ABSTRACT OF THE HABILITATION THESIS
THE INTERPRETATION OF LAW IN THE PRESENT CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION

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PART I. Professional background

1. Scientific achievements

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1.1 Doctoral thesis

In the year 2011, I defended publicly the doctoral thesis *Interpretarea în drept: aspecte tradiţionale şi actuale* (Interpretation in Law: Traditional and Actual Aspects), at the Institute of Juridical Research "Academician Andrei Rădulescu" of the Romanian Academy, under the guidance of the scientific advisor Full Professor PhD DHC Sofia Popescu, who has appreciated the work as having "*an undeniable theoretical and practical value, being of special interest both for the theorists, and for the practitioners of Law, both for the specialists in the domain of the General Theory of Law and for the specialists of the special juridical sciences*". I have been awarded the title of PhD in Law on the basis of the Order of the Minister of Research, Youth, and Sport no. 3818 / 6 April 2012, being issued the Diploma of Doctor, Series D no. 0000283 / 7 June 2012.

I was awarded by contest a postdoctoral grant, in the year 2014, in the framework of the project "Studii doctorale și postdoctorale Orizont 2020: promovarea interesului național din excelență, competitivitate și responsabilitate în cercetarea științifică fundamentală și aplicată românească" (Doctoral and Postdoctoral Studies Horizon 2020: Promoting the national interest of excellence, competitiveness and responsibility in the Romanian fundamental and applied scientific research), project undertaken by the Romanian Academy, the Institute of Juridical Research "Academician Andrei Rădulescu". The postdoctoral thesis *Interpretarea în dreptul internațional* (Interpretation in International Law) finalized in 2015, scientific advisor Full Professor PhD DHC Sofia Popescu, Full Professor PhD Mihai Bădescu, Scientific Researcher (CS2) PhD Tudor Avrigeanu, concludes: "Interpretation is, therefore, the heart of juridical reasoning. The science of law comes, after a long time, to define the methods and techniques, to establish or criticize their rational and legitimate character, and to evaluate their contribution to the knowledge of Law. The general theory of Law is, itself, nothing else but an interpretation, on a higher level of generality and abstractization, of the juridical institution as a whole."

1.2 Publication of books and scientific papers

After having been awarded the title of PhD in Law, I presented or published in Romania or abroad scientific papers in the languages: Romanian, French, and English. In the last 10 years, I published 10 monographs and university courses, 3 as unique author, 7 (of which one in press) in collaboration with other authors. The books were published in publishing houses officially acknowledged in Romania (Universul Juridic; ProUniversitaria; Sitech; Bibliotheca; Risoprint), as well as in publishing houses officially acknowledged internationally (Atelier

Libros Jurídicos, Collectión: Atelier administrativo, Barcelona; Éditions Mare&Martin, Droit privé & sciences criminelles, France; IGI Global; Editeur: Institut Universitaire Varenne, Collection: Colloques & Essais). These books are in the domains: General Theory of Law, Administrative Law, Criminal Law, International Law, Environmental Law, and Sustainable Development in Environmental Law.

I published 18 scientific papers in ISI journals, of which 6 as unique author and 12 as coauthor; 40 scientific papers in journals indexed in international databases, of which 12 as unique author and 11 in scientific journals reputed in the domain of juridical sciences; 24 of scientific papers in proceedings of international scientific events, of which 7 as unique author.

The scientific papers published in French or English are also present in the databases accessible on the Internet.

1.3 Research activity in Romania

As a teacher, a part of my activity consists in research, being an Associate Scientific Researcher at the Department of Public Law of the Juridical Research Institute "Academician Andrei Rădulescu" of the Romanian Academy.

At the same time, a part of my research activity takes place at Centre d'Etudes du Développement International et des Mouvements Économique et Sociaux – (CEDIMES) - Romania, since 2007, as Associate Researcher, and in this quality I took part in various events organized in different countries.

In the framework of "Valahia" University, my research activity has taken place as part of the Center for Studies and Research in Management and Administrative Sciences (Centrul de Studii şi Cercetări în Management şi Ştiinţe Administrative), and since 2013 I have activities as a Researcher in the framework of the Center for Research in Juridical and Administrative Sciences (Centrul de Cercetări în Ştiinţe Juridice şi Administrative) of the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences.

At the same time, I have pioneered activities participating in the projects: *"Centru Suport pentru IEM proiecte de cercetare-inovare competitive în Orizont 2020"* (Support Centre for the Institute of World Economics Competitive Research-Innovation Projects in Horizon 2020), co-funded from the European Fund for Regional Development by the Operational Programme *Competitivitate 2014 – 2020* (Competitiveness 2014-2020), POC/80/1/2/*Crearea de sinergii cu acţiunile de CDI ale programului-cadru ORIZONT 2020 al Uniunii Europene şi alte programe CDI internationale* (Creation of Synergies with the RDI Actions of the Framework-Programme HORIZON 2020 of the European Union and Other International RDI Programmes), SMIS Code: 107540, which took place during the period 27.04.2020-26.04.2023, by the Institute of World Economics. I have been a *member of the target group* in the framework of the Juridical Research Institute "Academician Andrei Rădulescu" of the Romanian Academy; *Project POSDRU/159/1.5/S/140106*, Project co-funded from the European Social Fund through the Operational Sectoral Programme for Human Resources Development 2007-2013; Priority Axis 1: Education and Professional Training in support of the Economic Growth and Development of the Knowledge-Based Society ("Educaţia şi formarea profesională în sprijinul creşterii economice şi dezvoltării societăţii bazate pe cunoaştere"); Major intervention domain 1.5: Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Programmes Supporting Research ("Programe doctorale şi post-doctorale în sprijinul cercetării"); during the

period 09.06.2014-07.10.2015, duration of implementation: 18 months. *Post-doctoral researcher - grant receiver* in the Institute of Juridical Research "Academician Andrei Rădulescu" of the Romanian Academy; *Project no. 2011-1-GB2-LEO05-05445*, Project Leonardo Da Vinci Transfer of Innovation Project (international project), Coordinating institution: University of Salford - Manchester, duration of implementation 1st of October 2011 – 30th of September 2013, "Valahia" University of Târgovişte being partner; *The research project Sectoral Structure of Employment and Impact of Globalization ("Structuration sectorielle de l'emploi et l'impact de la mondialisation")* realized by the Faculty of Economic Sciences – "Valahia" University of Târgovişte and the Faculty of Administration and International Exchanges – University of Paris 12 Val de Marne, period 2008-2010; Elaboration of a Knowledge Mapping Pattern for Economic Higher Education Graduates in Romania for a Correlation with the Demands of a Modern and Flexible Labour Market ("Elaborarea unui model de localizare a cunoștințelor (knowledge mapping) la nivelul absolvenților de învăţământ superior economic din România în vederea corelării cu cerinţele unei piețe a muncii moderne şi flexibile") Programme 4 – Partnerships in priority domains (Parteneriate în domeniile prioritare), Partners: University of Craiova (coordinator), "Valahia" University of Târgovişte (partner 1), Academy of Economic Sciences Bucharest, SC SMCO Romania SA, no. 2137/2008, value of the contract 1,867,847 RON of which for "Valahia" University of Târgovişte 298,588 RON.

1.4 Activity of research, documentation on the international level

As a member of the Centre d' Etudes du Développement International et des Mouvements Économiques et Sociaux (CEDIMES, France, since 2007), I have participated as an Associate Researcher, in various scientific events organized in different countries.

In June 2023, I had the status of *visiting professor* at the Faculty of Law, Economics, Management and Economic & Social Administration (Faculté de Droit, Economie, Gestion et AES), at the University of Western Brittany (Université de Bretagne Occidentale/UBO), Brest, France, position obtained by winning a contest. During the respective period, I participated in numerous teaching, documentation and scientific research activities, realized in the framework of Lab-LEX, the Laboratory for Research in Law (Laboratoire de recherche en droit), activities organized by Mr. François Xavier Roux-Demare, Associate Professor PhD in Private Law and Director of the Master's Degree "Law of Vulnerable Individuals" together with Madam Muriel Rebourg, the Head of Lab-LEX.

At the same time, in April-May 2025 I was *Visiting Professor* at the University of Foggia (Università di Foggia), Italy, status obtained, likewise, by winning a contest. During the respective period I took part in many activities of didactic documentation and research, organized by Madam Full Professor Annamaria Dentamaro, in collaboration with the Full Professors Roberto Rana and Ivan Desandolli.

1.5. Participation in national and international conferences

I participated with communications/ scientific papers in 68 international scientific events and 6 national conferences, of which 24 published *in extenso* in the proceedings of international conferences and 44 published *in extenso* in journals.

The conferences that I participated in have been organized by famous institutions from Romania (Institute of Juridical Research "Academician Andrei Rădulescu" of the Romanian Academy, "Valahia" University of Târgovişte, "Lower Danube" University of Galaţi; University of Suceava; University of Pitești; Police Academy "Alexandru Ioan Cuza", Bucharest, "Constantin Brâncuși" University of Târgu-Jiu, University of Timișoara, University of Iași, "Bogdan-Vodă" University of Cluj, Oil & Gas University of Ploiești etc.) and from other countries (Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris 2); Université de Bretagne Occidentale, Brest; "Aleksandër Moisiu" University of Durrës, Albania; University of Santiago de Compostela – Spain; Universidad de Valladolid, Spain; University Kaunas, Lituania; University of Economics in Bratislava – Slovakia; University of Applied Sciences Bochum, Germany; University of Rjeka, Croatia; University of Cambridge, Great Britain; University of Bejaia, Algeria; Economic University of Warsaw, Poland; University of Tunis El-Manar, Tunisia; University of Pécs, Hungary; University Paris 12 of France; University of Boston, U.S.A., etc.).

2. Professional achievements

2.1. Professional prestige

The visibility and impact of my scientific activity can be evaluated based on the appreciations it enjoyed. As unique author I published: *Interpretarea în drept: aspecte tradiţionale şi actuale* (Interpretation in Law: Traditional and Actual Aspects), Bibliotheca Publishing House, Târgovişte, 2012; *Interpretarea în dreptul internaţional* (Interpretation in International Law), Universul Juridic Publishing House, Bucharest, 2016; *Dreptul mediului* (Environmental Law), Sitech Publishing House, Craiova, 2018; *Valoarea interpretării în drept* (The Value of Interpretation in Law), study appeared in the volume *Studii juridice. In honorem prof. univ. dr. hc. Sofia Popescu* (Juridical Studies. In Honorem Full Professor DHC Sofia Popescu), Collection "In Honorem", Universul Juridic Publishing House, Bucharest, 2016.

As co-author I published: *Dreptul mediului* (Environmental Law), second edition, reviewed and completed, Risoprint Publishing House, Cluj-Napoca, 2019, in collaboration with Gheorghe Bunea; *Les zones et les espèces protégées* (Protected Areas and Species), chapter in the volume *L'animal et l'homme* (The Animal and the Human Being), book published under the supervision of François-Xavier Roux-Demare, Éditions Mare&Martin, Droit privé & sciences criminelles, France, 2019, in collaboration with Constantin Popescu; *Measuring Sustainable Development and Green Investments in Contemporary Economies, Chapter 5. Aggressions of the Socio-Economic System on the Natural Capital*, IGI Global, 2017, in collaboration with Constantin Popescu and Constanţa Popescu; *Teoria generală a dreptului* (The General Theory of Law) - university course, ProUniversitaria Publishing House, Bucharest, 2016, in collaboration with Sofia Popescu, Alexandrina Şerban, Radu Stancu, Mădălina Viziteu; *Phénomène infractionnel complexe du monde contemporain* (The Complex Criminal Phenomenon of Today's World), chapter published in the book *Mélanges en hommage à Jean-Claude Dischamps* (Miscellanea in Honorem Jean-Claude Dischamps), Faculty of Economic Sciences, "Valahia" University of Târgovişte, Bibliotheca Publishing House, Târgovişte, 2009, in collaboration with Constanța Popescu.

I am the coordinator of the volume *Homme, animal et nature* (The Human Being, the Animal and Nature), Collection: Colloques & Essais, Editeur: Institut Universitaire Varenne (in print).

I have been invited and I presented before a large audience the following: *Les zones et les espèces protégées* / Protected Areas and Species (International Conference "L'ANIMAL ET L'HOMME" / The Animal and the Human Being, conference validated as continual training for avocates and magistrats, Université de Bretagne Occidentale/ University of Western Brittany, Faculté de Droit, Économie, Gestion & AES/ Faculty of Law, Economics, Management and Economic & Social Administration, 11 & 12 October 2018, Brest, France); *The Need to Regulate the Protection of Natural Heritage on Religious Tourism Itineraries* (International Congress "III CAMINO PORTUGUÉS DE SANTIAGO: A CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR THE NEW EUROPE**",** 14-16 November 2019, Tui-Valença do Minho-Santiago de Compostela, Spain).

My books and studies are quoted both by prestigious authors like Full Professor: Mihai Bădescu, but also by other authors who wrote in this domain: Virgil Cristea, *Interpretarea şi aplicarea normelor juridice* (Interpretation and Application of Legal Norms), C.H. Beck Publishing House, 2014; Iulia Boghirnea, *Teoria generala a dreptului* (General Theory of Law), Sitech Publishing House, Craiova, 2023; Ivan Vasile Ivanoff in the book *Aprecieri critice privind apariția și evoluția administrației publice locale postdecembriste din România* (Critical Appreciations on the Emergence & Evolution of the Local Public Administration after December 1989 in Romania), Bibliotheca Publishing House, Târgoviște, 2021; Mihail Niemesch in the book *Teoria generală a dreptului* (General Theory of Law), second edition, reviewed and completed, Hamangiu Publishing House, Bucharest, 2016; Mihail Niemesch in the book *Dreptul internațional public* (International Public Law), Hamangiu Publishing House, 2018, Bucharest; David Ungureanu, (2019), *International Humanitarian Law and the Realities of Contemporary Armed Conflicts in the Specialized Doctrine,* Sitech Publishing House, Craiova; Laura Maierean, (2019), *European Union Humanitarian Aid,* Sitech Publishing House, Craiova; Claudiu Ramon D. Butculescu, (2019), *Considerații privind rolul jurisprudenței ca instrument de exprimare și diseminare a culturii juridice în sistemul dreptului român / Considerations Regarding the Role of Jurisprudence as an Instrument of Expression and Dissemination of Legal Culture in the Romanian System of Law,* Universul Juridic Publishing House, Bucharest*;* Claudiu Ramon D. Butculescu, (2019), *Considerations Regarding the Legal Status of Heraldic Representations in the Romanian System of Law*, 13th Edition, "Nicolae Titulescu" University Publishing House; Păunescu L. M., (2015), *Analiza managementului proiectelor de inserţie profesională pe piaţa muncii a absolvenţilor din învăţământul superior în condiţii de instabilitate economică* (Analysis of the Management of Projects for Higher Education Graduates' Professional Insertion on the Labour Market under Conditions of Economic Instability), Editura Printech, Bucureşti, etc.

References to other works authored by me, the undersigned, can also be found in other works or on sites from Romania and from abroad.

2.2. Positions held

Head of the Department for Studies in Foreign Languages (Departamentul de Studii în Limbi Străine / DSLS) starting with1June 2024. Member in the editorial board of Bibliotheca Publishing House, in the framework of the collection UNIVERSITARIA-Lex.
Member in the scientific committee and evaluator of the journal *Human Rights in Law Enforcement*. Member in the scientific committee of the online juridical journal *RATIO IURIS*, www.ratioiuris.it. Expert in the commission of experts of the journal *Revista Științifică Internațională Supremația Dreptului* (The International Scientific Journal The Supremacy of Law). Member in the scientific committee of certain international scientific events.

Member in the editorial board of the publications: the journal *Jura* of the Faculty of Law, University of Pécs; Journal of Law and Administrative Sciences; Revue Européenne du Droit Social; The Criminal Sciences Journal of the *Alexandru Ioan Cuza* Police Academy.

2.3. Member of professional organizations

I have been a member of: The Romanian Association for Criminal Sciences (Asociaţia Română de Ştiinţe Penale) (since December 2011 - to this day); The Romanian Society for European Law (Societăţii Române de Drept European) (since June 2014 - to this day); The College of Juridical Counselors of Dâmboviţa County (Colegiul Consilierilor Juridici Dâmboviţa) (since January 2007 - to this day); The International Association of French-Speaking Economists (AIELF /Association Internationale des Economistes de Langue Française); The Association for the Study of Professional Work Relations (Asociația pentru Studiul Relațiilor Profesionale de Muncă) (since 2020 - to this day).

Since 2024 I have been an Associate Researcher at the Institute of Juridical Research "Academician Andrei Rădulescu" of the Romanian Academy, in the framework of the Department of Public Law.

2.4. Member in commissions related to education

I have participated during the recent years in various commissions related to education from the Faculty of Law of "Valahia" University, such as: Commissions for Admission, Bachelor's Degree Commissions, but also Commissions for Allocating Didactic Positions or Granting Academic Titles, such as, for example: **1.** Member in the Commission for Allocating the Position of Lecturer – FSIA - UVT (2016); **2.** Member in the Commission for Contest of the University of European Political and Economic Studies "Constantin Stere", Kishinev, for the academic year 2023-2024 as per Excerpt from the Minute (of proceedings) no.1/ 31st of August 2023 of the meeting of the Senate of the University of European Political and Economic Studies "Constantin Stere", Kishinev; **3.** Member in the Commission for Allocating the Position of Lecturer, Position 20, University "1st of December 1918", Alba Iulia, 2024-2025; **4.** Member in the Commission for Allocating the Position of Professor Assistant, Position 22, University "1st of December 1918", Alba Iulia, 2024-2025.

3. Academic achievements

3.1. Teaching activity

I have been teaching continuously for 17 years in the higher education system, being a tenured teacher at "Valahia" University of Târgovişte.

My most recent promotion took place during the academic year 2017/2018 by obtaining the position of Associate Professor, following the contest organized by "Valahia" University for the disciplines: Theory of Law, according to the Decision of the Rector of "Valahia" University of Târgovişte, no. 1362 / the 14th of September 2017, a position that I have been holding to this day.

During the 17 years of teaching activity at the university I taught, during the period October 2008 – October 2009, as Teaching Assistant, associate teacher, the seminars for the disciplines: Land Law; Administrative Law; The History of the Romanian Public Administration. During the period October 2009 – June 2012, as tenured teacher, I taught the seminars for the following disciplines: General Theory of State and Law, Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Civil Law, Business Law, Societal Law, Elements of Procedural Law. As Assistant Professor PhD, during the period June 2012 – October 2013, I held seminars for the disciplines: General Theory of Law, Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Science of Administration, Administrative Court, Consumer Law, Financial and Fiscal Law, Civil Law, Elements of Procedural Law, Business Law, Techniques and Methods of Adopting An Administrative Decision. As Lecturer PhD, during the period October 2013 - October 2017, I held courses and seminars for the disciplines: General Theory of Law, Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Business Law; Public Acquisitions. Since October 2017 to this day, as Associate Professor PhD, I taught the courses and seminars of the following disciplines: Introduction in the Study of State and Law, Administrative Law, Constitutional Law, Business Law, Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection, Competition Law, Criminal Law Elements, Procedural Law Elements. At the same time, I have elaborated the description form for the disciplines I taught; I have elaborated monographs, university textbooks and course notes; I have participated in national and international conferences; I have been scientific advisor for Bachelor's Degree graduation theses; I have been scientific advisor for students in Sessions of Scientific Papers (of which 20 works received prizes).

3.2. Academic positions and titles

Regarding the positions held by election in the University, on the 1st of June 2024 I was elected Head of the Department for Studies in Foreign Languages in the framework of "Valahia" University of Târgovişte, to coordinate the activity regarding the internationalization of "Valahia" University of Târgovişte by supporting the development and sustainability of the programmes of study in foreign languages.

During the period 2015-2019, I was a member of the Advisory Board of the Faculty of Sciences and Engineering, Valahia University of Târgovişte.

Similarly, I was the person in charge of Quality in the framework of the Commission for Quality Evaluation and Assurance in the framework of the Faculty (CEACF), and, at present, I am the person in charge of Quality in the Department of Studies in Foreign Languages of "Valahia" University, Târgovişte.

During the period January 1, 2007 - October 1, 2009 I was in charge of the position of juridical counsellor at the Department for European Integration **(**Direcţia Integrare Europeană**)** of the County Council of Dâmboviţa County (Consiliul Judeţean Dâmboviţa).

PART II. Plans of career evolution and development, from a scientific perspective

2.1. Research directions to be developed as well on the academic level

By the present approach, I would like to add to my professional career also the opportunity to advise doctoral students in the framework of the Doctoral Schools and to coordinate Doctoral Theses in the domains: General Theory of Law and Environmental Law. Such an activity supposes the participation in as many scientific activities as possible, organized both nationally and internationally, in order to exchange ideas on the dynamics of Law and the way the Romanian national Law answers the European juridical requirements.

I wish to continue to create in the domain of the General Theory of Law, with special focus on the interpretation of Law and the importance of the act of interpreting the legal norms in the research of the juridical phenomenon.

2.2. Directions for teaching/ practical outcomes

I would like to be efficiently involved in interdisciplinary research, both in the elaboration of courses and the holding of seminars, and in the research activity I do as an Associate Researcher at the Institute of Juridical Research "Academician Andrei Rădulescu" of the Romanian Academy, in the Public Law Department.

Having defended my Habilitation Thesis, I am now faced with the need to delineate new professional milestones, first of all for the benefit of the doctoral students researchers in the domain of Juridical Sciences, the main beneficiaries of my activity to come.

In the choice or when proposing the topics for Dissertations or Doctoral Theses, my intention is that they may always be founded on practical needs, adequate to the scientific approaches.

2.3. Ways of action envisioned to put these into practice

My professional experience and the whole of my scientific achievements allow me to coordinate the research activity of Master's Degree/Doctoral students in my domains of training.

The quality of Doctoral Advisor will give me the possibility to share my teaching experience acquired in my 17 years of didactic career, researcher and holder of documentation grants. I intend to actively cooperate, according to the requirements of the high-level academic research, and to permanently collaborate with my doctoral students.