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Babeş-Bolyai University
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Doctoral School of Philosophy

*The Sixth International Conference for Doctoral
Students in Philosophy*

What Makes Sense?

Cluj-Napoca

May 22-23

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Conference organized in collaboration with:
Centre for Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
Centre for Applied Philosophy
Department of History in Hungarian Language



Programme at a glance

Friday, May 22

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11.00-13.00 Panel A. The Aesthetics of Everyday Virtual Life Moderator: Dan-Eugen Rațiu Room 138/François Chamoux and online	11.00-13.00 Panel B. Making Sense in Social Philosophy (I) Moderator: Lorin Ghiman/Alexandru Sava Room 124/Lucian Blaga and online
13.00-14.00 Lunch break Room 139	
14.00-16.00 Panel C. Philosophy, Aesthetics, and Art Moderator: Dan-Eugen Rațiu Room 138/François Chamoux and online	14.00-16.30 Panel D. Making Sense in Social Philosophy (II) Moderator: Lorin Ghiman/Alexandru Sava Room 124/Lucian Blaga and online
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Saturday, May 23

10.00-11.00 Plenary Lecture II ALINA NOVEANU, Babeș-Bolyai University <i>On Being and History: An Introduction to Martin Heidegger's Late Philosophy</i> Room 138/François Chamoux and online	
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PROGRAMME

Friday, May 22

Plenary Lecture I

Language: English

Time: 10.00-11.00

Moderator: Alexander Baumgarten

Room: 138/François Chamoux

Online access: Zoom

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Keynote lecture

10.00-10.40 MICAELA LATINI, University of Ferrara

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

End Times

10.40-11.00 Discussions



Parallel sessions

Panel A. The Aesthetics of Everyday Virtual Life

Language: English/Romanian

Time: 11.00-13.00

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On-site

11.00-11.20 RADU-CRISTIAN ANDREESCU, Babeș-Bolyai University

What Makes History? Changing the Past with AI [Eng.]

11.20-11.40 IULIA-DANA PUȘCAȘU, Babeș-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, Babeș-Bolyai University

The Problem(s) of Studying Internet Aesthetics [Eng.]

12.20-12.40 ALEXANDRA ȘTEȚI, Babeș-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)

Language: Romanian

Time: 11.00-13.00

Moderator: Lorin Ghiman/ Alexandru Sava

Room: 124/Lucian Blaga

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On-site

11.00-11.20 DIANA MIHEŞ, Babeş-Bolyai University

Borderless Separation: A Contemporary Analysis of Radical Othering and Alienation [Ro.]

Online

11.20-11.40 NADIA ANDREICA, Babeş-Bolyai University

Hannah Arendt – Equality as Appearance in the Public Space [Ro.]

11.40-12.00 Discussions

On-site

12.00-12.20 ANCUŢA-IOANA SABOU, Babeş-Bolyai University

A World with or without Sense: A Matter of Balancing [Ro.]

Online

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

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Moderator: Dan-Eugen Rațiu

Room: 138/François Chamoux

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On-site

14.00-14.20 IOANA MAN, Babeș-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, Babeș-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, Babeș-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, Babeș-Bolyai University

*Does Preserving Heritage Still Make Sense? Reflections on the Endangered
Architectural Landscapes of the Mureș Valley* [Ro.]

15.40-16.00 Discussions

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break - Room 139



Panel D. Making Sense in Social Philosophy (II)

Language: English

Time: 14.00-16:30

Moderator: Lorin Ghiman/ Alexandru Sava

Room: 124/Lucian Blaga

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On-site

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, Babeș-Bolyai University

The Excessive Voice of Artificial Intelligence [Eng.]

14.40-15.00 Discussions

15.00-15.20 CEZAR MIHALCEA, Babeș-Bolyai University

Sense-Making or Nonsense? Compossibility within the New Materialisms [Eng.]

15.20-15.40 MIHAI ȚAPU, Babeș-Bolyai University

Neo-Rationalism's Promethean Hybris: Reconciling Marxist Critique and Neo-Pragmatist Inferentialism [Eng.]

15.40-16.00 DIANA-FELICIA COLCERIU, Babeș-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

Language: Hungarian

Time: 16.30-18.00

Moderator: Márton Attila Demeter

Room: 138/François Chamoux

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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 á la Rousseau [Hu.]

17.30-18.00 Discussions



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Online

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 DZIUROSZ-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



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On-site

11.00-11.20 MONICA OBOROCEANU, Babeș-Bolyai University

*Unde malum? The Problem of Evil's Existence in Creation in Augustine's
Thought*[Ro.]

11.20-11.40 NICU PURCEL, Babeș-Bolyai University

The Peacock's Feather: A Medieval Theory of the Plurality of Meaning [Ro.]

Online

11.40-12.00 DRAGOS CĂTĂLIN BUTUZZEA, Babeș-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

Language: English/Romanian

Time: 11.00-13.30

Moderator: Codruța Cuceu

Room: 124/Lucian Blaga

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On-site

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.]

Online

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



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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

φλυαρία and the Moral Dimension of True Discourse: On the Ethics of Logos in

Plato [Eng.]

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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.]

Online

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.]

On-site

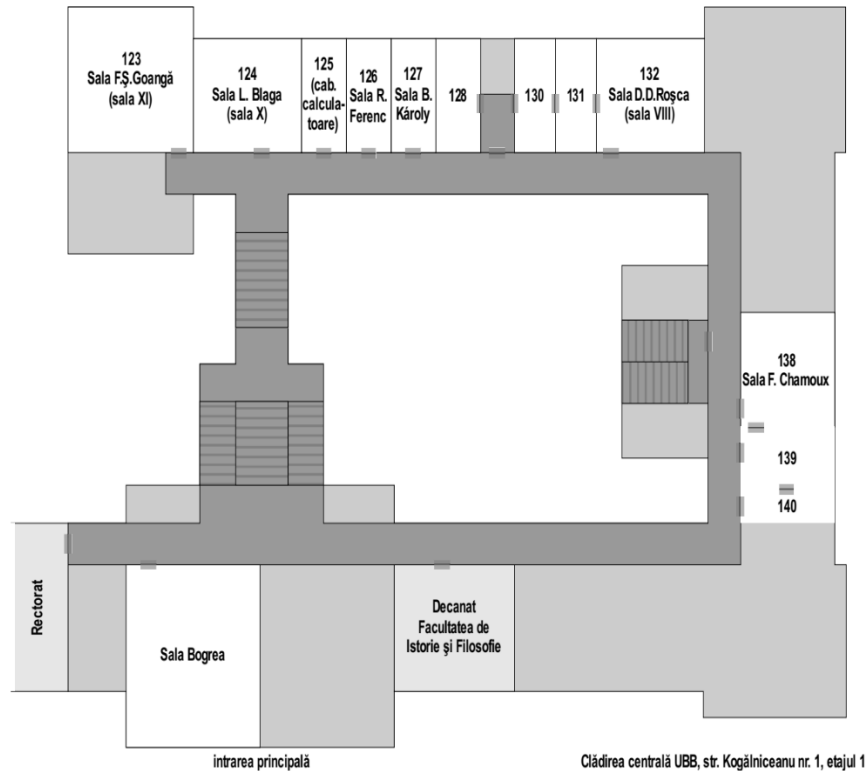
15.50-16.10 REEM ALKHATTAB, Babeş-Bolyai University

From Conflict to Coexistence: Mechanisms for Sustainable Peace [Eng.]

16.10-16.30 Discussions

On-site access

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