volume coordinated, and 22 studies, written in Romanian and French. They have the merit that details a philosophy that has been treated in Romania generally only broadly in line so pretty schematic.

11. **Publications on Romanian philosophy** include 16 studies and articles written in Romanian and French, highlighting the value and specificity of various philosophers' Romanian creation, and 1 review.

12. **Publications on democracy** include 1 book author and 2 studies, that are important because make a radiography of the conditions and limits of the Romanian democracy, also launching a warning of some risk factors for the stability and development of our society, and 1 review of a book published in Italy.

PROFESSIONAL-ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Between 1996 and 2004 I worked as a lecturer at the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy, Department of History of philosophy and Philosophy of culture.

Between 2005 and 2006 I worked as a researcher at "CS Nicolăescu-Plopşor ", Institute for Studies in Social Sciences and Humanities Yearbook, of Romanian Academy, Craiova.

In 2006 I obtained by competition the job of Docent PhD at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Craiova.

EVOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS A RESEARCH

I'll soon publish the following books:

Metaphysics and Ethics. Studies on universal philosophy.
Temptation of the Universal. Studies on Romanian philosophy.

I'm going publish studies and books in Romania and abroad on:

- Neo-Platonism
- Gnosticism
- Cartesian philosophy
- Sartre's philosophy
- Various problems addressed by thinkers throughout the history of philosophy

I will initiate collective researches with Romanian and foreign colleagues.
I will attend scientific meetings nationally and internationally.
I will organize national and international symposiums.

EVOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF TEACHING

I'm going to continue to teach my students of University of Craiova and guide them in various professional, scientific and educational activities.

I will teach in Erasmus Programme at various universities that have agreements with the University of Craiova.

I intend to obtain the status of visiting professor at various others universities.

EVOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS A CAREER-ACADEMIC

I'm going to sit for Habilitation Thesis to become leader of the doctorate.

I intend that organize, together with my colleagues from the University of Craiova, a doctoral school in philosophy.

I will participate in the contest for the title of professor.