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Summary of Habilitation thesis:
**ROMANIA FROM DICTATORSHIP TO EUROPEAN INTEGRATION.
HISTORY AND ACTUALITY**

Section 1 - The scientific, professional and academic achievements, on disciplinary or interdisciplinary thematic directions

Given the interdisciplinary nature of academic training, my scientific concerns of recent years have focused on systematic and substantial research on a topic of particular importance in the contemporary history of Romania, namely: evolution of political, diplomatic and military relations of our country during the 20th century and the beginning of 21st century.

In a first stage, the research has been dedicated to historiographical tracing of the issue of entrance of the Romania in the sphere of influence of the Soviet Union and the establishment of a communist regime in Bucharest and, thereby, engaging of Romania in a new historical stage which lasted almost four and a half decades.

This approach would not have been possible without understanding how the international situation has evolved in the interwar period and the correct reception of the Romania positions during the Second World War. Also of great importance was knowing the political, military, social and economic consequences generated by successive application of the Armistice Agreement (1944) and the Treaty of Peace between the Allied and Associated Powers and Romania (1947).

Given that over time among the objectives of the foreign policy of Romania an important place they had the support and strengthening international organizations, I have considered that for a historian is a duty and at the same time a great challenge to provide a dynamic picture of the historical development of these organizations, a phenomenon that profoundly marked the contemporary era.

Taking into account the fundamental option of Romania for integration into political, strategic and economic Euro-Atlantic structures, over the past few years I have focused research efforts on European and Euro-Atlantic organizations with the conviction that a better knowledge of these organizations, with their history, the organizational structure and their functioning, as well as the efforts of the our country and Romanian people for the fulfilment of the conditions of admission, is a necessity in the current context.

Of all the organizations analysed have given an interest and special attention of the European Union, especially that during the more than six decades of development, the European Union has undergone a complex process but also very fast regarding the pace of changes, obviously under the influence of the globally events but also what happened in Europe.

Given Romania's status as a full member of the European Union and, especially, the fact that this goal has required extraordinary efforts from both the Romanian authorities and the Romanian citizens, I considered that for a Romanian historian is a duty of honour to highlight our country's path towards the European Union.

In the context of Romania's accession to the European Union, knowing and deepening of all aspects of the historical evolution, the organization and functioning of the European Union cannot be just an "option", but is a fundamental requirement for Romanian citizens as European citizens.

The first section of the habilitation thesis analyses how the research results were disseminated through papers at scientific conferences, articles published in journals indexed in international databases and the publication of books and other scientific works. Also, this section of habilitation thesis includes an overview of the professional achievements in the last years, with underlining the aspects of professional prestige, positions and activities in higher education institutions and leadership positions held over time.

Section 2 - Professional, scientific and academic career development plan

In this section of habilitation thesis I have highlighted a career development plan, both in didactic activity and scientific research activity.

Furthermore, I sketched the main directions of research / teaching / practical applications and modes of action for the implementation of them.

Section 3 - Bibliographical references

This section of habilitation thesis provides references related content of the first and second sections, including a list of the most relevant personal contributions.