

Marius Dumitru
Curriculum Vitae
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Education:

1988-1996 Primary Studies at “Tudor Vladimirescu” General School, Drăgășani, Vâlcea County, Romania (GPAs¹ above 9.80, participation and prizes at school contests, departmental- Mathematics, Physics, Geography, Biology- and national phase (s)- Romanian Language and Literature);

1996-2000 Secondary Studies at “Gib Mihăescu” National College², Computer Science Class, Drăgășani, Vâlcea County, Romania (GPAs above 9.00 in the 9th grade, above 8.80 in the 10th grade, above 9.80 in the 11th and 12th grade, Baccalaureate: 9.65, participation and prizes at school contests, departmental- Mathematics, Physics, Geography, English Language and Literature- and national phase (s)- Romanian Language and Literature);

2000-2004 Undergraduate Studies at the Department of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Theoretical Philosophy and Logic Unit³ (2001-2004) (GPAs: 10, in the first two years, 9.75 in the third year);

2004 (expected) B.A., Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Theoretical Philosophy and Logic Unit, B.A. Thesis: “*MentalOdeon. A Theory of the Mental Representational Medium*”, supervisor: Professor, Ph.D., Mircea Dumitru, same department;

Scholarships, Grants:

2000-2001 Study Scholarship, Department of Philosophy, University of Bucharest (awarded to less than 10% of the undergraduate students, on the basis of their university entrance exam grade);

¹ On a scale of 1 to 10.

² In the Romanian educational system there is a distinction between regular high-schools and highly-rated high-schools. The latter are entitled “National Colleges”.

³ After their freshman year, students at the Department of Philosophy, University of Bucharest are distributed, in accordance with their preferences, among three units: the Philosophy of Culture and History of Philosophy Unit, the Moral and Political Philosophy Unit, and the Theoretical Philosophy and Logic Unit.

2001-2003 Merit Scholarship, Department of Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Theoretical Philosophy and Logic Unit (awarded only to undergraduate students having a maximum GPA);

2001, July 09-28 Scholarship at the 8th International Summer School in Cognitive Science, New Bulgarian University, Sofia;

2002, May 06-27 CEEPUS Mobility Grant, Institut für Wissenschaftstheorie und Wissenschaftsforschung der Universität Wien, Vienna, Austria;

2003, July 07-27 (declined⁴) Scholarship at the 10th International Summer School in Cognitive Science, New Bulgarian University, Sofia;

Conferences, Symposia:

2001, May 16 *Nicolaus Cusanus 600 Symposium*, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest- “Cusanian *topoi* resignified from the perspective of a climaxology” (draft paper);

2001, July 15 *Participants’ Symposium, the 8th International Summer School in Cognitive Science*, New Bulgarian University, Sofia- “Analog vs. digital representations in visual mental imagery”;

2003, July (declined⁵) *Participants’ Symposium, the 10th International Summer School in Cognitive Science*, New Bulgarian University, Sofia- “Mental Images- A Critique of Pylyshyn’s Incompatibility Theses”;

2004, March 02 *Compositionality, Concepts, and Cognition. An Interdisciplinary Conference in Cognitive Science*, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany- “Compositionality, Mentalese, and the Dynamic Map of Thought” (poster presentation, on-line abstract at <http://service.phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de/ezpublish/index.php/article/articleview/248/1/93>);

2004, April 10 (expected) *Toward a Science of Consciousness 2004* (the 6th edition), Center for Consciousness Studies, Tucson, USA- “MentalOdeon. A Quasi-Pictorial Theory of the Mental Representational Medium” (verbal presentation, on-line abstract at https://bandura.sbs.arizona.edu/login/consciousness/report_web_detail.aspx?abs=571);

2004, June 03-05 (expected) *Computing and Philosophy 2004*, University of Pavia, Italy- “Compositionality, the Language of Thought, and the Dynamic Map of Thought” (verbal presentation);

Other Notable Activities:

2000, November-2001, March Member of the “Applications of Psychoanalysis in Literature and Art” Unit of the “Psychoanalysis Group” of IES (Institute of Educational Sciences, Romanian Ministry of Education, Youth, and Research), Bucharest, Romania;

2003, December Three of my poems (“Mars Poetica”, “Kino gum/gram”, and “Snapshot”) appeared in *Exquisite Corpse* 12 [http://www.corpse.org/issue_12/allpoetry/dumitru.html];

2003, October-2004, June I was elected as Student Representative for the Senior Year in the Department’s Council; I am also member and head of the Social Department of R.A.P.S (Romanian Association of Philosophy Students);

⁴ Due to the fact that the organizers could only provide partial scholarships and due to the lack of any adequate supplemental funds.

⁵ Same reasons as in n4.

Areas of Specialization:

Foundations of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language;

Areas of Competence:

Basic Cognitive Science (working on computationalism, connectionism, dynamicism, and artificial intelligence primers), 1st Order Logic, Epistemology, Metaphysics, Applied Ethics;

Current Topics of Interest:

Theories of the mental representational medium, visual cognition, propositional attitude ascriptions, reference, indexicality, structural realism, personal identity;

Computing Skills:

Experience with Windows 9x/ME/XP, Solaris, and Linux environments and applications;

Pascal-advanced, C++-medium, Prolog-medium; HTML-medium;

Foreign Languages:

- English: reading-excellent, writing-excellent, speaking-excellent;
- French: reading-excellent, writing-good, speaking-good;
- Italian: reading-excellent, writing-fairly good, speaking-fairly good;
- German: reading-good;
- Spanish: reading-good;

References:

Pârnu, Ilie, University of Bucharest, Department of Philosophy, Professor, PhD;
Dumitru, Mircea, University of Bucharest, Department of Philosophy, Professor, PhD (dean);
Solcan, Radu M., University of Bucharest, Department of Philosophy, Professor, PhD;
Bogdan, Radu J., Tulane University, Department of Philosophy, Professor, PhD (Director, Cognitive Studies Program);

Affiliation:

Member of ESAP (European Society for Analytic Philosophy), Member of the “Concepts, Representations, and Mental Content. Contemporary Themes in the Foundations of Cognitive Science” Research Project at the Department of Philosophy, University of Bucharest (my research theme regards theories of the mental representational medium);

Term-papers during undergraduate years so far:

-Freshman

1st semester: “A Scholium to the 16th Parmenidean Fragment- the identity of subject and object in Parmenides' epistemology”, “Kant's Copernican Revolution- structural explorations of an analogy” , “Hedonism (ancient and contemporary-M. Onfray)- an essay focusing on the kenosis-endeia-epithymia-anaplerosis schemata”;

2nd semester: “Plato's "Third Man Argument"- a logical framework”, “The Problem of the Formalization of the Anselmian Ontological Argument”, “Is Anselm's Argument Really Ontological ?”, “From Thomas More to the New Media Technologies. A Nozick-type Analysis of Cyber-Utopia”, “Cyber-pornography- a conceptual framework”;

-Sophomore

1st semester: “Formal And Functional Aspects Of Spinoza's *Scientia Intuitiva*“, “Fictional And Real Categories In A Cognitive Approach to Metaphysics”, “An Evaluation of Putnam's Argument Against Rorty's Relative Pragmatism”, “An Analysis of the Kantian Concept of a Maxim. Foundational Aspects for Kant's Act-Oriented Practical Reasoning”;

2nd semester: “David Lewis's Analysis of Counterfactual Conditionals-Contextualization and Presentation”, “The Problem of Preemption in David Lewis's Counterfactual Analysis of Causation”, “Critical Observations On Gettier Counterexamples' Underlying Principles” , “An Evaluation Of Hume's Argument For The Non-Justification Of Inductive Inferences”, “Incommensurability and Comparability in Mill's Qualitative Hedonism”;

-Junior

1st semester: “The Tractarian Metaphysics as an Abstract-Structural Theory of Representation-Contextualization and Presentation”, “Political Implications of Rawls' s Difference Principle”, “The «ambition-sensitive», not “endowment-sensitive» Problem of Redistributive Schemes for the Rawlsian Difference Principle. An evaluation of R. Dworkin's Proposal”, “A Puzzle For Russell's Correspondence Theory Of Truth. The Case of Higher-Order Propositional Attitudes”, “A Reconstruction of the General Problematical Areas of Human Cloning in a Trans-Disciplinary Perspective”, “A Comparative Analysis of A. Fine's Arguments Against Realism and W. Newton-Smith's Arguments for a Modest Realism”;

2nd semester: “An Objection to McGinn's rule of reference-fixing for indexicals”, “Cyberspace and the ontology of institutional reality”, “A version of the mixt criterion for transtemporal personal identity”;

-Senior

1st semester: “Structural Realist Ontological Implications of the Representational Approach Towards Empirical Theories”, “McGinn on Cognitive Closure Towards the Ontological Mind-Body Problem”, “Structural Realist Implications Concerning Mathematical Existence of the Representational Approach Towards Theories”;

Work-in-progress, Plans:

[1] B.A. Thesis- “*MentalOdeon*. A Theory of the Mental Representational Medium”;

[2] B.A. Preparation- Studying the following materials: (A) Kripke, S. *Naming and Necessity*, Searle, J. *The Construction of Social Reality*, Wittgenstein, L. *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, (B) Frege, G. *On Sense and Reference*, Quine, W.v.O., *Two Dogmas of Empiricism*, Tarski, A., *The Semantic Conception of Truth*;

[3] Participation with papers at various philosophical conferences;

[4] Papers on various themes in *Analytic Philosophy* (e.g. cognitive closure of the mind-body problem, reference-fixing for indexicals, personal identity, HOT theories of consciousness, structural realism, a translation and commentary of a passage from Wittgenstein's *Remarks on the Foundations of Mathematics*, the incompatibility between divine omniscience and human free will, etc.);

[5] Several reviews on contemporary *Foundations of Cognitive Science*, *Philosophy of Mind*, and *Philosophy of Language* books, to appear in *The Annals of the University of Bucharest* and/or *Hybris*, a Romanian philosophical e-journal;

[6] Several papers drawing on *Philosophical Logic* themes (e.g. fictionalism, counterpart theory, counterfactuals, a priori, relative modalities);

Hobbies:

Traveling, popular culture, computer games (a previous temporal part of mine was quite addicted to Championship Manager), sports (esp. soccer).