

Scientific Event:
**SEVEN DECADES OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN CRAIOVA
AND TWO OF MONOGRAPHIC TRADITION**

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1. Introduction

The University of Craiova completed this year seven decades since its inception, being from a chronologically point of view, the fifth higher education institution in the country after those from Iasi (1860), Bucharest (1864), Cluj (1872) and Timisoara (1944). In the seven decades of scientific and didactic activity, the University of Craiova has continuously promoted innovation, scientific originality and the advancement of knowledge, providing the national academic environment and internationally renowned researchers and professors, whose contributions to scientific knowledge have made the University of Craiova a reputable institution. Marking the seven decades of uninterrupted continuity could not remain uncelebrated. Thus, October 2017 may be considered the month of university education in Craiova. Along these high-profile demonstrations, the launch of the University monography is a big part too, which is will complete the cycle of monographs edited since 1997 and until now.

2. Monography - the central pillar of national and local sociology

The concern for the realization of monographs of urban and rural communities, institutions, organizations and personalities is not new. Moreover, the Romanian sociological school was built from the dawn of the interwar period through the intersystem surprise of the realities of rural communities in Romania at that time. Under the coordination of the internationally renowned professor, Dimitrie Gusti, dozens of monographs have been offered to Romanian sociology a respectable place in the international landscape, these monographs serving as a paradigmatic example for many international researchers. After the Revolution from 1989, the only university center from Romania in which, in a systematic manner, the research of reality by updating the monographic method was resumed, is precisely the University of Craiova. Made at the initiative and under the close coordination of the university professor Dumitru Otovescu, the monographs published here over two decades have restored the connection between interwar and

contemporary sociology, permanent refinement of the framework methodological and epistemological specifics of this approach is a constant concern of the professor and the teams of young researchers he worked with over the years.

Among the monographs he realized over the time, we mention (Otovescu, 2015, p. 34):

- *The Sociological Monograph of Mehedinți County*, Beladi Publishing House, "Sociological Field Surveys" Collection, Craiova, 1999, 232 p.
- *Sociological monograph of Târgu-Carbunesti*, Beladi Publishing House, Craiova, "Sociological land surveying" collection, Craiova, 1999, 192 p.
- *Sociological monograph of Novaci*, Beladi Publishing House, "Sociological Ground Surveys" Collection, Craiova, 2000, 186p.
- *Romanian Sociology in the Twentieth Century (1901-2000). Thematic Bibliography. Authors*, Craiova, Beladi Publishing House, 2001, 340 p.
- *Sociological monograph of Băile Govora*, Craiova, Beladi Publishing House, "Sociological Field Research", 2002, 226 p
- *Craiova University. Monograph (1947-2002)*, Craiova, Universitaria Publishing House, 263p
- *The sociological monograph of Licurici, Gorj County*, Craiova, Beladi Publishing House, 2003, 188p; Second Edition Revised and Added, 2004, 215 p.
- *Sociological monograph of Braloștița commune – Dolj County*, Craiova, Beladi Publishing House, 2004, 154 p.
- *Sociological monograph of the commune of Gighera, Dolj county*, Beladi Publishing House, Craiova, 2005, 316 p
- *Sociological monograph of Podari commune, Dolj county*, Beladi Publishing House, Craiova, 2005, 262 p.
- *Romania's Population and Local Work Resources*, Beladi Publishing House, Craiova, 2006, 286 p.
- *Sociological monograph of Goicea commune, Dolj county*, Beladi Publishing House, Craiova, 2006, 216p
- *Sociological monograph in Romania. Contemporary Research (coordinator and co-author)*, Beladi Publishing House, Craiova, 2006, 691p
- *Sociological monograph of Breasta commune Dolj county*, Beladi Publishing House, Craiova, 2007, 204 p.
- *Craiova University. Monograph (1947-2007)*, Universitaria Publishing House, Beladi Publishing House, Craiova, 2007, 276 p
- *Faculty of Social and Human Sciences (2000-2008)*, Universitaria Publishing House, Craiova, 2008, 484p.

- *Faculty of Social Sciences (2000-2010)*, Universitaria Publishing House, Craiova, 2010, 284 p
- *The main social problems of rural communities in Romania*, Beladi Publishing House, Craiova, 2010, 303 p.
- *A Romanian miracle: Gheorghe Zamfir. Monograph*, Beladi Publishing House, Craiova, 2014, 233 p.

3. Monography of the University of Craiova - historical, structural and axiological significance

The Monograph of the University of Craiova. Seven decades of higher education (1947-2017) was edited under the aegis of two prestigious publishing houses: the University of Craiova and the Romanian Academy Publishing House. The work was coordinated by professors Cezar Ionuț Spînu, the current rector of the University, and Dumitru Otovescu, a sociologist whose experience with the monographic method we exposed above. Among the authors were Cecilia Popescu, Gabriela Iacobescu, Sorin Damean, Răzvan Stan, Germina Cosma, Sima Cosmulescu, Mirela Niculescu, Anca Mehedințiu, Gabriel Olteanu, L. Mandache, D. Ilie, Marius Marian, Mihaela Popescu, Anca Păunescu, Cristian Vladimirescu, Cristina Otovescu, Radu Constantinescu, L. Mănescu, Gh. Manolea, Daniela Roșca, Adrian Otovescu, Nicolae Panea, each brought their own contribution to the attainment of at least one chapter as the fruit of a hard work research on the historical evolution of the institution, influenced by different social and historical contexts over seven decades. The themes of interest, according to which the 460 page work is structured in ten chapters, are the following: Romanian University Education in European Context, University of Craiova - Historical Moments and Coordinates, Academic Management and Rectors of the University of Craiova, University Community, Staff Didactic and Students, Organizing and Valuing Scientific Research, International Relations, Internal Communication and Professional Climate, Patrimony and Administrative Structure, University of Craiova in pictures.

The seven decades of existence of the University of Craiova were celebrated in a festive setting at the "Marin Sorescu" National Theater in Craiova, with the participation of former rectors (Mircea Ivănescu, Dan Claudiu Dănișor), of current teachers, students and honorable guests: Liviu Pop, Ministry of National Education, former ministers Ecaterina Andronescu and Sorin Mihai Câmpeanu, Claudiu Manda, Vice-President of the Romanian Senate, as well as representatives of higher education institutions in the country or other important institutions, including the National Bank. The local officials honored this event with the participation and speeches of the Mayor of

Craiova, Mihail Genoiu, the prefect, Dan Narcis Purcărescu and the president of the Dolj County Council, Ion Prioteasa.

(...)On one of the covers of this monograph is the royal decree establishing the University. A monograph is a challenge because, beyond the real existence of the institution, there must be a synthetic and spiritual dimension with a high degree of scientific achievement, which our institution, through its teachers, tried to construct a monograph, following the tradition of this writing in Romanian sociology. The monograph is practically the institution itself, because over the years, and allow me to think in perspective, things can change and the only evidence that we have existed in a certain intellectual dimension are those that are included in the monograph's covers. stated at the launching festivity Professor Nicolae Panea, ethnologist whose contributions are recognized at European level. In return, Professor Dumitru Otovescu emphasized the triple vocation of the work - historical, structural and axiological. *We work in different faculties in different buildings and we will meet through this book if we have the curiosity to discover it. We are a young institution, and youth is an attribute, but at the same time a responsibility. The first university in Europe emerged, contrary to the general mentality, in 1065 and was in Parma, Italy, the second was in Bologna in 1088. Between 1065 and 1500, 54 universities appeared in Europe. In Romania, the history of higher education begins in the second half of the nineteenth century, when the prince Alexandru Ioan Cuza signed the decree establishing the University of Iasi in 1860 and then in Bucharest in 1864. In 1919, the University of Cluj, and the founding act is accompanied by a study by the scientist Vasile Pârvan entitled "Our duty", but this debt only lasted until 1940, when Transylvania did not belong to us anymore.* he mentioned.

4. University of Craiova - present and future

The University consists of 12 faculties: Sciences, Economics and Business Administration, Agronomy, Horticulture, Law, Social Sciences, Orthodox Theology, Physical Education and Sport, Mechanics, Automation, Computers and Electronics, Electrical Engineering. There are 216 study programs (95 undergraduate, 95 masters and 26 doctoral degrees), attended by 17,609 students.

At the university level, the University of Craiova registered 608 ISI articles, 2690 BDI articles, 1022 books, 48 patents, patent applications and intellectual property products, 65 contracts obtained in international competitions, University has collaborative relationships with 216 Erasmus + partner universities (Turkey, France, Spain, Italy, Germany), but also with the socio-economic partners or economic agents in the area (for which the Institute for Applied Science Research was created) . The University received the "High Confidence Rating" rating from the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in

Higher Education and was designated by the Ministry of Education "Center for University Coordinator in the East European Area". The University of Craiova has signed 43 agreements with various academic partners around the world (USA, France, England, Israel, Germany, Serbia, Canada, Belgium, South Korea, Macedonia, Italy, Brazil, Albania, Greece, Uruguay, , Columbia, Peru).