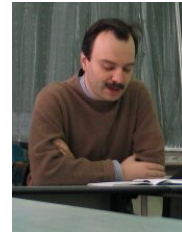


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Classical Greek Philosophy: Plato, Aristotle and the Neoplatonists - their theology, cosmology, anthropology, and methods of philosophy
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Latest publication	"The Fantastic Secret of Tolkien's Fairy-Tales. Literature & Jesuit Spiritual Exercises", in Paul Kerry (Ed.), <i>Light Beyond All Shadow. Religious Experience in Tolkien's Work</i> , Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2011.
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Translations

"The Common Declaration of Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Athenagoras from 1965," in Ernst Christoph Suttner, *Bisericile rasaritului si apusului de-a lungul istoriei bisericesti* [*The Relationship between Eastern and Western Churches in the History*], Translation by Mihai Sasaujan, Iasi: Ars Longa Publishing House, 1999, pp. 145-150
 Notes and Bibliography for Alain de Libera's, *Mistica renana* (Translation by Cristian Badilita), Timisoara: Amarcord Publishing House, 1997
 "Templu si cosmos" in Jean Hani, *Le symbolisme du temple chretien*, in *Caiete Botosanene* (Botosani), no. 3-4/1995, pp. 53-54

Work in Progress

Principium Scientiae. The Revolutionary Metamorphosis of "Science" from Thales to Karl Popper through Bacon and Descartes

Further Academic Participation

21-25.08.2006: Participant in the "The Oxford Tolkien Conference. The Lord of the Rings: Sources of inspiration", organized by Exeter College (Oxford). Paper-work: "Inside the Belly of the Dragon: Levels of Initiation in Tolkien's Works"
 24-25.05.2001: Participant in the "The Academic Days of Timisoara" (7th edition), organized by the Romanian Academy, at the Symposium "The Phenomenology of Subjectivity." Paper-work: "Lumea lui Platon. Introducere in cosmogonia dialogului Timaios" ["Plato's World. Introduction in the Cosmogony of Timaios"]
 27.04.2001: Participant in international Colloquium "The Culture of Memory in Central Europe" organized by the French Culture Center and "The Third Europe" Foundation from Timisoara. Paper-work: "Remember: Moses Gaster and Lazar Saineanu. Some contributions in the study of Romanian fairy-tales"
 21-22.10.1999: Participant in international Symposium "Thinking and Revelation" organized by the French Culture Center and the West University from Timisoara, Timisoara. Paper-work: "Regandirea teologiei ("Rethinking Theology")"
 23-26.09.1999: Participant in the philosophical Symposium "Omul si sensul istoriei" ("Man and the Meaning of History"), organized by Cultural Society Agora, Sighisoara (Romania). Paper-work: "Revelatia si revelatiile" ("The Christian Revelation and the non-Christian Revelations")
 02-04.06.1999: Participant in the Symposium organized by "The Canadian Association of Eastern Christian Studies" and "Canadian Society of Patristic Studies," Bishop's University – Lennoxville, Quebec (Canada). Paper-works: "Le concept de physis dans la theologie du Pere Dumitru Staniloae" and "A la recherche de l'unite"
 27-28.04.1999: Participant in the "The Academic Days of Timisoara" (4th edition), organized by the Romanian Academy, at the Symposium "The Faith: Tradition and Modernity"
 05 - 07.03.1999: Expert for the project "Social cohesion and cultural diversity" organized by the Council of Europe and the Intercultural Institute from Timisoara (cf. Robert Lazu, "Evaluare" ["Evaluation"], in *Coeziune sociala si diversitate culturala*. Raport final [Social cohesion and cultural diversity. Final report], Timisoara, 1999, pp. 37-39)

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- 01.06.1996: Co-organizer of the Colloquium "Mircea Eliade: the Writer, the Philosopher and the Anthropologist," Timisoara (Romania)

Church Related Activities

Catechesis

- 2003 - : Coordinator of a catechetical program ("The Catholic Faith, The Church and the World after the Second Vatican Council") for adults in The Catholic Parish of the "Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ" (Timisoara, Romania), The Catholic Parish Josefin and The Catholic Parish "Sfânta Maria Regina Păcii"
- 2010 - : Coordinator of a Biblical School for Catholics (The Catholic Parish "Saint Catherine")
- 2005-2006: Catholic Lectures: The Evangelization of Modern Culture and the Social Teachings of Catholic Church)
- 2004-2005: Catecheses Mystagogicae: The Liturgical and Sacrament Life of the Catholic Church
- 2003-2004: Gravissimum Educationis: The Catholic Faith

Groups

- 01.05.2010 - : Coordinator of a group devoted to the study of the Catholic Social Doctrine
- 29.04.2004 - 24.11.2004: Coordinator of "Aquinas Group for Theological and Philosophical Research" organized by West University and The Catholic Parish of the "Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ" (Timisoara, Romania)

Conferences

- 15.10.2011: "The Wisdom of God against Contemporary Moral Errors in Blessed John Paul II' *Familiaris Consortio* and *Veritatis Splendor*" (Sumuleu Ciuc, Romania, the first "National Meeting of Catholic Families" - forthcoming)
- 26.05.2006: "The World's De-Sacralization and the Da Vinci Code," Lecture at "The Diocesan Youth Meeting" (Timisoara, Romania)
- 18.09.2004: "St. Thomas Aquinas and the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Reflections on the Encyclical Aeterni Patris by Pope Leon XIII," Lecture at the Fourth Conference organized by "International Society St.Thomas Aquinas" (Iasi, Romania)
- 14.05.2004: "The Magisterium of the Catholic Church in the Defense of Life and Family," Lecture at International Conference "The Christian Mission in the Defense of Human Life" organized by Human Life International (USA) and the Association "The Gift of Life" (Timisoara, Romania)
- 07.05.2004: "Cardinal John Henri Newman and the Idea of a University. An Argument for the Culture of XXI Century," Lecture at the Conference "The Christianity in XXI Century" organized by Theological Catholic Institute (Oradea, Romania)
- 17.08.2003: "Holy Mary. Theological and Political Significations," Lecture at "Theology and Politics" Conference organized by Konrad-Adenauer Foundation (Cheia, Romania)
- 08.08.2003: "Sacred, Magic and Definitions of Man in Contemporary Culture" (A Discussion about The Lord of the Rings & Harry Potter Movies), Lecture at "The National Youth Meeting" (Oradea, Romania)
- 19.04.2001: "The Mistake of I.P. Culiianu. The beginning of Modernity from a Perspective based on the Anthropology of St. Thomas Aquinas,"

Lecture at the First Conference organized by “International Society St. Thomas Aquinas” (Sinaia, Romania)