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International Conference

Re-Learning to be Human for Global Times:
Cultural Borders and Border Cultures

November 2-3, 2018, Iași, Romania

PROGRAM

Friday, November 2, 2018

Registration – 8.45-9.00

Welcome Addresses – 9.00-9.30

Eugen Huzum, *Director of the "Gheorghe Zane" Institute of Economic and Social Research of Romanian Academy, Iasi, Romania*

Contiu Tiberiu Șoitu, *Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania*

John Ozolins, *University of Notre Dame, Australia, Representative of the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy*

Presentation of the RVP Iași Center Project on The Role of Intercultural Encounters in Re-Learning to be Human

Session I – 9.30-12.00

John Ozolins, *University of Notre Dame, Australia, **Borders: Enrichment or Threat to Culture?***

Ouyang Kang, *Huazhong University of Science and Technology Wuhan, China, **World Complexity, Value Conflicts and Human Wisdom***

Seema Bose, *University of Delhi, India, **Dealing with Otherness in Hindu Behavior Pattern***

Maxim Michalev, *Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia, **Civilization Borderlands as Spiritual Diversity. Specially Protected Areas***

Dani Meraz, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania/Israel, **Multi-cultural Communities in Conflict - An invitation to walk in "locality" through stories, drawing new borders***

Ioana Baskerville, *Romanian Academy - Iași Branch, Romania, **Between Shuba, Sarma and Pasta. The Hybrid Identity of Moldovans in the West***

Felix Olatunji, *Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Nigeria, **Beyond Western Knowledge in Inter-cultural Encounters: A Defense of Cultural Knowledge as Alternative***

Session II (*Parallel Session*) – 13.00-16.00

George Edwin, *Don Bosco College Chennai, India, The Culture of Encounter: Toward an Understanding of Cultural Borders*

John Farina, *George Mason University, U.S.A., Religious Identities in a Multi-Culti World*

Ana Bazac, *Polytechnic University of Bucharest, Romania, The Hybrid Scientific Objects and the Hybrid Humans: Integration and Rejected Differences*

Anthony Savary Raj, *Manipal University Jaipur, India, Crossing Borders in the Sky: Reflections on the Vertical Frontiers of Cultures*

Dorit Sheffi Borkow, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania/Israel, Using WhatsApp in an Educational Program for Youth at Risk - Cultural Border or Frontier?*

Camelia Grădinaru, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Mirroring from the Outside: Literature and Cultural Narratives*

Session III (*Parallel Session*)– 13.00-16.00

Anton Adămuț, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Language Borders - Augustin's Case*

Carmen Cozma, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Starting with a Docudrama: We, as Humans, Need to Follow the Same Basic Moral Guidelines for Living*

Cristina Gavriluță, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Identity Issues in a 'Fluid Modernity'*

Daniela Dunca, *Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Cultural Borders in the Contemporary World*

Petru Dunca, *Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Carpathian Cultural Areas: Maramureș, History and Identity*

Bogdan Popoveniuc, *University "Ștefan cel Mare" of Suceava,*

Romania, From Religious=Spiritual through 'Spiritual-but-not Religious' to the Value of Spirituality in Cross-cultural Research

Sreekala Nair, *Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, India, Reconciling Conflicting Cultures of Hinduism and European Modernity: The Kerala Model*

Coffee Break

Session IV – 16.00-18.30

Tony Svetelj, *Hellenic College, Boston College, U.S.A., Freedom of Speech - New Boundary of Liberal Culture?*

Cătălin Bobb, *Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Borders of Culture and Practical Wisdom*

Costin Chiriac, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, The Vicinity Paradigm and the Profile of Border Culture*

Alexandru Tofan, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Eschatology and Historical Border. Andre Scrima and the Case of Jerusalem*

Wang Tienen, *Shanghai University, China, Understanding Cultural Borders and Border Cultures on the Level of Their Underlying Stipulations*

Oana Cogeanu, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, (De)constructing Cultural Borders: The Role of Travel Writers*

Dan Chițoiu, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania, Cultural Border as the Place of Encountering the Other*

Saturday, November 3, 2018

Round Table – 10.00-12.00

Redefining Cultural Borders through Intercultural Encounters