

11.20-11.40 NICU PURCEL, Babeş-Bolyai University:  
*The Peacock's Feather: A Medieval Theory of the  
Plurality of Meaning* [Ro.]

11.40-12.00 DRAGOS CĂTĂLIN BUTUZZEA, Babeş-  
Bolyai University: *The Labyrinth of Reasonableness:  
Montaigne's Stylistic Strategy* [Ro.]

12.00-12.30 Discussions

**13.00-14.00 Lunch Break** – Room 139

### **Panel H. The Phenomenology of Sense-Making**

Moderator: Codruța Cuceu

Room: 124/Lucian Blaga

11.00-11.20 MARTINA PROPERZI, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *Making Sense of Ourselves: Minimality  
and Normativity in Self-Experience* [Eng.]

11.20-11.40 MANUELA LUCHETTA, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *Cognitive Flexibility and the  
Reorganization of Sense: An Ecological-Enactive  
Reading of Active Inference* [Eng.]

11.40-12.00 ASHA XAVIER, University of Calicut:  
*Making Sense through Expression: Gesture and the  
Genesis of Sense in Merleau-Ponty* [Eng.]

12.00-12.30 Discussions

12.30-12.50 FLORINICA-CARMEN CIORANU,  
University of Bucharest: *Intermodal Ambiguity and  
the Unity of Sense in Perceptual Experience* [Ro.]

12.50-13.10 CRISTINA DUMITRU, University of  
Bucharest: *Affectivity and Sense-Making* [Eng.]

13.10-13.30 Discussions

**13.00-14.00 Lunch Break** – Room 139

### **Panel I. Ancient and Medieval Philosophy**

Moderator Mihai Maga/Mădălina Pantea

Room: 138/François Chamoux

14.00-14.20 ILEANA CORNEA-LUCA, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *Building up Literal Hermeneutics of the  
Scriptures. In search of a Better-Defined Meaning* [Eng.]

14.20-14.40 GABRIEL ANDRÉS MOLERO, Radboud  
University - University of St Andrews: *Making Sense:  
Marsilius of Ingen on Contradictory Concepts* [Eng.]

14.40-15.00 MARC ZAPATA, University of Barcelona:  
φλογαρία and the Moral Dimension of True Discourse:  
*On the Ethics of Logos in Plato* [Eng.]

15.00-15.30 Discussions

### **Panel J. The World and Its Sense**

Moderator: Mihaela Frunză/Anton Crișan

Room: 124/Lucian Blaga

14.00-14.20 SIMONA ALBOI, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *Between the Feed and the Common  
World: The Fragmentation of Sense in Digital  
Political Life* [Ro.]

14.20-14.40 ALEXANDRA-ANDRA MOLDOVAN,  
Babeş-Bolyai University: *Identity and Validation in  
the Digital Age: An Interdisciplinary Analysis of the  
Causes and Effects of Social Media Behavior on Self-  
Construction* [Ro.]

14.40-15.00 LAVINIA CHERELUC (BRATU), University  
of Bucharest: *From Symbol Grounding to Vector  
Grounding: Sense, Reference and Informational  
Anchoring in Large Language Models* [Ro.]

15.00-15.30 Discussions

15.30-15.50 MATT PARSONS, University of Pretoria:  
*An Error Theory of Meaning in Life* [Eng.]

15.50-16.10 REEM ALKHATTAB, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *From Conflict to Coexistence:  
Mechanisms for Sustainable Peace* [Eng.]

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### *Program*

#### **Friday, May 22**

#### **10.00-11.00 Plenary Lecture I**

Room: 138/François Chamoux

MICAELA LATINI, University of Ferrara

*From the Worldless Human to a World Without  
Humans: Anders' Philosophy of End Times*

#### **Panel A. The Aesthetics of Everyday Virtual Life**

Moderator: Dan-Eugen Rațiu

Room: 138/François Chamoux

11.00-11.20 RADU-CRISTIAN ANDREESCU, Babeş-  
Bolyai University: *What Makes History? Changing  
the Past with AI* [Eng.]

11.20-11.40 IULIA-DANA PUȘCAȘU, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *AI Art: Genius and Contested Authorship  
as Strategies of Objectification and Legitimation*

[Eng.]

11.40-12.00 Discussions



12.00-12.20 TUDOR POP, Babeş-Bolyai University:  
*The Problem(s) of Studying Internet Aesthetics* [Eng.]  
12.20-12.40 ALEXANDRA ŞTEŢI, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *Meaning Without Reality: Consciousness,  
Simulation and Value in "The Talos Principle"* [Ro.]  
12.40-13.00 Discussions

**13.00-14.00 Lunch break** - Room 139

### **Panel B. Making Sense in Social Philosophy (I)**

Moderator: Lorin Ghiman/Alexandru Sava

Room: 124/Lucian Blaga

11.00-11.20 DIANA MIHEŞ, Babeş-Bolyai University:  
*Borderless Separation: A Contemporary Analysis of  
Radical Othering and Alienation* [Ro.]

11.20-11.40 NADIA ANDREICA, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *Hannah Arendt – Equality as Appearance  
in the Public Space* [Ro.]

11.40-12.00 Discussions

12.00-12.20 ANCUŢA-IOANA SABOU, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *A World with or without Sense: A Matter  
of Balancing* [Ro.]

12.20-12.40 MARA POPA, Babeş-Bolyai University:  
*The Roma Reason and the Theory of Social  
Recognition* [Ro.]

12.40-13.00 Discussions

**13.00-14.00 Lunch break** - Room 139

### **Panel C. Philosophy, Aesthetics, and Art**

Moderator: Dan-Eugen Raţiu

Room: 138/François Chamoux

14.00-14.20 IOANA MAN, Babeş-Bolyai University:  
*Visual Sublimation as Aesthetic Procedure: The  
Experience of the Sublime from Post-Impressionism to  
Contemporary Art* [Ro.]

14.20-14.40 MARIUS BĂCANU, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *What Is a Technical Act? From the  
Hypothesis of Relations to the Macrophenomenology  
of Relational Structures. Towards A New Concept of  
Nature?* [Ro.]

14.40-15.00 Discussions

15.00-15.20 ANA IONESEI, Babeş-Bolyai University:  
*The Critique of Creation and the Critique of Critique:  
The Romantic Subjectivity, in Search of Lost  
Objectivity* [Ro.]

15.20-15.40 ANA ILEANA ABOS, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *Does Preserving Heritage Still Make  
Sense? Reflections on the Endangered Architectural  
Landscapes of the Mureş Valley* [Ro.]

15.40-16.00 Discussions

**16.00-16.30 Coffee Break** - Room 139

### **Panel D. Making Sense in Social Philosophy (II)**

Moderator: Lorin Ghiman/Alexandru Sava

Room: 124/Lucian Blaga

14.00-14.20 MARCO LATINO, University of Verona  
*The Cinematic Movement of Sense: Deleuze and  
Herzog's Penguin* [Eng.]

14.20-14.40 OCTAVIAN OJOG, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *The Excessive Voice of Artificial  
Intelligence* [Eng.]

14.40-15.00 Discussions

15.00-15.20 CEZAR MIHALCEA, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *Sense-Making or Nonsense?  
Compossibility within the New Materialisms* [Eng.]

15.20-15.40 MIHAI ŢAPU, Babeş-Bolyai University:  
*Neo-Rationalism's Promethean Hybris: Reconciling  
Marxist Critique and Neo-Pragmatist Inferentialism*  
[Eng.]

15.40-16.00 DIANA-FELICIA COLCERIU, Babeş-  
Bolyai University: *Making Sense of Your Memories:  
Narrative Deference and the Reconversion of the  
Self* [Eng.]

16.00-16.30 Discussions

**16.30-17.00 Coffee Break** - Room 139

### **Panel E. Philosophy in Hungarian Language**

Moderator: Márton Attila Demeter

Room: 138/François Chamoux

16.30-16.50 SZILÁGYI BOTOND, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *Contradiction in Marx(ism), Kurz and  
Postone* [Hu.]

16.50-17.10 EVELIN VERES, Babeş-Bolyai University:  
*Individualism and the Loss of Being: Tocqueville's  
Implicit Ontology* [Hu]

17.10-17.30 RÉKA ERŐSS, Babeş-Bolyai University:  
*Civilization and its Discontents à la Rousseau* [Hu.]

17.30-18.00 Discussions

### **Panel F. Making Sense in Mathematics, Cognitive Sciences, and Philosophy**

Moderator: Adrian Ludaşan

Room: 124/Lucian Blaga

17.00-17.20 SANDRA BRÂNZARU, University of  
Bucharest: *How Narratives Make Sense in Social  
Cognition* [Eng.]

17.20-17.40 SILVIU-CONSTANTIN FEDOROVICI,  
„Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University: *Brouwer, Popper,  
and Lakatos on Meaning in Mathematics* [Eng.]

17.40-18.00 Discussions

18.00-18.20 DOMINIKA DZIUIROSZ-SERAFINOWICZ,  
Warsaw University of Life Sciences: *What Is the  
Sense of the Words If They Are Lies?* [Eng.]

18.20-18.40 ABBAS JIHAD, Southwest University:  
*Making Sense Without a Speaker? Generative AI and  
the Normative Conditions of Meaning* [Eng.]

18.40-19.00 Discussions

### **Saturday, May 23**

#### **10.00-11.00 Plenary Lecture II**

Room: 138/François Chamoux

ALINA NOVEANU, Babeş-Bolyai University  
*On Being and History: An Introduction to Martin  
Heidegger's Late Philosophy*

#### **Panel G. From Late Antiquity to Early Modern Philosophy**

Moderator: Mihai Maga/Mădălina Pantea

Room: 138/François Chamoux

11.00-11.20 MONICA OBOROCEANU, Babeş-Bolyai  
University: *Unde malum? The Problem of Evil's  
Existence in Creation in Augustine's Thought* [Ro.]