

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Multiculturality, Morality, and Public Affairs in the Digital Age

15–16 June 2026 · Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest

Amphitheatre Mircea Florian (First Floor)

All presentations: 20 min + 10 min Q&A | Location: Amphitheatre Mircea Florian (First Floor) — all sessions

DAY 1

Monday, 15 June 2026

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| 09:30 – 9.45 | Registration & Welcome Coffee, Amphitheatre Mircea Florian                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 9:45-10.00   | Opening Ceremony<br>Viorel Vizureanu, Dean, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest<br>Bill Barbieri, Council for Research in Values and Philosophy<br>Mihaela Pop, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest<br>Hu Yeping, Council for Research in Values and Philosophy<br>Oana Șerban, PhD. Lecturer, Faculty of Philosophy & UNESCO Chair in Interculturality, Good Governance and Sustainable Development, University of Bucharest |

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| 10:00 – 11:30 | Plenary Session I   Moral Pluralism and Interculturality in the Digital Age<br>Chair – Professor Dr. William Barbieri<br>Amphitheatre Mircea Florian |                                                                                                                    |
| Time          | Presenter                                                                                                                                            | Paper Title                                                                                                        |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | João Vila-Chã<br>Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Italy                                                                                             | The Other in the Algorithm: Trust, Recognition, and Moral Community in a Multicultural Digital Age                 |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Jasper Garsdal<br>Docent (Senior Associate Professor), Sustainability, Social Innovation and Education; Coordinator of PROFILVIN, Denmark            | The Three Gates – Self-Biography, Myth and Intercultural Self-Critique, Exemplified through a Philosophy of Aging  |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Mark M Michalski<br>PhD, The CUA, Washington D.C.                                                                                                    | Phenomenon of AI and Phenomenon of Man: Will Transcending Technological Mediation Change Our Lives for the better? |

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| 11:30 – 12:00 | Cofee Break |
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| 12.00 – 14:00 | Plenary Session II   Religion and Multiculturalism: Spirituality, Recognition, and Faith<br>Chair – Professor Dr. João Vila-Cha<br>Amphitheatre Mircea Florian |
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| Time           | Presenter                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Paper Title                                                                                                      |
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| 12:00 – 12:030 | <b>Tone Svetelj</b><br><i>Director, Minor in Philosophy &amp; Liberal Studies Program; Beacon Program Coordinator, Hellenic College Holy Cross, USA</i>                                                        | Between Pluralism and Fragmentation: Multiculturalism, Moral Order, and Gnostic Consciousness in the Digital Age |
| 12:30 – 13:00  | <b>Mohamed Ahmed Suleiman</b><br><i>Associate Professor, Medieval Christianity and Theology, Sohag University, Egypt; Visiting Associate Professor, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece</i> | The Christian-Islamic Discourse: From Multiculturalism to Coexistence and Interreligious Dialogue                |
| 13:00 – 13:30  | <b>Bogdana Todorova</b><br><i>Institute for Scientific Studies in Culture (ISSK BAS), Bulgaria</i>                                                                                                             | An Ambassador of Peace: Following in the Footsteps of Augustine and the Ethics of Sufism                         |
| 13:30 – 14:00  | <b>Ilham Mammadzada</b><br><i>Director, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Azerbaijan</i>                                                                         | On the Philosophy and Epistemology of Research on Multiculturalism                                               |

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| 14:00 – 15:00 | <b>Lunch Break</b> |
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| 15:00 – 18:00 | <b>Plenary Session III   The Challenges of AI in a Multicultural World: Uprootedness, Disconnectedness, and the Public Sphere</b><br>Chair – Dr. Hu Yeping<br>Dr. Ștefan Bârz<br>Amphitheatre Mircea Florian |                                                                                                                       |
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| Time          | Presenter                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Paper Title                                                                                                           |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | <b>Samira Dadashova</b><br><i>Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Azerbaijan</i>                                                                                 | Is Multiculturalism Becoming Artificial in the Age of Artificial Intelligence?                                        |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | <b>Gail Presbey</b><br><i>Professor &amp; Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Detroit Mercy, USA</i>                                                                                              | Pride, Humility and Ethnocentrism in the Process of Learning Multicultural Perspectives in Philosophy                 |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | <b>Constantin Stoenescu</b><br><i>Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Romania</i>                                                                                                                | Cultural Neighborhoods, Interculturality and the New ICTs                                                             |
| 16:30 – 17:00 | <b>Nora Dobre</b><br><i>PhD in Sociology, Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj; UNESCO Chair Alumna; HR Country Lead, Genpact, Romania</i>                                                                           | Employer Branding, Public Affairs, and the Digital Construction of Organizational Identity in Multicultural Societies |
| 17:00- 17:30  |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                       |
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DAY 2  
Tuesday, 16 June 2026

| 9:00 – 11:30  | <b>Plenary Session IV   The Future of Philosophy in the Age of AI: New Paradigms of Critical Thinking, Identity, and Sensitivity</b><br>Chair – Prof. Dr. Emanuel Salagean<br>Amphitheatre Mircea Florian |                                                                                                                |
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| Time          | Presenter                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Paper Title                                                                                                    |
| 9:00 – 9:30   | <b>Victoria Chirică</b><br><i>Doctoral School in Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Romania</i>                                                                                                         | How Authenticity Became Performative: Digital Media and the Nihilistic Fate of an Ethical Ideal                |
| 9:30 – 10:00  | <b>Constantinos Athanasopoulos</b><br><i>FHEA, Open University, UK</i>                                                                                                                                    | The AI as a threat to the Humanities and Arts education: Some preliminary thoughts                             |
| 10:00 – 10:30 | <b>Mihaela Pop</b><br><i>Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Romania</i>                                                                                                  | Interculturality and Intermediality in Art: Artistic Myths Reinterpreted                                       |
| 10:30- 11:00  | <b>Amit Mishra</b><br><i>Docent Prof. dr. Dept. of Pol. Science, Central Institute of Tibetan Studies</i>                                                                                                 | Development of multiculturalism in India in the age of digitalization ( <i>online</i> )                        |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | <b>Oluwaseun Adeola Anifowose</b><br><i>Department of Philosophy, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Nigeria</i>                                                                                     | Shaping Moral Narratives in Multicultural Societies amidst the Challenges of the Digital Age ( <i>online</i> ) |

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| 11:30- 12:00 | <b>Coffee Break</b> |
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| 12:00 – 14:30 | <b>Advanced Junior Researchers Panel   Cosmopolitanism and Globalization: Plural Identities, Social Atomization, and Cultural Approaches</b><br>Chair – Professor Emeritus Mihaela Pop<br>Amphitheatre Mircea Florian |                                                                                                                                  |
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| 12:00 – 12:30 | <b>Alexandra Bica</b><br><i>Faculty of Letters, University of Bucharest, Romania</i>                                                                                                                                  | "...And Next Time We See You, You Will Be a Serious Americanah": Some Notes on Identity Displacements in a Multicultural Context |
| 12:30 – 13:00 | <b>Emanuel Sălăgean</b><br><i>Adventus University of Cernica, Romania</i>                                                                                                                                             | The Responsibility of Knowledge in the Digital Public Sphere: Between Truth, Power, and Manipulation                             |
| 13:00 – 13:30 | <b>Eva Ivan Heintz</b><br><i>The Research Center for the History and Circulation of Philosophical Ideas</i>                                                                                                           | The Transcultural Superstyle in the Era of Digitalization and AI                                                                 |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | <b>Diana Ghinea</b><br><i>Faculty of Sociology and Philosophy, West University of Timișoara, Romania</i>                                                                                                              | Kantian Cosmopolitan Right and the Challenges of Multiculturalism                                                                |

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| 14:00 – 14:30 | <b>Oana Șerban</b><br><i>Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest (*research supported by SMOG and BIOART)</i> | A Biopolitical Approach to Sustainable Heritage: Reconnecting Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Age of AI |
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| <b>12:00 – 14:30</b> | <b>Doctoral Students Panel   A Multicultural Social Contract: Soft Power, Resilience, and Creativity</b><br><b>Chair – Dr. Gail Presbey</b><br>Hall Tudor Vianu |                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Time                 | Presenter                                                                                                                                                       | Paper Title                                                                                                                                       |
| 12:00 – 12:30        | <b>Andreea Nechifor</b><br><i>Doctoral School in Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Romania</i>                                                               | Applicability of Religious Principles in the Modern Corporate Environment: A Particular Regard to the Young Generation in Romanian Post-Communism |
| 12:30 – 13:00        | <b>Cristian Cătălin Florea</b><br><i>Doctoral School, National School of Political and Administrative Sciences, Romania</i>                                     | Moral Credibility Across Cultures: UNICEF and Influencer-Led Humanitarian Communication in the Digital Age                                        |
| 13:00 – 13:30        | <b>Dan Andrei Năfureanu</b><br><i>Doctoral School in Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Romania</i>                                                           | Hate Speech and Far-Right Propaganda in the Age of A.I.                                                                                           |
| 13:30 – 14:00        | <b>Ioana Ciocoiu</b><br><i>Doctoral School in Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Romania</i>                                                                  | Digital Art in Public Discourse: Aesthetic Pluralism, Subcultures and Weak Thought                                                                |
| 14:00 – 14:30        | <b>Andreea Ioana Popa</b><br><i>Doctoral School in History, University of Bucharest, Romania</i>                                                                | Online versus On Stage Multiculturalism: The Limits of Music Diplomacy in the Digital Era – George Enescu International Competition and Festival  |

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| 14:30 – 15:00 | <b>Closing Ceremony &amp; Farewell</b><br>Amphitheatre Mircea Florian<br><b>João Vila-Chã</b> , <i>Council for Research in Values and Philosophy</i><br><b>Mihaela Pop</b> , <i>Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest</i><br><b>Oana Șerban</b> , <i>PhD. Lecturer, Faculty of Philosophy &amp; UNESCO Chair in Interculturalism, Good Governance and Sustainable Development, University of Bucharest</i> |  |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |

After lunch, guests are invited to a two-and-a-half-hour walking tour along Victory Avenue (Calea Victoriei), with visual visits to the Coral Temple, Stavropoleos Monastery, the Royal Palace of Bucharest, and the Romanian Athenaeum.

In the next days, participants will have the opportunity to take part in a thematic cultural excursion connected to the conference topic, “Multiculturalism in Romania. Past and Present.” The tour will include visits to some of Romania’s most significant cultural and historical landmarks, offering insight into the country’s diverse heritage and intercultural legacy.

The itinerary includes Curtea de Argeș, renowned for its historic monastery and royal significance; Bran Castle, one of the most iconic medieval landmarks in Eastern Europe; the fortified church of Prejmer, a UNESCO World Heritage Site reflecting the Transylvanian Saxon tradition; the historic center of Brașov and the famous Black Church, representative of the region’s Gothic heritage; and Sinaia, where participants will visit the royal residences of Peleș and Pelișor Castles, remarkable examples of Romanian royal architecture and history.