

8th International Conference State and Society in Europe, Craiova, 25th of October - 5th of November 2015

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„Alexandru and Aristia Aman” County Library, together with „Alexandru and Aristia Aman” Foundation as organizers, the Romanian Academy, „C.S. Nicolaescu Ploșor” Social-Humanist Sciences Institute - Craiova, Scientists Academy of Romania, the Archaeological and Historical Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Theology, as partners, organized during October 25 - November 5, 2015 the 8th International Conference State and Society in Europe. The works of the conference lasted for almost two weeks, October 25 -November 5, 2015, and were held at „Alexandru and Aristia Aman” County Library of Craiova, The Restoration Center of the Faculty of Theology of Craiova and The Universitaries House, Romania.

The conference was organized into nine big sections, integrating communications and studies from different research fields: political sciences, international relations, cultural studies, history, European studies, philosophy, archaeology, cultural patrimony, diplomacy, law, religion and church history, education, media and communication. The event addressed to members of the Academy, professors, researchers, PhDs, MAs, students and all others interested in the fields mentioned above.

Within this international conference there were also held four individual conferences followed by book launches, a gala ceremony

which marked 50 years of existence of „C.S. Nicolaescu Ploșor” Social-Humanist Sciences Institute – Craiova and the ceremony of conferring the title of Doctor Honoris Causa to Basarab Nicolescu by the University of Craiova. A novelty aspect of the conference was the deployment of a section dedicated to First World War in Italian.

The Conference was held in Romanian, Italian and English, simultaneous translation being provided. The articles and communications will be published in *Journal of Humanities, Culture and Social Sciences* or in “*Românii în Istoria Europei*” (*Romanians in Europe’s History*), vol. III.

There were no taxes for participation and publication!

The 8th International Conference State and Society in Europe gathered over 220 participants. The works and papers presented in plenary sessions, discussions and debates which resulted from last hour interpretations and analyses represent a benefit and a salutary fact for each participant. The 16 volumes and scientific journals launched during the conference brought to the attention of the public titles in areas regarding media and history on the one hand, and theology and culture on the other. The event was highly reflected in local and national media. Moreover, the event itself was granted wide spaces in written and online press, and several professors that took part at the conference works, were invited to TV shows organized by TVR Craiova, and Digi 24 Craiova.

The opening of the photo exhibition entitled “*Oltenia - a place of Orthodox spirituality*” - in courtyard of the library throughout ongoing conference, was an opportunity for knowing and understanding the spiritual realities of the five counties of Oltenia region. Portraying secular Orthodox churches, or monks deeply attached to spiritual hearth of Oltenia and young people specializing in oil painting, the exhibition gathered more than 20 photos, part of the museum heritage of the Faculty of Theology in Craiova.

The conference was part of a series of events and cultural manifestations organized in Craiova, in support of the city’s candidacy for the title of European Capital of Culture in 2021. As part of these important cultural events, the conference received the

support of the Dolj County Library and Municipality of Craiova. Thus, the County Library was not only the host of the event, but also one of the local institutions that endeavours to generate cultural projects each month and each day.