

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
DIMITRIE CANTEMIR'S MODERNITY:  
OUTREACH AND CULTURAL DIPLOMACY**

**(Iași, Romania, 24-26 October 2023)**

organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania  
and  
the Faculty of History of the „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași

**Tuesday, 24 October**

(University Palace, Sala Senatului / Senate Hall)

14:00 – 14:30: Registration

14:30 – 15:30: Welcome Speeches addressed by:

Tudorel Toader, Rector of the „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași

Mihai Chirica, Mayor of Iași

Petru-Bogdan Cojocaru, Prefect of Iași county

Mohamed Ketata, Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe, The Francophone University Agency

Lucrețiu-Ion Bîrliba, Dean of the Faculty of History, „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași

PC Arhim. Hrisostom Rădășanu, Representative of the Metropolis of Moldova and Bukovina

Cristina Bîrsan, Inalco Paris

Doru Liciu, Diplomatic Archives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

15:30 – 17:40: Cristina Liberis (journalist and producer, Bucharest) – Presentation of the documentary film *In the footsteps of Cantemir*

18:00 Cocktail offered in honor of participants by the Faculty of History of the „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași (University Palace, Sala Pașilor Pierduți / The Hall of the Echoing Footsteps)

**Wednesday, 25 October**

(University Palace, Ferdinand Hall)

09:30 – 11:00 Moderator: Doru Liciu

**The Reception of Cantemir in the 18th century**

Alain Servantie (Société belge des études orientales, Bruxelles), Influence de *l'Histoire de l'Empire Ottoman* de D. Cantemir dans l'Europe occidentale du XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle

Zeynep Sözen (Istanbul Medipol University), Dimitrie Cantemir and Ottoman Enlightenment

Süer Eker (Baskent University, Ankara), Dimitrie Cantemir's Place in Turkish Cultural History

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Moderator: Cristina Bîrsan

**Manuscripts, approaches, influences (I)**

Alexandra Chiriac and Augustin Guriță („Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași), The Romanian Circulation of Dimitrie Cantemir's *Description of Moldavia* at the Beginning of the 19th Century

Ioana Costa (University of Bucharest), Notes on Cantemir Editions

Florentina Nicolae („Ovidius” University of Constanța), Dimitrie Cantemir's Erudition Reflected in *Collectanea Orientalia* and *De muro Caucaseo*

13:00 – 15:00 Luncheon offered in honor of participants by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania (Casa Universitarilor / House of Academics)

15:00 – 17:00 Moderator: Augustin Guriță

**Manuscripts, approaches, influences (II)**

Oana-Andreea Sâmbrian („C.S. Nicolăescu-Plopșor” Research Institute for the Study of Social Sciences and Humanities, Craiova), The Ciphred Language of Power in the 17th Century and a Study Case of Dimitrie Cantemir's *Hieroglyph History*

Dinu Moscal (Institut de philologie roumaine „A. Philippide”, Académie roumaine – Iași), Mots et sens spécifiques dans le *Divan* et dans *l'Histoire hiéroglyphique*

Ovidiu Achim (University of Bucharest), Painting What Cannot Be Painted: The Treatment of Image in Dimitrie Cantemir's *Sacro-sanctae Scientiae Indepingibilis Imago* (1700)

Vlad Alexandrescu (University of Bucharest), Les suggestions d'un manuscrit: le *Sacro-Sanctae Scientiae Indepingibilis Imago* (1700)

**Thursday, 26 October**

(Grand Hotel Traian)

9:00 – 11:00 Moderator: Alain Servantie

## **Cultural Diplomacy**

Clifford Endres (Kadir Has University, Istanbul), My Neighbor Dimitrie Cantemir

Cristina Bîrsan (Inalco, Paris), Le palais de Dimitrie Cantemir à Istanbul: la mémoire en images

Nadia Tunsu (Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie), Dimitrie Cantemir: un regard institutionnel sur un symbole spirituel

Doru Liciu (Diplomatic Archives, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania), The Anniversary of Cantemir Tricentenary (1973): an Exercise in Cultural Diplomacy after the July Theses

Closing Remarks with the participation of secretary of state Janina Sitaru (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

11:30 – Galeriile “Dumitru I. Grumăzescu” / “Dumitru I. Grumăzescu” Gallery: Opening of the exhibition “Bucharest, a city shaped in the Ottoman-Oriental Matrix”

Addresses by Dr. Nadia Tunsu and Arch. Dan Lăcătuș

13 h – Mănăstirea Sfinții Trei Ierarhi / Monastery of the Holy Three Hierarchs: Memorial service presided over by Protos. Elisei Nedescu and a wreath laying ceremony at the tomb of Dimitrie Cantemir