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University Education and Degrees

- 10/2010-09/2013 Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Title of thesis: *The Obscene as Postmodern Value*, Dr. Phil. in Philosophy, *Magna Cum Laude*.
- 2008-2010 M.A. in Philosophy; MA program, “Philosophy, Culture, Communication”, Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
- 2005-2008, B.A. in Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Positions held

Current position:

- Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 10/2023 – Present

Former positions:

- Associate Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 10/2016 – 09/2023

Courses taught

- Graduate Level (M.Phil. – Philosophy, Culture, Communication):
 - Posthuman Studies
 - Semiotics of Gestures
 - Theories of Communication
- Undergraduate Level (B.A. in Philosophy):
 - Philosophy of Religion – Current Themes

Examination and Supervision

- Supervision and evaluation of B.A. and M.Phil. dissertations in philosophy.

Research specializations—areas of research

- **Posthuman Studies:** Examining Foundational, Classic, Original, and Euro-Transhumanism, alongside Critical Posthumanism and Metahumanism, emphasizing life-affirmative, non-foundational approaches to human transformation. Areas of inquiry include the ethics of human enhancement, philosophy of longevity and healthspan, and the symbiotic co-evolution of humans and technology, integrating ethical, aesthetic, and cultural perspectives to analyze how emerging technologies shape human well-being, identity, and the posthuman condition.
- **Postmodern Philosophy & Philosophy of Religion** – Examining the impact of postmodern thought on contemporary metaphysics, epistemology, and religious studies, including critical approaches to spirituality, ontology, and the deconstruction of anthropocentrism.
- **Gender Studies, Eroticism, and Sexuality** – Exploring eroticism, sexuality, and the politics of desire through postmodern, feminist, and posthuman lenses, addressing questions of embodiment, identity, representation, and the ethical dimensions of sexual technologies.

Editorial and Scholarly Service

- **Editor**, *Posthuman Studies* Book Series, Trivent Publishing
- **Editorial Board Member**, *Entanglements: Journal of Posthumanities*, Barddhaman, West Bengal, E-ISSN: 3107-488X
- **Editorial Board Member**, *Deliberatio: Studies in Contemporary Philosophical Challenges*, West University of Timisoara, Romania
- **Editorial Board Member**, *ETHIKA+ Journal*, Centro de Estudios de Ética Aplicada, Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities, Universidad de Chile, ISSN 2452-6037
- **Former Editorial Board Member**, *Journal of Posthumanism*, Transnational Press London
- **Editorial Reviewers' Board**, *Postmodern Openings*, p-ISSN: 2068-0236 | e-ISSN: 2069-9387
- **Editor**, *Journal for Social Media Inquiry*, p-ISSN: 2559-7639 | e-ISSN: 2668-0718

Founder

- 12/2024 – Founder and Director, ***Posthuman Studies Association***, Cluj-Napoca, Romania – Established a dynamic research platform promoting interdisciplinary scholarship and open dialogue across humanism, transhumanism(s), and critical posthumanism, fostering collaboration at the intersections of ethics, culture, art, and technology in the ongoing co-evolution of humans and technology. <https://www.posthumanstudies.org/>

Memberships and Academic Affiliations

- **Founder and Director**, *Posthuman Studies Research Group* (PSRG), Center for Applied Philosophy (CAPH), Department of Philosophy, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 12/2023
<https://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/CFA/PSRG.htm>
- **Founder**, *Transhumanism, Posthumanism, and Metahumanism* (CTPM) Student Circle, Department of Philosophy, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2018–present
- **Member**, *Cultural and Mainstream Posthuman Forum*, India Posthuman, India, 2024–present
- **Member**, *Center for Applied Philosophy*, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cultural Practices and Policies Research Group (GCPPC), 2018–present
- **Member**, *Institute for Social-Political Research* (ICSP), West University of Timişoara, Romania, 2021–present
- **Member**, Contemporary Literary Cluj, Romanian Writers' Union, Cluj Branch, 2011–present
- **Member**, Writers' Salon, Romanian Writers' Union, Cluj Branch, 2011–present
- **Member**, Reviewers Committee, LUMEN Publishing House, Iaşi, Romania

Peer-Review Activity

- **Peer Reviewer**, *Journal of Posthuman Studies*, Penn State University Press, USA
- **Peer Reviewer**, *Journal of Posthumanism*, Transnational Press London
- **Peer Reviewer**, *Journal of Future Robot Life*, IOS Press, Amsterdam
- **Peer Reviewer**, *Postmodern Openings Journal*, Iaşi, Romania
- **Peer Reviewer**, *Deliberatio: Studies in Contemporary Philosophical Challenges*, West University of Timisoara, Timişoara, Romania

Responsibilities include the evaluation of submitted manuscripts for scholarly rigor, theoretical contribution, and alignment with the respective journal's scope and standards.

Advisor

Advisory Board Member, Africa International Conference on Human Enhancement (AICHE 2026): "Transhumanism, Science, and Religion in Africa: Introducing a Conversation", University of Abuja, Nigeria & Virtual, 10–11 December 2026.

Fellowships and Research Grants

Fellowship:

- **Mobility Internship (Doctoral Student)**, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 01 February – 31 July 2013
Supervisor: Prof. Univ. Dr. David Weberman
This fellowship was supported by the **POSDRU-MECTS Program 2007–2013**, co-financed by the **European Social Fund**, as part of the project “*Modern Doctoral Studies: Internationalization and Interdisciplinarity*”, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Doctoral School of Philosophy.

Institutional Grants

- **Grant Director**, Grant to Support the Competitiveness of UBB Employees, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, 16 November 2021 – 16 October 2022
Program/Project Type: Research-Competitiveness-Excellence Support Programs
Grant Agreement No.: AGC36211/16.11.2021
Amount: 4,948 RON
Duration: 12 months (across two calendar years)
- **Grant Director**, Grant to Support the Competitiveness of UBB Employees, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, 31 October 2019 – 30 September 2020
Program/Project Type: Research-Competitiveness-Excellence Support Programs
Grant Agreement No.: AGC34802/31.10.2019
Amount: 4,737 RON
Duration: 12 months (across two calendar years)
- **Grant Director**, Grant to Support the Competitiveness of UBB Employees, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, 31 October 2018 – 30 September 2019
Program/Project Type: Research-Competitiveness-Excellence Support Programs
Grant Agreement No.: AGC35121/31.10.2018
Amount: 4,646.6 RON
Duration: 12 months (across two calendar years)

National Prizes

Awards funded by the Ministry of Education (UEFISCDI, PRECISI Program)

- **UEFISCDI Award, PRECISI-2021** – for scientific publications indexed in WOS/AHCI (2020)
Awarded Article: Schussler, A. E. (2020). *Posthumanism and Ecofeminist Theology—Toward a Nondualist Spirituality*. *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 19(57) (Winter), 32–46

- **UEFISCDI Award, PRECISI-2019** – for scientific publications indexed in WOS/AHCI (2019)
Awarded Article: Schussler, A. E. (2019). *Transhumanism as a New Techno-Religion and Personal Development: In the Framework of a Future Technological Spirituality*. *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 18(53) (Summer), 92–106
- **UEFISCDI Award, PRECISI-2018** – for scientific publications indexed in WOS/AHCI (2017)
Awarded Article: Schussler, A. E. (2017). *The Cyberspace Myth and Political Communication, Within the Limits of Netocracy*. *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 16(48) (Winter), 65–78
- **UEFISCDI Award, PRECISI-2017** – for scientific publications indexed in WOS/AHCI (2016)
Awarded Article: Schussler, A. E. (2016). *Postmodernism and the Simulacrum of Religion in Universities*. *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 15(45) (Winter), 76–95

Other Prizes

- **First Prize, Debut Contest**, Romanian Writers' Union, Cluj Branch, 2011
Awarded for the book: *Dintre ale corpului și minții: despre seducție, erotism și pornografie*. Casa Cărții de Știință, 92 pages, ISBN 978-973-133-922-1 (in Romanian)
- Award for Excellence in Conference Organization – Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 2024. Recognized for organizing the *Nietzsche and Critical Posthumanism, Transhumanism, and Metahumanism* International Conference, June 28–29, 2024.

Other Professional Activities: Conferences and Workshops

International Conferences – Participation and Scholarly Contribution

1. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “A Euro-Transhumanist Approach to Healthspan and Longevity” *16th Beyond Humanism Conference Series BHC. AI, Education, and Multispecies Sustainability: A Dialogue Across Humanism, Transhumanism, and Critical Posthumanism*. 1 July – 4 July 2026, Timișoara, Romania.
2. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Reinterpreting Death: A Euro-Transhumanist Critique of Classic Transhumanism” *2nd Posthuman Studies Conference (PSC). Ethics of Emerging Technologies. In Between Transhumanism and Critical Posthumanism*, 12–13 June 2026, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
3. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Human-AI Co-creation and Hybridity in Sougwen Chung’s Posthuman Artworks”. *Ege University 20th Cultural Studies Symposium, AI & Cultural Production*, 6-8 May 2026, Faculty of Letters, Izmir, Turkey.
4. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Classic Transhumanist and Euro-Transhumanist Approaches to Suffering.” *Transhumanism Hopes & Risks for the 21st Century: Vision of Life, Science, Society & Culture Conference*, Medical University of Łódź, Poland, 5–7 March 2026

5. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Big Data, Digital Authoritarianism, and Transhumanism.” *European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference*, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece, 26–29 August 2025
6. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Posthuman Play as Co-creative, Collaborative, and Symbiotic Relationality in Sougwen Chung’s Posthuman Artworks.” *15th Beyond Humanism Conference Series (BHC): Posthuman Art, Creativity, and Play in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*, University of Paris 8, Saint-Denis, France, 24–27 June 2025
7. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Euro-Transhumanism, Classic Transhumanism, and Dukkha—Should We Choose Between Embracing Suffering or Letting It Go?” *1st Posthuman Studies Conference (PSC): Philosophies of Transhumanism*, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 20–21 June 2025
8. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “A Posthuman Perspective on Creativity: About a Symbiotic Co-evolution of Human and AI Creativity.” *The Ethics and Aesthetics of Artificial Images (EA-AI) Conference*, Università Iuav di Venezia, Venice, Italy, 8–10 May 2025
9. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Critical Posthumanist Perspectives in Contemporary Societies.” *Inaugural Conference: Cultural and Mainstream Posthumanist Traditions*, India International Center, New Delhi, India, 15 September 2024
10. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Posthuman Care and Intimacy in Patricia Piccinini’s Posthuman Artworks.” *14th Beyond Humanism Conference Series (BHC): Technologies-Ecologies and the Networks of Posthuman Care*, Posthumanities Research Centre, Faculty of Philology, University of Łódź, Poland, 2–5 July 2024
11. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “An Approach to Patricia Piccinini’s Posthuman Artworks Through the Lens of a Weak Nietzscheanism.” *International Conference: Nietzsche and Critical Posthumanism, Transhumanism and Metahumanism*, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 28–29 June 2024 (Hybrid)
12. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “A Posthumanist Approach Towards a Symbiotic Recomposition of Mytho-Ecologies in the Current Ecological Crisis.” *European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment Annual Conference: Myth, Ritual, and Practice for the Age of Ecological Catastrophe*, Potsdam University, Germany, 17–19 May 2024 (Hybrid)
13. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Transhumanism and the African Philosophy of Ubuntu—An Ethical Convergence.” *Transhumanism in Africa: Questioning the Concept of Radical Enhancement of Humans’ Moral Capacities*, Centre for Phenomenology in South Africa & The Conversational School of Philosophy, 10 April 2024 (Online)
14. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Posthuman Eroticism and Erobots.” *International Conference on Love Studies: Towards Research-Based Knowledge of Love*, International Institute of Love Studies, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain, 2–7 January 2024 (Hybrid)
15. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Rereading Heidegger’s Weak Anthropocentrism in a Posthumanist Framework.” *13th Beyond Humanism Conference Series (BHC): Crises and Posthumanism + 2nd MFF – Earth Liberation*, University of the Aegean, Mytilini, Greece, 3–8 July 2023 (Hybrid)
16. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Patricia Piccinini’s Posthuman Aesthetics—or About the Symbiotic Stratifications of Coexistence and Care.” *Technology, Art and the Posthuman: The End or a New Beginning for Humanism?*, John Cabot University, Rome, Italy, 13–14 May 2023 (Hybrid)

17. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “A Feminist Critique of the Objectification of the Female Body.” *Women and Their Body: Talk Series and Conference*, Center for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, Paderborn University, Germany, 15–17 March 2023 (Hybrid)
18. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “AI Sexbots and Personhood.” *7th International Congress on Love and Sex with Robots*, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, 18–20 November 2022 (Virtual)
19. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Posthuman Education—as a Rhizomatic Process Toward the Posthuman Subject.” *Why Still Education? Humanism, Posthumanism, Anti-Humanism: Educational Perspectives*, Belgrade, Serbia, 5–7 October 2022
20. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Posthuman Beauty—as a Hybridization Idiosyncratic Paradigm.” *La Filosofia, Il Castello e la Torre—Ischia International Festival of Philosophy 2022: Human Nature VIII Edition, Beauty. Can it Really Save the World?*, Associazione Culturale InSophia, Ischia, Italy, 22–25 September 2022
21. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Transhumanism and Human Enhancements.” *VivaMente 2022: From Automata to Transhumans—Early Modern Variations on the Mechanical View of the Human Body*, Centre for the Study of Medicine and the Body in the Renaissance, Pisa, Italy, 21–22 April 2022 (Hybrid)
22. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “The COVID-19 Crisis and the Necessity of ‘Becoming-Woman’.” *European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference*, UK, 30 August–3 September 2021 (Virtual)
23. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Weak AI Sexbots and the Ethical Issues Raised by Sexual Solipsism.” *6th International Congress on Love and Sex With Robots*, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, 18–20 August 2021 (Virtual)
24. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Erobots and the Posthuman Eroticism Mimesis.” *Posthuman Mimesis International Conference: Embodiment, Affect, Contagion*, KU Leuven, Leuven Institute of Philosophy, Belgium, 20–22 May 2021 (Virtual)
25. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Erobots and the Deterritorialization of Eroticism.” *5th International Congress on Love and Sex With Robots*, Montreal, Canada, 7–8 December 2020 (Virtual)
26. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Biological AI—A Posthuman Convergence of Multiplicity.” *Posthumanism 20/20: Theme 8 – Grand History*, Aarhus Institute for Advanced Studies, Aarhus University, Denmark, 7–8 October 2020 (Virtual)
27. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Ecofeminism and New Materialism—a Post-Dualist Approach to the Zoë–Bios Binary Opposition.” *European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference: Politics for Catastrophic Times*, UK, 24–28 August 2020 (Virtual)
28. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Artificially Intelligent Sexbots—a Posthumanist Ethical Approach to Technological Singularity.” *11th Beyond Humanism Conference Series: Critical Posthumanism & Transhumanism*, Lille, France, 9–12 July 2019 (Funded through the ‘Grant for Supporting the Competitiveness of UBB Employees’)
29. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “AI and Mind-Reading Machines—Towards a Future Techno-Panoptic Singularity.” *PHEADE / EPHEs 2019 International Interdisciplinary Conference: Artificial Intelligence and Mind*, Suceava, Romania, 17–19 October 2019 (Funded through the ‘Grant for Supporting the Competitiveness of UBB Employees’)
30. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Transhumanism and Consciousness Singularity.” *La Filosofia, Il Castello e la Torre—Ischia International Festival of Philosophy 2018: Human Nature IV Edition*, Ischia, Italy, 27–30 September 2018

31. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Digital Immortality and the Seeking of Death.” *AI and Apocalypse: Centre for the Critical Study of Apocalyptic and Millenarian Movements (CenSAMM)*, Bedford, UK, 5–6 April 2018
32. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Robot Clones—New Perspectives in Robophilosophy and Technoimmortality.” *Envisioning Robots in Society—Politics, Power, and Public Space (Robophilosophy 2018 / TRANSOR 2018)*, University of Vienna, Austria, 14–17 February 2018
33. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Pornography in the Singularity Paradigm—a Posthumanist Critique of an Ontology of Sexuality.” *9th Beyond Humanism Conference Series: Posthuman Studies*, John Cabot University, Rome, Italy, 19–22 July 2017
34. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Sexbots and the Issue of Sexual Solipsism—New Ethical Perspectives.” *Zagreb Applied Ethics Conference 2017: The Ethics of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence*, Zagreb, Croatia, 5–7 June 2017
35. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Pornography in Transhumanism—Towards a Sexuality of Singularity.” *8th LUMEN International Scientific Conference: Rethinking Social Action. Core Values in Practice*, Suceava & Iași, Romania; Chernivtsi, Ukraine, 6–9 April 2017
36. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Pornography as a Biopolitical Phenomenon.” *World LUMEN Congress 2016*, Iași, Romania, 12–17 April 2016
37. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Postmodern Culture and the Role of the Gaze in Pornography.” *LUMEN International Conference 2015: Rethinking Social Action. Core Values*, Iași, Romania, 16–19 April 2015
38. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Postmodernism and Surrealist Pornography.” *LUMEN International Conference 2014: From Theory to Inquiry in Social Sciences*, Iași, Romania, 10–12 April 2014
39. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “From Eroticism to Pornography: The Culture of the Obscene.” *LUMEN International Conference 2013: Current Paradigms in Social Sciences*, Iași, Romania, 10–13 April 2013

National Conferences

1. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “A Posthumanist Critique of the Necropolitics of the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *2nd National Conference: Human Nature, Culture, Technology (NUCT 2021)—Life and Death in the Context of the COVID-19 Crisis: A Posthumanist Approach*, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 15 May 2021 (Virtual)
2. **Schussler, Aura-Elena.** “Ecofeminism, Posthumanism, Neo-vitalism.” *1st National Conference: Human Nature, Culture, Technology (NUCT)—Posthumanism: New Philosophical Approaches to the Anthropocene*, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 9 May 2020 (Virtual)

International Conferences Organized

1. **2nd POSTHUMAN STUDIES CONFERENCE (PSC). Ethics of Emerging Technologies: In Between Transhumanism and Critical Posthumanism**, June 12–13,

2026, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
<https://cercetare.ubbcluj.ro/event/ethics-of-emerging-technologies-in-between-transhumanism-and-critical-posthumanism/>

2. **1st Posthuman Studies Conference (PSC): Philosophies of Transhumanism—Original Transhumanism, Classic Transhumanism, and Euro-Transhumanism: Human Enhancement, Technology, Ecology, and Co-Evolution**, 20–21 June 2025, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. (Hybrid event)
https://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/evenimente.html?n=confe_internat_Transhumanism_2025.html
3. **Nietzsche and Critical Posthumanism, Transhumanism and Metahumanism**, 28–29 June 2024, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. (Hybrid event)
https://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/evenimente.html?n=Nietzsche_posthuman.html

National Conferences Organized

1. **7th Edition, National Conference "Human Nature, Culture, Technology" (NUCT 2026): Artificial Intelligence, Creativity, and Knowledge: Posthuman Perspectives**, 24 May 2025, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. (Virtual event) https://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/evenimente?n=NUCT_23_2026.html
2. **6th Edition, National Conference "Human Nature, Culture, Technology" (NUCT 2025): Communication, Technology, Artificial Intelligence, and the Posthuman**, 24 May 2025, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. (Virtual event)
https://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/evenimente.html?n=confe_NUCT_2025.html
3. **5th Edition, National Conference "Human Nature, Culture, Technology" (NUCT 2024): Work and Leisure in the Posthuman Convergence**, 25 May 2024, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. (Virtual event)
https://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/evenimente.html?n=NUCT_2024.html
4. **4th Edition, National Conference "Human Nature, Culture, Technology" (NUCT 2023): A Posthuman Approach to the Current Global Crises**, 6 May 2023, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. (Virtual event)
https://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/evenimente.html?n=confe_Nuct_2023.html
5. **3rd Edition, National Conference "Human Nature, Culture, Technology" (NUCT 2022): Transhumanism—New Challenges of the Human Condition**, 7 May 2022, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. (Virtual event)
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6. **2nd Edition, National Conference "Human Nature, Culture, Technology" (NUCT 2021): Life and Death in the Context of the COVID-19 Crisis—A Posthumanist Approach**, 15 May 2021, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. (Virtual event)
https://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/evenimente.html?n=Confe_NUCT_2
7. **1st Edition, National Conference "Human Nature, Culture, Technology" (NUCT 2020): Posthumanism—New Philosophical Approaches to the Anthropocene**, 9 May

2020, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.
(Virtual event) chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcgclefindmkaj/https://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/CFA/Confe_Postumanism_Program.pdf

Regional Conference Organized

1. **Human Nature, Culture, Technology—New Philosophical Approaches (NUCT)**, 11 May 2019, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Institutional Events Organized (STAR–UBB)

- **Prof. Dr. Stefan Lorenz Sorgner**, John Cabot University, Rome, Italy, beneficiary of the Advanced Fellowships–External Program, STAR–UBB 2019–2020, delivered a lecture on “*Posthuman Leisure and Art*” and conducted a course entitled “*What is the Difference Between Post- and Transhumanist Works of Art*” on Tuesday, 13 October 2020, 16:00–20:00, Online/ZOOM. Organized on behalf of Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Center for Applied Philosophy, by **Lect. Dr. Assoc. Aura-Elena Schussler**.

Publications

Monographs

1. **Schussler, A. E.** (2013). *Obscenul ca valoare postmodernă*. Cluj-Napoca: Casa Cărţii de Ştiinţă. 265 pages. ISBN: 978-606-17-0421-7. (In Romanian)
2. **Schussler, A. E.** (2011). *Dintre ale corpului şi minţii: despre seducţie, erotism şi pornografie*. Cluj-Napoca: Casa Cărţii de Ştiinţă. 92 pages. ISBN: 978-973-133-922-1. (In Romanian)

Edited Volumes

1. **Schussler, A. E.** (Ed.) (2025). *Nietzsche, Critical Posthumanism, and Transhumanism*. Posthuman Studies Series, Vol. 1. Budapest: Trivent. 199 pages. ISBN: 978-615-6696-85-4; eISBN: 978-615-6696-86-1.
2. **Schussler, A. E., & Balistreri, M.** (Eds.) (2024). *Metahumanism, Euro-Transhumanism and Sorgner’s Philosophy—Technology, Ethics, Art*. Budapest: Trivent. 399 pages. ISBN: 978-615-6405-99-9; eISBN: 978-615-6696-00-7.

Articles Published in Journals Indexed in Web of Science Core Collection (AHCI) / SCImago Q1

1. **Schussler, A. E.** (2022). We Have Always Been Cyborgs: Digital Data, Gene Technologies, and an Ethics of Transhumanism [Book Review]. *Nanoethics*, 16(1), 7–11. Springer Nature B.V. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11569-022-00414-1>
2. **Schussler, A. E.** (2020). Posthumanism and Ecofeminist Theology—Toward a Nondualist Spirituality. *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 19(57) (Winter), 32–46. ISSN: 1583-0039
3. **Schussler, A. E.** (2019). Transhumanism as a New Techno-Religion and Personal Development: In the Framework of a Future Technological Spirituality. *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 18(53) (Summer), 92–106. ISSN: 1583-0039
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2. **Schussler, A.-E.** (2025). Posthuman Care and Intimacy in Patricia Piccinini's Posthuman Artworks. *Journal of Posthuman Studies*, 9(1), 19–35. The Pennsylvania State University. <https://doi.org/10.5325/jpoststud.9.1.0019>
3. **Schussler, A. E.** (2022). From Dasein to the Posthuman, or Toward a Rhizomatic Coexistence in an Open World. *Journal of Posthuman Studies*, 6(2), 151–167. The Pennsylvania State University. <https://doi.org/10.5325/jpoststud.6.2.0151>
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