

# **HABILITATION THESIS**

**Major trends of development of environmental law**

**Fundamental field: Romanian Law**

**Habilitation field: Environmental Law**

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Thesis developed to obtain habilitation certificate in order to manage doctoral work in the  
Romanian Law, Environmental Law

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## **A I. Abstract of habilitation thesis**

### **Section I. Scientific, professional, academic achievements**

#### **B.i.1. Scientific achievements**

##### **Doctoral thesis**

I was awarded the PhD title in 2000 at the University of Craiova, Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences “Nicolae Titulescu”.

The PhD title was certified by Order of the Minister of National Education no. 5201 of 23 November 2000, PhD diploma Series A, No. 0002447, of 6 December 2000.

Period of doctoral studies: 1996-2000.

Title of doctoral thesis: *The Unilateral Will – a Source of Obligations*

PhD supervisor: Professor Ion Dogaru, PhD

**The main scientific research direction is Environmental Law.** Most of the books, articles I wrote, most of the national and international conferences I participated in, dealt with topics specific to environmental law.

**Books published as author/co-author – 24** specialized books, of which:

- 12 books as single author, two of them published at Éditions Universitaires Européennes, Germany. 5 of these single-author books deal with environmental law topics.
- 8 books as main author, one in French, published at Éditions Universitaires Européennes, Germany. 2 of these books deal with environmental law topics
- 23 books after I was awarded the PhD title.

**Articles published as author/co-author – 54** articles, of which:

- Articles/studies in extenso, published in journals indexed in recognized international databases in the field of juridical sciences in accordance with Annex 1 to the Order of the Minister of Education, Research, Youth and Sport no. 4691/2011 and Annex 24 – Commission of Juridical Sciences, published in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part 1, No. 890/bis, 27.XII.2012): **9**
- Articles in extenso, published in volumes containing the proceedings of the main international conferences in the field: **41**
- Papers and scientific contributions published on the occasion of various scientific events and conferences: **25**

**Research activity at national level –**

**Research activity at international level -**

- **Participation in national and international grants/projects:** 3 participations in national projects as a member of the research team.

**Founder/initiator/co-organizer of scientific activities/research** - I took part in national and international conferences, symposia, scientific events: 22 participations in other universities/institutions.

### **B.i.2. Professional achievements**

During my 25-year professional activity, I have tried to stay within the sphere of studying and writing, to consolidate and develop legal culture, to remain active in society. Next, I will briefly present my professional achievements, in the light of the recognition that I consider to have acquired at national and international level.

*At national level*, I was awarded:

- the PhD title in law for innovative elements in the thesis and the quality of research during doctoral studies;

- The Prize of the Union of Jurists of Romania for the volume *Civil Law. Special Contracts*, All Beck Publishing House, Bucharest, 2004, co-author, supervisor Professor Ion Dogaru, PhD;

- 70 citations of some of my books – articles in the Romanian specialized literature.

*Recognition at international level comes with the following professional achievements:*

- the publication of 3 books in the field, at Éditions Universitaires Européennes, Germany;

- 4 articles are now in the current Bibliography of the Court of Justice of the European Union;

- a member (since 2009) of the Eco-Ethics International Union – international organisation, based in Germany, aiming to fulfil, by multiple means, the development and implementation of the concepts and theses of eco-ethics;

- a member of the Editorial Review Board on Environmental, Ecological, Geological and Mining Engineering: <https://www.waset.org/member/ileanaancadusca>;

- 22 citations of some of my works in books published at international publishing houses.

### **B.i.3. Academic achievements**

Since 1994, when I started teaching as a junior assistant of constitutional law at the Faculty of Law “Nicolae Titulescu”, University of Craiova, and up to the present, when I am an associate professor at the University of Craiova, I have studied, carried out research and prepared for the career I am building. The constant training for a teaching career, the passion for law in general and

environmental law in particular, the consistency in keeping and developing the discipline I have taught, all result from the following:

- Since 1999, when I started teaching, I have delivered lectures on environmental law (Faculty of Horticulture, Environmental Engineering, University of Craiova);

- Since 2003, when I became an associate professor, one of the courses I have taught, every year, is Environmental Law, at the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences – Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, University of Craiova.

My academic activity has also been appreciated by the academic community, therefore since 2004 I have been a member of the Board of the Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences – Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, University of Craiova.

From 2008 to 2012, I was a Vice-Dean in charge with research activities and inter-university relations, Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences, University of Craiova;

From 2008 to 2012, I was a member of the Senate of the University of Craiova.

Since 2009 I have been an ARACIS evaluator.

I have been a member of several PhD commissions and commissions supervising contests for filling vacant academic positions.

## **B.ii) Section II. Professional, scientific and academic career evolution and development plans**

### **B.ii.1. Professional career evolution and development plans**

I have constantly tried, after obtaining each scientific title/teaching position, to remain present and active in the academic environment, to wish for more in my professional career both at the outset and now, when I have come to maturity.

*At present, my aim is to obtain the habilitation certificate which should confirm a status enabling me to supervise PhD studies in the field of law, more precisely environmental law.* Although I did not teach environmental law at the beginning of my career, it is clear that it meets my need for something new, adjusting the scientific curiosity specific to my spirit, since this branch of law is not only young, but it is also fully and effectively developing at international, European and national level. The habilitation certificate will offer me, by the studies I will suggest for the elaboration of PhD theses, the possibility of developing my professional career. This implies that, in the future, I will continue research and innovation, since I am aware of the fact that what is new in a country/part of the world may be old in another country/part of the world, regardless of the aspect concerned, either theoretical or practical, with regard to environmental protection.

*I will actively participate in the development of the field of law, in particular environmental law, trying to become better and better known at both national and international level. In order to reach this objective, I will intensify cooperation with specialists in judicial practice, especially the practice specific to environmental law, as well as with certain Romanian and foreign academic communities, so that I will become an active member in various professional associations, in commissions supervising contests in Romania and abroad.*

*One of my priorities, in the future, is to design projects for accessing European funds, which will enable me to intensify interdisciplinary professional relations with Romanian and foreign colleagues and, at the same time, will ensure higher professional mobility.*

Challenged by the dedication and passion for what the domain of juridical sciences means, and the particularities of environmental law, stimulated by the need to enlarge the number of interdisciplinary connexions and interactivity of teachers from Romanian and foreign academic centres, *I intend to intensify, as organizer, various activities focused on legal issues, to take part in activities organized by other colleagues, to get involved in volunteering actions meant to prevent ecological criminality and to ensure a certain environmental protection at national level, and not only.*

*My intention is to take part in the professional training programmes in which I am skilled so that the projects I propose and the courses I participate in will complete my professional career and I will constantly interact with the members of the community where I live.*

I also intend to *diversify cooperation with other Romanian and foreign universities* for the purpose of expanding possibilities of teaching/researching in the thematic directions within my area of interest, i.e. environmental law.

### **B.ii.2 Scientific career evolution and development plans**

The general objective for the development of my scientific career is conducting research, contributing to the completion of research studies of high academic value, staying within and intensifying presence in the virtual space reserved to science, especially in the field of environmental law, in order to make research results as visible as possible at national and international level. In order to reach this general objective, I am planning, on the one hand, to use all available means which I have developed and diversified so far and, on the other hand, to be careful, responsive and full of fighting spirit in identifying the opportunities which might support my endeavours.

As probable means of action for putting into practice what I have mentioned, I will enumerate the following:

- to intensify *review work as a member of the editorial boards of the international organizations to which I belong*;

- to continue work as organizer of and moderator in conferences, symposia, in classical forms and by participating in TV shows dealing with legal issues, including virtual communication media;

- to diversify research topics in an interdisciplinary direction as well;

- I intend to increase the number of research contracts, so as to coordinate international research teams, on the one hand, consisting of my colleagues and, on the other hand, extending to other academic centres and institutions carrying out activities specific to environmental protection which can lie at the basis of international grants;

- I will go on publishing specialized books, course books in revised and completed forms, treatises and articles;

- I will continue to support students in discovering their own talents, research abilities, including participation in international conferences on the topic of environmental protection

- my aim is that *ISI papers will become commonplace* for the rest of my scientific career.

### **B ii.3. Academic career evolution and development plans**

Obtaining the *habilitation certificate* for the development of my academic career would be welcome. I am aware of the fact that the success of this action will give me, besides the personal professional accomplishment, a great responsibility toward PhD students and the whole national and international scientific community, as a coordinator of the research studies that I will propose.

A solid academic career has always been and will remain one of my priorities. I have carried out most of my work in a university – University of Craiova – and I have been aware that only with patience, perseverance and devotion for the career I have chosen, I will be appreciated, recognized and respected by my fellows.

I want to remain a mentor for my younger colleagues, students, *either full time or part time students, MA or PhD students*.

I intend to attach more importance to *experience exchanges* with foreign specialists, to deliver lectures in universities abroad, and to take advantage of all opportunities to become a visiting professor. Thus, I will be able to enhance teaching, to better understand the academic realities in other states, to be a better guide for the students who want to benefit from student mobility programmes.

As for the component *teacher-student relationship*, my intention is to respond as promptly as before to the issues put forward by students, whether these issues concern the quality,

interactivity, availability expressed in the educational act, or they concern practical activities, tutoring or counselling.

#### **B.ii.4. Research/teaching directions**

*Disciplinary thematic direction Environmental Law.* For 13 years, environmental law has been the main direction of research/teaching in both undergraduate programmes and master's or other postgraduate programmes.

Once the habilitation certificate obtained, the main research field will be Environmental Law, regardless of the research I will conduct: either strictly specialized research or the themes suggested for interdisciplinary research. To the same extent, I intend to become a lecturer on topics relating to environmental law at summer schools organized by research institutes and centres, by institutions concerned with the legal protection of the environment or by other Romanian or foreign universities.

Research directions that I want to flesh out, including my work with prospective doctoral students, are:

1. With regard to the European Union law are developed more aspects, among which I can mention:

- *the relationship between environmental protection and the internal market;*
- *the main trends and prospects of European Union-wide environmental policy;*
- *completion of a legal Dictionary, which I'm working with colleague Assoc. Dr. Diana*

*Dănișor project already accepted by C.H. Beck, Bucharest.*

2. In terms of national law must be developed more aspects, among which can mention:

- *the fundamental right to a healthy and ecologically balanced environment;*
- *ownership/rights in rem and the requirements of environmental protection;*
- *pro-active environmental law liability;*
- *criminal liability in environmental law.*