

## SCIENTIFIC EVENT

### SOCIOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CRAIOVA. 25 YEARS (1995-2020)

This year, Craiova's sociology has celebrated a quarter of a century in the service of national values and academic excellence. Immediately after the fall of the communist regime in Romania, following the steps of Prof. PhD. Dumitru Otovescu, Craiova's sociological education acquires the necessary institutional support to function both in terms of teaching and scientific research.

At a first stage, the study program Philosophy-Sociology was created in 1995 within the Faculty of Letters and History. In turn, after 2008, it became the Faculty of Social Sciences. In 2005, the two study programs have separated, as a result of the legal regulations that appeared, each evolving independently, on the new bachelor degree program, with a duration of 3 years of studies. Currently, Craiova's sociological education covers all 3 levels related to the Bologna system: bachelor, master and doctorate.

A priority direction in the activity of Craiova's researchers in sociology was, from the very beginning, the assumption of the monographic approach as a professional duty. Following the line of research opened by the Romanian sociologist Dimitrie Gusti, but without benefiting from the financial resources of the Royal Cultural Foundations (as it happened in the interwar period), the Craiova School of Sociology gained the legitimate right to continue Gustian's concerns and practices. By involving students in direct research of the realities of the studied communities, both during the applied activities at the end of the academic year and during the academic year, the unity between theoretical knowledge and practical skills, between the educational activity and the scientific research itself was ensured.

The educational and the scientific research activities represented the two axes of the existence and functioning of the Craiova School of Sociology. Scientific work and dissemination of results required the development of a complex institutional framework, which included a research institute, a publishing house, two publications and a professional association:

- *Institutul Social Oltenia / Oltenia Social Institute (I.S.O.)*

It was founded in 1997, under the name of the *Department of Sociological Studies and Surveys*, within the University of Craiova. Then, in 2002, it became the *Oltenia Social Institute*, with the purpose of conducting scientific field research, by training teachers and students in work teams coordinated according to the model of those organized by Dimitrie Gusti in the interwar period. The researches undertaken by the Craiova sociologists kept the methodological framework of the "Gustian School", which they enriched by emphasizing the role and the importance of institutions and personalities for the local community. Starting from these considerations, under the aegis of the Oltenia Social Institute, over 30 monographic works, 60 opinion polls and 5 sociological documentary movies were made.

- *Editura Beladi / Beladi Publishing House*

Beladi Publishing House has established itself in the Romanian publishing space by publishing reference works in the field of sociology and beyond. The editorial directions naturally identify with the research directions of the Craiova School of

Sociology. At Beladi Publishing House were published over thirty monographs dedicated to: rural communities - Goicea, Gighera, Licurici, etc., urban communities - Băile Govora, Târgu Cărbunești, Craiova etc., organizations and institutions - Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Craiova, the football team "Universitatea Craiova" etc. and personalities: Irinel Popescu, Gheorghe Zamfir, etc. Here also was printed for the first in Romanian, many classics of world sociology: Auguste Comte, Charles Darwin, Oswald Spengler, Gabriel Tarde, Georges Palante, Vilfredo Pareto, Ferdinand Tönnies, Florian Znaniecki, William Thomas and others. A notable editorial achievement is the publication of the only "Treatise on general sociology" in Romania, in 2010, in collaboration with well-known sociologists from the United States (Immanuel Wallerstein, Daniel Chirot and others), Canada, France (Raymond Boudon, Albert Ogien etc.) and from all university centers in Romania-

- *Revista Universitară de Sociologie / University Journal of Sociology*

It was founded in 2004, in order to disseminate the results of theoretical and empirical research of teachers and researchers. During 2004-2005, it appeared under the title "University Journal of Social Sciences", and then became "University Journal of Sociology", a title with which it is currently published at Beladi Publishing House, under the auspices of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University from Craiova. In its pages they there have been published sociology articles from Romania, USA, Canada, France, Germany, Spain, Greece, Italy, etc. Currently, the journal is indexed in 20 international databases, of which 7 are recognized by the Commission of Sociology, Political and Administrative Sciences of the C.N.A.T.D.C.U.: ErichPlus, UlrichsWeb, EBSCO, Index Copernicus, CEEOL, RePeC, HeinOnline. The International Scientific Board includes academics and scientific researchers from France, Greece, Spain, Bulgaria, Italy, Cameroon, Algeria, and, of course, from the vast majority of university centers in Romania.

- *Publicația Universitaria / Universitaria Magazine*

Universitaria was a monthly magazine, founded in 2001, in order to reflect the scientific and cultural concerns of students, but also the achievements and challenges of the university area of Craiova.

- *Asociația Sociologia Militans / "Sociologia Militans" Association*

"Sociologia Militans" Professional Association was founded in 2009. The association had, in 2010, over 70 members, all of them being teachers, PhD Students and Sociology Alumni from the University of Craiova. It functioned under the auspices of the Sociology study program until May 2013.

## **Editorial Board**

**Photo 1: 2016 Graduates in Sociology**



**Photo 2: International Symposium - "Academic Sociology and the Challenges of Current Society", University of Craiova (2016)**



**Photo 3: Doctoral School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Sociology (2019)**



**Photo 4: Meeting of the Romanian Sociological Association in Rociu, Argeş (2019)**

