

PhD' SEMINARS

17-18 Dicembre 2025

ACADEMIC RESEARCH IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Wednesday, 17 December, 14:00 – 17:00, Aula IX Palazzo Peiro

The session explores how AI transforms contemporary research practices, focusing on advanced literature search strategies, evidence-based workflows, and responsible integration of tools such as Web of Science, Zotero, and ChatGPT in doctoral research.

Learning objectives:

- Understand how AI reshapes research logic and academic epistemology.
- Build rigorous, evidence-based literature search strategies.
- Use Web of Science, Zotero, and AI tools responsibly in doctoral work.

THE ECHO SOCIETY: ALGORITHMIC ISOLATION, FALSE MAJORITIES, AND DIGITAL PUBLIC LIFE

Thursday, 18 December, 14:00 – 17:00, Aula X Palazzo Peiro

The session examines three major digital phenomena—filter bubbles, echo chambers, and astroturfing—and their implications for public communication, social cognition, and democratic discourse, from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Learning objectives:

- Analyse how filter bubbles and echo chambers affect public communication.
- Understand the mechanisms of astroturfing and algorithmic influence.
- Apply multidisciplinary theoretical frameworks to study digital phenomena.

DISCUSSANT



Tanase Tasente is a lecturer at the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences of Ovidius University of Constanța, where he teaches and conducts research in Communication Sciences and Public Policies. He holds a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a PhD in Communication Sciences, as well as a master's degree in *European Administration. Institutions and Public Policies*.

With over **100 scientific articles** published in national and international journals and **five academic books** focused on institutional communication through social media, and public policies, he has established himself as one of the most active Romanian scholars in the field of digital public communication.

His academic work is complemented by extensive professional experience: he is the director of two international public relations companies - Plus Communication and International Communication & PR - where he has coordinated marketing, advertising, and public relations campaigns for major multinational organizations. This dual background, combining scholarly expertise with practical leadership in communication and public affairs, enables him to bridge theory and practice in a unique and impactful way.



Mihaela Luminița Sandu is a Lecturer at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Ovidius University of Constanța. She graduated from the Faculty of Psychology and Social Work and completed a master's program in Deviance and Juvenile Delinquency at "Andrei Șaguna" University. She continued her academic training with a master's program in Personality Psychodiagnosis at Ovidius University and earned her PhD in Sociology from the University of Bucharest. Her scientific activity includes a substantial body of research, reflected in numerous studies and articles published in academic journals and collective volumes.



Full Professor **Mihaela Rus**, PhD, is the Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences at Ovidius University of Constanța, a key leadership position that involves her in the academic development of the faculty and the promotion of excellence in higher education. Additionally, Professor Mihaela Rus serves as the President of the Constanța branch of the Romanian College of Psychologists, a prestigious professional organization dedicated to representing and promoting the interests of psychologists in Romania. She holds a PhD in Psychology and is a PhD supervisor at the Romanian Academy, one of Romania's elite research institutions. Throughout her career, she has published over 100 scientific articles in international journals and has authored 10 specialized books, widely recognized and valued in the academic and psychological communities. Her expertise primarily focuses on work and organizational psychology and road safety psychology. She is also a board member of the Romanian Psychologists' Association and the Association of Industrial and Organizational Psychology.



Lecturer **Mihai Ștefănoaia** PhD. is a faculty member at Ștefan cel Mare University of Suceava, where he teaches courses in criminal law. As a practicing lawyer with extensive experience in the legal field, he combines academic teaching with professional practice, offering students a practical perspective on criminal law principles and regulations. His research focuses on contemporary issues in criminal legislation, criminal procedure, and national and international case law. His academic and professional activity establishes him as a dedicated specialist in training future generations of legal professionals and advancing the study of criminal law.