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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



PROF. PHD ADRIAN HATOS is a full professor at the University of Oradea, in the Department of Sociology and Social Work. He is also a PhD supervisor in Sociology and Educational Sciences at the Doctoral School of Sociology at the University of Oradea. His expertise includes conducting research in the sociology of education, education systems and social stratification, social movements and collective action, program evaluation, and quantitative research methods, including the analysis of international large-scale multilevel data.



PROF. PASCALE PEREAUX is a teacher-researcher in social work at HELMO ESSAS, Belgium. Since 2007, she has been teaching project methodology and is currently involved in several research initiatives, with a particular focus on social ecology and digital inclusion. Prof. Pereaux's work explores collaborative and innovative approaches aimed at transforming professional practices, enhancing public participation, and opening new avenues for action in the context of social and ecological transitions.



PHD. ROXANA MAIER is a psychologist and psychotherapist with over 15 years of experience in psychotherapy. She has been affiliated with the Ecological University of Bucharest and Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, working as a psychotherapist, P.E.U. counsellor and trainer. She is also a member of the Educational Psychology, School and Vocational Counselling Committee of the Romanian Psychologists' Collegium. Her scientific and academic interests include trauma psychology, educational psychology, clinical psychology, as well as labour and transportation psychology—the latter two being reflected in her work as a supervisor. Dr. Maier has published several books as a sole author or co-author, along with numerous articles in professional journals and multiple chapters in collective volumes throughout Romania.

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PROF. PHD ONUR KÖKSAL is a distinguished academic and educator specializing in English language education and translation studies. He earned his Ph.D. in Curriculum Development in English Language Teaching from Necmettin Erbakan University in 2013, after completing both his Master's and Bachelor's degrees in English Language Education at Selçuk University.

Prof. Köksal began his career as an English teacher under the Kayseri Provincial Directorate of National Education. Since 2007, he has held various academic and administrative positions at Selçuk University, including Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor. His leadership roles have included serving as Dean of the Faculty of Tourism, Director of Taşkent Vocational School, and Coordinator of the Ministry of National Education's English Language Teaching Framework Program.

In addition to his academic appointments, he has made significant contributions to foreign language education at both national and institutional levels, collaborating with Konya Food and Agriculture University and Method Educational Institutions. He currently serves as a Professor in the Faculty of Letters at Selçuk University, where he is also Head of the Department and Division of Translation and Interpreting.

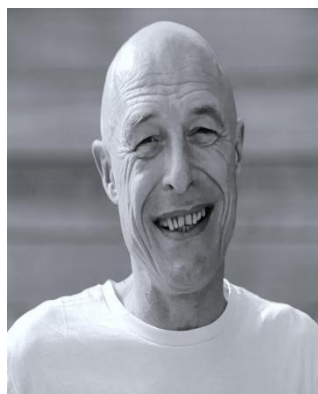


PhD. STUDENT AURELIA OANA PÂRVULESCU, General Director of the Arad Social Care Directorate, is an expert in social work and law, with extensive experience in coordinating community services. She graduated from the Faculty of Law at Danubius University of Galați and holds two master's degrees in Public Administration and Social Assistance Services from Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad.

Currently, she is a Ph.D. student in Social Work, conducting research on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the quality of life of elderly people in residential centres compared to those in day centres in the municipality of Arad. She coordinates externally funded projects and is

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Ms. Pârvulescu is also an associate professor at Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, where she supervises student internships. Her areas of expertise include professional training, human resources, and quality management in social services. She regularly participates in national and international conferences and symposiums on topics related to social work.



PASCAL MIDREZ is a teacher-researcher in social work who conducted the study *Cultural Studies in a Context of Ecological Emergency and Social Change*, which laid the groundwork for his current project on the ecologisation of social work through the co-active method. Since 2014, he has been teaching project methodology in training programmes for social workers and specialised educators. In addition, he contributes to editorial boards that promote critical reflection on professional practices and contemporary issues in social work.

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PROF. PHD SHAD AHMAD KHAN, an Assistant Professor and Program Chair of Business Administration at the College of Business, University of Buraimi, Sultanate of Oman, stands as a beacon of excellence in academia. With over 13 years of teaching experience, Dr. Khan has established himself as a distinguished researcher specializing in green practices, online business management, individual loyalty, and higher education institutions. His scholarly contributions, comprising 40 Scopus indexed publications, including accepted papers, along with a plethora of books, research articles, and book chapters, exemplify his dedication to advancing knowledge in his field. Dr. Khan's expertise extends beyond research, as evidenced by his involvement in funded projects, consultancy endeavors, editorial roles in esteemed journals, and active participation in academic conferences, where he often assumes roles as a session chair and delivers keynote addresses. Moreover, his extensive engagement in organizing major events and conducting workshops underscores his commitment to fostering learning and professional development. Dr. Khan's multifaceted contributions to academia, coupled with his passion for teaching and research, render him an invaluable resource person poised to inspire and guide the next generation of scholars and professionals in their academic and professional pursuits.



POONAM KHURANA, PhD., is a Professor (Management – HR and OB) and Counselor at the Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, Delhi, India. A Gold Medalist in Psychology, she has qualified the UGC-NET and holds a Doctorate in Organisational Behavior from the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi. Dr. Khurana is a distinguished academician, researcher, and counselor with over 20 years of experience. She has received the *Best Faculty Award* at the Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies and has twice been awarded *Best Research Paper* at national and international conferences. She has published ten books, including the textbook *Work Psychology*, and the edited volume *Performance Management* (Taylor & Francis, CRC Press), along with nine additional edited books with national and international publishers. Her scholarly contributions include over 70 articles and research papers published in reputed national and international journals and conferences. Recognized for her editorial excellence, Dr. Khurana serves as an editor and reviewer for several prestigious Scopus-indexed national and international journals. She has also completed an ICSSR-sponsored project as Co-Director, focused on *Women Empowerment*. As a Ph.D. supervisor, she is a recognized expert in her field. Dr. Khurana is frequently invited as a keynote speaker, session chair, and expert at national and international conferences. In addition to her academic work, she actively promotes social welfare through her counseling initiatives. She served as Project Director and Psychologist for nearly four years, during which she rehabilitated approximately 700 individuals and conducted research on addiction. Currently, she offers free mental health counseling in collaboration with NGOs and is a registered counselor with the Counselors Council of India (CCI), the National Career Service (NCS) – Ministry of Labour and Employment, India, and the Mental Health Innovation Network (MHIN) – WHO.

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She has presented her work at numerous national and international conferences and has published extensively in reputed journals, including those indexed in SCOPUS, UGC, and ABDC. Dr. Narula has also organized several seminars, workshops, and faculty development programs (FDPs) in the fields of management and research.

In addition, she serves as an editor for a SCOPUS-listed journal and is a reviewer for several respected journals in the field of management. She is a certified trainer for NISM Series XII and Series V and a SEBI SMARTS Trainer. She is also empaneled with leading institutions such as NISM, NSE, CDSL, and FinX, contributing to the Government of India's financial literacy mission.

As part of initiatives such as Kotak's *Kona Kona Shiksha Abhiyan* and Aditya Birla Education Trust's *Mpower*, she actively promotes financial and mental health awareness through workshops, seminars, and webinars across the country. She has conducted numerous training programs on Personality Development, Investor Awareness, Financial Markets, and Financial Planning for diverse target audiences. Dr. Narula has also served as a Resource Person for three-week NITTTR Faculty Development Programs, delivered keynote addresses at various national and international conferences, and organized an ICSSR-sponsored international conference in collaboration with universities in Buraimi, Vietnam, and Malaysia. She has been frequently invited to chair finance sessions at national and international academic events.



PhD MADHU ARORA is currently serving as Dean of the Research & Development Cell and Professor at the New Delhi Institute of Management (affiliated with GGSIP University), Delhi. She is also a PhD supervisor at Amity University, Lingaya's University (Faridabad), and APJ Abdul Kalam University. In 2023, she was awarded a major research grant by ICSSR as Project Director.

A recipient of the prestigious *1000 Women of Asia Award* from Womenovator, Dr. Arora is a certified Yoga Teacher and Evaluator, accredited by the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India. She has been invited as a resource person for Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) and Management Development Programs (MDPs) at reputed institutions, including the Bank of Maharashtra, and has served as an examiner for PhD theses at KR Mangalam University, Gurugram.

PhD Madhu Arora has published extensively in UGC-listed and Scopus-indexed journals and holds a patent under *The Patents Act 1970*, published in the *Official Journal of the Patent Office*. She is the Editor-in-Chief of *Anusandhan*, the research journal of NDIM, and also serves as editor for several ABDC and UGC CARE-listed journals.

She has successfully signed and implemented MoUs with AVU, Romania, for four consecutive years, promoting educational activities and research collaboration. She has organized numerous FDPs, MDPs, and international conferences, including ICSSR-sponsored events, as convener.

PhD Madhu Arora has been recognized with several awards, including the *Best Research Group Award* by the Centre for Education Growth and Research (CEGR), *Excellence in Teaching* by the South Asian Management Association, the *Global Engagement Award*, and the *International Award for Working Women* by the Asian Academy of Film and Television (AAFT). In 2023, she was honored as the *Best Researcher* by NDIM.

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He has secured grants for organizing seminars, faculty development programs (FDPs), and conferences from ICSSR and AICTE, as well as a funded research project from the Indian Council of Social Science Research. Dr. Agarwal serves as editor for ABDC and UGC CARE journals and is a member of the editorial boards of several national and international journals. He is also a member of the Ramanujan Mathematical Society and a reviewer for Springer Nature.

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