

Synthetic Report- 2011 (october-december)

Project: *Beyond the Norms: Religious Practice in Medieval and Early Modern Transylvania* (project PN-II-ID-PCE-2011-3-0359)

The first objective of this year was the assessment of the degree to which the laity integrated Church norms. The activities undertaken in order to fulfill this objective consisted in the creation of the documentary support (primary and secondary sources). Within the same timeframe of three months each team member has delineate his/her research interest in connection with the main goal and the objectives of the project. Project Director Maria Craciun will investigate the role played by the artisans in the dissemination of reformed ideas; Maria Lupescu Mako will explore the variety and specificity of the devotional act of Transylvanian laity; Ovidiu Ghitta will research the superstitions of the Greek-Catholic believers in eighteenth century Transylvania; Ciprian Firea will analyze the phenomenon of the artistic patronage and Carmen Florea will explore the applicability of the concept of civic religion in Transylvanian medieval towns .

The second activity was dedicated to the design of the project's website which would include visual and textual material and updated information about the activities of the project. Paperwork also included the acquisition of a laptop for processing the visual material.