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EU-ARTEMIS Doctoral Day – 13 May

For the first time, Europe is coming together on 13 May to celebrate the significance of doctoral students and doctoral education. To mark the occasion, **the ARTEMIS Alliance is organizing the EU-ARTEMIS Doctoral Day**, a hybrid networking event, dedicated to doctoral students and supervisors from across our partner universities.

The event aims to bring the doctoral community together, offering an open and dynamic space, in which participants can share ideas, explore new perspectives and spark academic collaborations. The focus will be on interdisciplinary dialogue and on building meaningful connections between participants, with the potential to grow into joint research projects.

Attending is an excellent opportunity to expand your academic network internationally, to find partners for future collaborations and to become actively involved in ARTEMIS Alliance initiatives. The event also lays the groundwork for important upcoming gatherings, such as Doctoral Blossom (Perugia, June) and the ARTEMIS Conference (Constanța, November).

Why take part?

- to connect with doctoral students and supervisors from partner universities
- to explore interdisciplinary ideas and emerging research directions
- to discover concrete opportunities for collaboration
- to become an active member of the ARTEMIS community



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Ovidius University of Constanța (IOSUD), in partnership with the Geneva College of Longevity Science (Switzerland), is set to launch the world's first doctoral programme in Medicine specialising in Longevity Sciences in 2026. Fully hybrid in format and led by Prof. Luiza Spuru (GCLS), the programme addresses an emerging global need: the shift from reactive medicine to precision prevention and ageing management.

Doctoral students benefit from dual supervision (Ovidius University + GCLS Geneva), access to an international academic network, and the opportunity to contribute to the development of a rapidly expanding new field of medicine.

Further details about the programme are available at <https://www.gcls.study/phd-programme>. It is aimed at physicians and researchers who are passionate about where medicine is headed – towards longevity, prevention, and scientific advancement.

THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL OF LAW

7 MAY 2026**6 PM – LINK:**[MEET.GOOGLE.COM/IVC-KZEJ-GAD](https://meet.google.com/IVC-KZEJ-GAD)

The Doctoral School of Law is pleased to announce an online workshop taking place on 7 May 2026 entitled

Personal Data Protection in the Online Environment in Scientific Research

The workshop will be led by Professor Daniel-Mihail Șandru and will explore the intricate and highly complex landscape of recent and emerging legislation on personal data protection. Relevant to scientific research at every level, particularly in the digital age we are living through, the discussion will cover topics such as security breaches and the mechanisms of intervention available to data protection authorities, the use of personal data on web platforms and in virtual communities, and the rights and obligations of researchers in matters of data protection when disseminating scientific findings.



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CONGRESS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

From 16 to 19 April 2026, doctoral students [Adelina-Elena Cristea](#), [Minea Mihaela](#), [Andreea-Dalila Nedelcu](#) and [Andreea-Bianca Uzun](#), from the **Doctoral School of Medicine**, under the supervision of Professor Mădălina-Gabriela Iliescu, alongside Dr. Doinița Oprea, member of their doctoral advisory committee, attended the *World Congress on Osteoporosis, Osteoarthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases*, a prestigious international scientific event held in Prague, which brought together approximately 8,200 participants from around the world.



The congress featured 1,772 scientific posters reflecting the latest directions in research. The works presented by the doctoral team from Ovidius University made a significant contribution to raising the profile of Romanian research in the fields of medical rehabilitation and musculoskeletal disorders on the international stage, addressing the following themes:

- Specific biomarkers in ankylosing spondylitis related with functional status;
- Comparing hydrotherapy and land-based exercises on walking performance in knee osteoarthritis: a systematic review of randomised controlled trials;
- Reliability of ultrasound assessment of medial and lateral meniscal extrusion in supine and weight-bearing positions, in knee osteoarthritis: a pilot study;
- Specific evaluation using bioelectrical impedance analysis in elderly patients with sarcopenia;
- Respiratory muscle performance assessed following intermittent hypoxia-hyperoxia therapy in patients with metabolic syndrome and musculoskeletal comorbidities;
- Personalized management of axial spondyloarthritis: aligning treatment with patient expectations – a case report.



[Ioana Mihaela Șandru](#), a doctoral student at the **Doctoral School of Philology**, participated on 23 April 2026 in the international conference *Héritage culturel français dans l'espace francophone : mémoire, identité et patrimonialisation*, organized by the West University of Timișoara and Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, where she presented the paper *Quand la mémoire devient patrimoine dans les discours agroalimentaires francophone, anglophone et roumanophone*, co-authored with Professor Monica Vlad and Professor Elena Condrea.



Dr. [Diana Domunco](#), a second-year doctoral candidate at the **Doctoral School of Medicine**, under the supervision of Associate Professor Elena-Valentina Ionescu, participated in the *National Congress of Physical Medicine, Rehabilitation and Balneology*, held from 16 to 19 April 2026 in Covasna.

The paper entitled *Bruxism as a risk factor for craniocervical dysfunction: an integrated approach*, co-authored by Diana Domunco, Irina Albadi, Adriana Clipa, Vadym Rotar, Elena-Valentina Ionescu, presented at the congress, was awarded an Honourable Mention, a recognition of the quality of the research and its contribution to the field.

The poster was commended for its clinical relevance and the contemporary relevance of the topic, highlighting the need for interdisciplinary collaboration in achieving lasting therapeutic outcomes.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



The Doctoral School of Sports Science and Physical Education, together with the Faculty of Sports and Physical Education at *Ovidius University of Constanța* has been granted several scholarships by the International Organization of Health, Sports, and Kinesiology (IOHSK) in order to participate in *The 9th IOHSK – International Conference*, organized at *Chung-Ang University, in Seoul, South Korea*, from 22 to 24 July 2026.



The Doctoral School of Sports Science and Physical Education will be represented by *Andreea Spînu*, 2nd year, supervised by Professor *Carmen Ene-Voiculescu*. The doctoral student was awarded the congress participation grant following her outstanding performance at the "11th International Conference at the University of Craiova," where she achieved first place in the "Best Presentation Award Ceremony" category. *Andreea* will be accompanied by Assistant Lecturer *Dr. Gabriela Tomescu* and master's student *Elena Bianca Boca*, who was selected to receive the international "Lucy T. Shoham Memorial Scholarship 2026," awarded by IOHSK.

The participation of the three representatives of the Faculty of Sports and Physical Education in the International Conference in Seoul represents a significant step in raising the international profile of both the faculty and *Ovidius University of Constanța*, and has the potential to stimulate scholarly engagement among students, doctoral candidates, and academic staff.

Doctoral candidate *Laura-Andreea Drăghici*, from the **Doctoral School of Philology**, under the supervision of Professor *Florentina Nicolae*, has been awarded a scholarship by the "Casa Paleologu" Free Educational Foundation. The scholarship covers full participation in the course "Rhetoric Adapted to Context," comprising a total of 12 hours. The course will examine various types of discourse, drawing on the emblematic Aristotelian concepts of ethos, pathos, and logos, with a particular focus on political discourse.

TURKEY

ERASMUS+ ACADEMIC MOBILITY



Doctoral students *Ana-Maria Săcuiu*, *Isabelle-Ana-Maria Vîlsan*, *Bianca Elena Miron*, from the **Doctoral School of Management**, under the supervision of Professor *Angela-Eliza Micu*, participated in a practical mobility placement at *Cumhuriyet University of Sivas, Turkey*, from April 24 to 30 2026, carried out within the Erasmus+ programme.



The experience provided an opportunity to broaden academic and professional horizons through direct engagement with an international university environment, as well as through the exchange of knowledge with faculty members, researchers, and students from a different educational context. The participants gained insight into the distinctive features of the host institution, explored topics relevant to their doctoral research, and further developed their academic competencies, while strengthening international collaborations and cultivating openness to new perspectives.



HUNGARY

Sercan Önder, doctoral student of the **Doctoral School of History**, under the supervision of Professor *Ovidiu Cristea*, has participated this April in a short-term Erasmus academic mobility at the Department of Romanian Philology within the Institute for Romance Studies at the *Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary*.

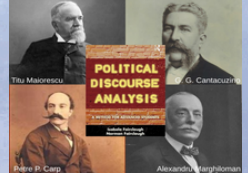
This experience offered the doctoral candidate the opportunity to engage with the perspectives and resources of the Hungarian academic environment in the context of his doctoral research on Romanian diplomatic efforts on the path to independence. The mobility proved valuable both academically and personally, and included the exploration of the rich historical heritage of Budapest.

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Doctoral Students' Voices

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How Romanian Children Learn About Spatial Positioning in a Foreign Language

PhD candidate Mihaela-Mirela Vizireanu (Șinca)

under the supervision of Professor Monica Vlad PhD

My doctoral research, entitled *Se situer dans l'espace : pratiques d'enseignement / apprentissage en français, en roumain et en anglais* aims to examine one of the fundamental notions in our intellectual development: our relationship to the world around us and our positioning in space. From a cognitive standpoint, around the age of six months, children begin to grasp concepts such as distance, size, and the position of objects in relation to both themselves and other objects.

From a linguistic point of view, the notion of space is not formally addressed even in the mother tongue until much later, at school. Upon entering the preparatory class, children begin the study of their first foreign language as well, which in the case of Romanian schools is, in the majority of cases, English.

How does the learning of spatial positioning concepts occur in French language classes, a subject most often studied as a second foreign language? Drawing on a corpus of representative grammar books and school textbooks published by Booklet, Litera, ArtKlett, Sitka, and Uniscan, my thesis examines how spatial positioning is presented across French, English, and Romanian language classes, as well as the cross-linguistic influences that emerge (at various levels) between the languages already studied and French, as a newly introduced language in the students' linguistic repertoire.

THESIS DEFENSES:

PhD candidate Stroe Ilie Mircea**Field: Theology****Thesis title: *Relația dintre credință și teologie. dinamica credinței în contemporaneitate*****Supervisor: Professor Gelu Călina, PhD, Habil.****Defense date: 16.03.2026**

Political Language in the Late Nineteenth Century: The Construction of Modern Romania

PhD candidate Laura-Andreea Drăghici

under the supervision of Professor Florentina Nicolae PhD

My doctoral research project aims to investigate the political language of conservative leaders in the late nineteenth century, exploring the ways in which political discourse was employed as a tool for persuading public opinion as well as for asserting power against political rivals. The focus on the Conservative Party as the primary object of study is motivated by its distinctive political character, given the significant role it played in the shaping of the modern Romanian state.

Drawing on a corpus of speeches by prominent conservative leaders such as Gheorghe Grigore Cantacuzino, Titu Maiorescu, Petre P. Carp, and Alexandru Marghiloman, my doctoral research adopts an interdisciplinary approach, addressing both the linguistic dimensions of political discourse and its social and psychological functions.

From a methodological standpoint, I will draw on a range of relevant studies in political discourse analysis in order to examine the relationship between language and conservative doctrine. At the same time, rhetoric will provide the analytical tools necessary for identifying the persuasive strategies employed, while pragma-rhetorical analysis will shed light on the ways in which conservative leaders consolidated their position and challenged the arguments of their Liberal opponents. The analysis will be further enriched through the identification and interpretation of conceptual metaphors, with the aim of mapping distinctly conservative modes of thought and highlighting the complexity of political language in the late nineteenth century.

PhD candidate Oprea George Daniel**Field: Theology****Thesis title: *Despre natura misionară a bisericii. Varietăți ale conștiinței misionare*****Supervisor: Professor Gelu Călina, PhD, Habil.****Defense date: 17.03.2026**