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CONFERENCE AND COLLOQUIUM PARTICIPATIONS



On December 15th, the first edition of the *Colloquium for PhD Students Involved in Humanistic Research* took place. The event was organized by the Institute of History and Literary Theory "G. Călinescu" of the Romanian Academy, in collaboration with the Doctoral School of Philology of UOC and the Doctoral School of Social-Human Sciences of UGAL. The online colloquium focused on the following main research areas: literary studies, cultural studies, studies applied to the field of digital humanities, as well as interdisciplinary studies.

From the **Doctoral School of Philology**, the following doctoral students participated with scientific presentations: **Barbu (Mușat) Cristina**, **Ciucioiu Andreea-Lavinia**, **Drăghici Laura-Andreea**, **Lumezeanu Cristina**, **Mihai Ioana-Irina**, **Miroiu Andreea Valentina**, **Popoiu Maria-Cristina**, **Starciuc (Mihăilă) Olga**, **Șoos Teodora**, as well as the postdoctoral researcher **Stoica Constantin-Georgel**.



PhD students from the **Doctoral School of Management** participated in the international GEUC (*Global Economic and Business Conference*), organized by the Faculty of Economic Sciences at Ovidius University of Constanța. At this 14th edition, held on December 11-12, 2025, Ovidius doctoral students guided by Prof. Elena Condrea, Prof. Norina Popovici, and Prof. Angela-Eliza Micu also participated:

Bianca Elena Miron, Angela-Eliza Micu, Ana-Maria Săcuiu – *Trends in Training Participation, Overqualification, and Employment – A Comparative Analysis of Romania and the EU-27 (2015–2023)*

Isabelle-Ana-Maria Vîlsan, Bianca Elena Miron, Otilia-Ana Lungu – *The Evolution of Performance Appraisal within Human Resource Management*

Otilia-Ana Lungu, Isabelle-Ana-Maria Vîlsan, Angela-Eliza Micu – *Artificial Intelligence in Human Capital Decision-Making: A Bibliometric Analysis of Scientific Maturity and Gaps in the Literature*

Andreea-Raluca Moise-Toma, Elena Condrea – *The Structure and Dynamics of Agricultural Production in the European Union (2015–2024): A Factorial Correspondence Analysis*

Dragoș Gruia, Ștefan Daniel Florea – *Analysis of Staff Perception Regarding Managerial Competencies in the Public Healthcare System*



On December 3rd, 2025, **Marius-Gabriel Păun**, a doctoral student at the **Doctoral School of Law** within the Institute of Doctoral Studies at Ovidius University of Constanța, participated in the 9th edition of the Conference "*Private Law Arbitration in the European Context*." The event was organized by the Center for European Law Studies of the Institute for Legal Research of the Romanian Academy, in partnership with the International Commercial Arbitration Court attached to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania, JURIDICE.ro, and Wolters Kluwer Romania.

During the conference, the doctoral student presented a paper entitled *Executorialitatea arbitrajului digital: condiționări în dreptul Uniunii Europene*. This scientific intervention leverages an essential research direction within his doctoral thesis, entitled *Digitalizarea executării silite: perspective juridice în contextul transformărilor legislative și tehnologice contemporane*.



On December 12th, 2025, the third edition of the international scientific event *Journée d'études jeunes chercheur.e.s* du RFS took place online, on the topic *Current Research in Francophone Sociolinguistics*.



From the **Doctoral School of Philology** at Ovidius University, PhD student **Anca-Andreea Andrei (Simion)**, under the guidance of Professor Monica Vlad, contributed with the work entitled:

Articuler des corpus hétérogènes en sociolinguistique : défis méthodologiques d'une recherche doctorale.



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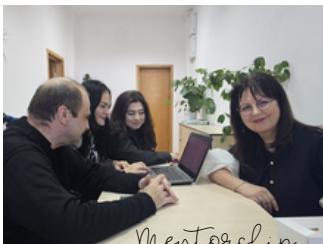
AD. AUGUSTA EVENTS

In December, the **South-East Regional Center for Researcher Career Guidance – Ad.Augusta** organized, at Ovidius University of Constanța, a series of activities dedicated to training in research methodology.

On December 12th, 2025, at the Faculty of Pharmacy, a professional roundtable was held, dedicated to analyzing contemporary directions in pharmacological and clinical research. Titled *Current Trends and Strategic Directions in Pharmacological and Clinical Research*, the event was moderated by **Prof. Elena Danteș, PhD**, director of the Ad.Augusta project, alongside **Dr. Eduard Prisăcariu**, a specialist in coordinating European medical programs, managing multicenter clinical studies, risk assessment and regulation, HTA processes, and innovation strategies in healthcare systems.

On December 13th, 2025, the Ad.Augusta Center organized the online training *PLS-SEM Essentials: a practical introduction for multidisciplinary researchers*, dedicated to the methodological training of doctoral students. The session was led by **Professor Alexandru Căpățînă** from Dunărea de Jos University of Galați, and aimed, starting from a practical approach, to develop the analytical skills necessary for advanced research.

The training provided participants with an applied introduction to using the PLS-SEM method, with a focus on building conceptual models, formulating research hypotheses, differentiating between reflective and formative constructs, as well as evaluating measurement and structural models using the bootstrapping procedure, which allows for testing working hypotheses.

*Mentorship*

On December 16th, 2025, at the South-East Regional Center for Career Guidance in Research – Ad.Augusta, **a mentoring session** took place between Professor Cristian Opariuc-Dan and PhD student **Denisa-Gabriela Ion-Andrei**, under the supervision of Professor Elena Danteș, aimed at supporting doctoral research and scientific dissemination.

The meeting aimed to outline the methodological foundations of a scientific article focused on the influence of air pollutants monitored through air quality stations on the development of bronchopulmonary cancer and on the survival of patients in Constanța County.

The session contributed to strengthening the epidemiological and public health dimension of the doctoral thesis and to the development of an article with potential for publication.

THESES DEFENSES:



PhD Candidate Nour (now Măndreanu) Ș. Mihaela-Ramona
Field: Philology

Thesis Title: *Caragiale și Beaumarchais*

Supervisor: Professor Marina Cap-Bun, PhD, Habil.

Defense date: 9 December 2025

PhD Candidate Jecu (now Stoica) C. Ana-Maria
Field: Medicine

Thesis Title: *Lumini și umbre în determinismul succesului terapeutic al injectărilor cu agenți anti-VEGF în maladiile retinei*

Supervisor: Professor Sanda Jurja, PhD, Habil.

Defense date: 18 December 2025

PhD Candidate Drăgan V. Ovidiu

Field: Biology

Thesis Title: *Managing Alien Fish Species in Mountain Lakes*

Supervisor: Professor Dan Cogălniceanu, PhD, Habil.

Defense Date: 12 December 2025

PhD Candidate Vandachevici (now Ibadula) Bianca-Virginia
Field: Philology

Thesis Title: *Publicistica eminesciană ca ilustrare a artei antice a elocinței*

Supervisor: Professor Marina Cap-Bun, PhD, Habil.

Defense date: 15 December 2025

PhD Candidate Flaut D. Ana-Theodora
Field: Philology

Thesis Title: *Constituirea limbajului filosofic românesc în perioada iluministă*

Supervisor: Professor Florentina Nicolae, PhD, Habil.

Defense date: 5 December 2025



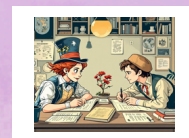
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PhD Candidate Mechi (now Hagi) M. Andreea**Field: Medicine****Thesis Title:** *Manifestări ORL determinate de boala de reflux gastroesofagian***Supervisor:** Professor Gheorghe Comșa, PhD, Habil.**Defense date:** 12 December 2025**PhD Candidate Vărăjitoru (now Uzun) Gh. Andreea-Bianca****Field: Medicine****Thesis Title:** *Recuperarea respiratorie cu hipoxie-hiperoxie intermitentă la pacienții cu sindrom metabolic***Supervisor:** Professor Doina Ecaterina Tofolean, PhD, Habil.**Defense date:** 16 December 2025**PhD Candidate Voicu Aureliu****Field: Theology****Thesis Title:** *Provocările lumii contemporane, argument al misiunii bisericii ortodoxe în actualitate***Supervisor:** Professor Nicolae Brînzea, PhD, Habil.**Defense Date:** 8 December 2025**PhD Candidate Rădulescu C. Florin-Mihai****Field: Medicine****Thesis Title:** *Infecția bacteriană sistemică la copilul imunosupresat oncologic***Supervisor:** Professor Irina Magdalena Dumitru, PhD, Habil.**Defense Date:** 12 December 2025**PhD Candidate Badiu (now Blânda-Badiu) C. Diana-Liliana****Field: Medicine****Thesis Title:** *Factors Influencing Patient Decision-Making for Treatment of Pelvic Organ Prolapse***Supervisor:** Professor Vlad Tica, PhD, Habil.**Date of Defense:** 3 December 2025**PhD Candidate Popa Florentin Ionuț****Field: Theology****Thesis Title:** *Ierarhia sacramentală versus ierarhia castelor în plan religios și social***Supervisor:** Professor Nicolae Brînzea, PhD, Habil.**Defense date:** 9 December 2025

Doctoral Students' Voices

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Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (and Why)... in the Danube Delta

PhD Candidate Iulian Fomici

under the supervision of Professor Dan Cogălniceanu

Have you ever wondered what happens when, in a peaceful area, "uninvited guests" start to appear?

The Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve (DDBR), an area with water eyes, is known for its splendor and for the variety of native fauna and flora species that give color to this oasis of tranquility. But this fragile ecosystem is beginning to degrade both because of humans and because of some newcomers – non-native species, which can compete with native ones for food resources and ecosystems, causing competitive interactions.

The scientific study on which my doctoral work is based aims to highlight how these animals from other regions could influence the native species in the DDBR.

An example is the fish species known as the Amur sleeper (*Perccottus glenii*), shown in the picture above.

It can feed on the eggs of other native fish species, such as pike (*Esox lucius*). This phenomenon can lead to a decline in the populations of native fish in the aquatic area of the RBDD. Unfortunately, this species of goby, originating from the Amur region, is not economically important, and fishermen do not catch it. This may be due both to the length of the fish (7–12 cm) and the fact that few fishing tools are designed in a way that allows them to be used to catch the rotan.

The aim of my scientific paper is not only to describe the problem but also to estimate the level of damage caused by non-native species to native species and to identify solutions through which we can mitigate the negative effects they produce.

How Two Books Close in Time, but Opposite in Vision, Change Our Mind: "Alice" and "Huck Finn" Under the Research Lens

PhD Candidate Cristina Lucia Andreescu (Vezeteu)

under the supervision of Professor Roxana-Elisabeta Marinescu

The aim of my research is to show how today's Romanian readers react, in terms of the reception of moral values, to two emblematic literary texts, written two decades apart on two different continents, in English: "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" written by Lewis Carroll and published in England in 1865, and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" written by Mark Twain and published in the United States of America in 1885.

According to my research hypothesis, the playful and deliberately illogical universe of Lewis Carroll could stimulate imagination and cognitive flexibility, while Mark Twain's realistic narrative could function as a possible trigger for moral reflection.

The research is grounded in literary reception questionnaires administered to multiple categories of readers. These instruments are designed to capture not only immediate emotional responses but also, through discourse analysis, the ways in which participants articulate their thoughts, values, and associative frameworks following the act of reading. The questionnaire items are constructed to examine effects such as empathy, the stimulation of imagination, moral discomfort, identification with fictional characters, and the degree of reflective engagement with ethical themes. By integrating open-ended questions with evaluative rating scales, the research enables the identification of subtle variations in the impact each text exerts on its readers.



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Hello,

I think this is a good opportunity to share with other PhD students that my first article as first author has recently been published:

Tănase, T. L., Arboleda, J., Székely, P., Székely, D., Armijos-Ojeda, D., & Cogălniceanu, D. (2025). What's for dinner: documented predations of the Blunt-headed Tree Snake, *Imantodes cenchoa* (Linnaeus, 1758). *Herpetology Notes*, 18, 1149-1152.

In this article, we report a field observation made in Taisha, Morona-Santiago, where an adult *Imantodes cenchoa* feeds on an individual *Anolis scypheus*. In addition to this observation, we also included supplementary data on the diet of *I. cenchoa* in order to provide a broader perspective on the species' trophic spectrum. Understanding the diet of a species helps us to understand interspecies interactions, which in turn allows us to choose appropriate conservation measures when needed.

This publication would not have been possible without the mobility I had in Ecuador, carried out with the support of the Erasmus+ program. Beyond the gastronomic experiences and sensations that you can only feel in the Amazon jungle, I had the chance to contribute to scientific research and achieve a concrete result. I promise my colleagues that it is worth stepping out of your comfort zone from time to time. If they need a sign to apply for a mobility program, this is it.

link:

<https://herpetologynotes.org/index.php/hn/article/view/237>

Thank you!

Teodora Tănase,
2nd year, Biology,
Doctoral School of Applied Sciences

Dear Members of the Editorial Board,

Hello, and thank you for the considerable effort invested each month in making the Doctoralia Ovidiana newsletter possible.

With respect and appreciation,
Olga Starciuc (Mihăilă)
Doctoral School of Philology

Congratulations to everyone on this year's academic achievements.
We wish you an inspiring 2026!

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