

BENEAMIN MOCAN

Curriculum Vitae

Date and place of birth: September 23, 1988, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Marital status: married

Citizenship: Romanian

Profession: University assistant at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, "Aurel Vlaicu" University in Arad, Romania; Youth advisor, "Speranța" Pentecostal Church, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

EDUCATION

2018-2022: **Doctorate**, "Aurel Vlaicu" University, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, specialization "Evangelical Theology". Doctoral thesis (Summa Cum Laude):

"The Pentecostal theological imagination and the construction of a public theology in contemporary society". Coordinator: Prof. univ. dr. habil. Marcel Valentin Macelaru

2011-2014: **Master's degree**, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Osijek, Croatia.

Dissertation: "Social Imaginary and the Possibility of a Pentecostal Public Theology".

Coordinator: Prof. univ. dr. Corneliu Constantineanu

2007-2011: **Batchelor's degree**, Pentecostal Theological Institute in Bucharest, Romania, 2011. Bachelor thesis: "Imitatio Christi": an exegetical analysis of the Christological hymn from Philippians 2:5-11. Coordinator: Conf. univ. dr. Corneliu Constantineanu

ECCLESIASTICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

2023 – present: Elder within the Pentecostal Christian Cult – Apostolic Church of God in Romania, Cluj Regional Community

2021 – 2023: Deacon within the Pentecostal Christian Cult – Apostolic Church of God in Romania, Cluj Regional Community

November 2023 – present: VET- member within ECTE (European Council for Theological Education)

October 2021 – October 2023: Visiting Evaluation Team (VET) – Student Representative within ECTE (European Council for Theological Education)

2018 – present: Youth Department Leader and Youth Advisor in the "Speranța" Pentecostal Church in Cluj-Napoca, Romania

September 2015 – September 2017: Leader of the Teenagers Department and Youth Counselor in the "Speranța" Pentecostal Church in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

2014 – 2023: founding member and organizational activity in the "Edictum Dei" Student Association, Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

October 2014 – June 2019: teaching courses at the "Elpis" Bible School within the Pentecostal Church No. 7 "Speranța" from Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

December 2011 – March 2013: assistant to the Dean of the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Osijek, Croatia.

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Pentecostal Theological Imaginary and the Construction of Public Theology in Contemporary Society, Theses Series, Arad: Ars Theologica, and Oradea: Convergențe, 2023.

EDITED VOLUMES

Maximilian-Bratu Caraman, Beneamin Mocan and Andrei-Daniel Pop (ed.), *Scripture and public space – the educational domain*, Cluj-Napoca, RoPrint, 2021.

ARTICLES IN SPECIALIZED JOURNALS

"Christian Theology and the Concept of the Imaginary" in *Anaphora: Časopis za znanost o književnosti*. In progress of publication.

"Church and society: a Christian vision on the pluralism of contemporary society" in *Journal of Freedom of Conscience*, Vol. 11, No. 1, 2023, pp. 714-727.

"Right from Wright: a view on N. T. Wright's approach to the New Testament," in *Perichoresis: The Theological Journal of Emanuel University*, vol. 20, Doctoral Supplement (2022), 3-14.

"Jacobus Arminius' Theology and its Influence Throughout History," in *CAESURA: Journal of Philological and Humanistic Studies* 9.1 (2022), 53-65.

"Not by Might, Nor by Power": Spirit-filled Imaginary for Peace-Building in Romania", in *Transformation* 39, Issue 4 (2022), 263-270.

"Karl Barth's Doctrine of Providence," in *Kairos: Journal of Evangelical Theology* 16.1 (2021), 69-79.

"The Religious Imagination and Contemporary Public Theology," *Kairos: Journal of Evangelical Theology* 15.1 (2021), 113-122.

"Goldingay's Evangelical Approach to the Old Testament: a description and critical assessment of his methodology" in *Kairos: Evangelical Journal of Theology*, Vol. 7, No. 2 (Zagreb, Croatia: Biblijski Institut, 2013), 155-166.

"The Church - an eschatological community. Exegetical notes on the eschatology of the epistle of 1 Thessalonians" in *Pleroma* (Bucharest, Romania: Pleroma, December 2010), 69-90.

ARTICLES IN COLLECTIVE VOLUMES

"The Lordship of Christ and Christian education: a conversation with Abraham Kuyper", in Maximilian-Bratu Caraman, Beneamin Mocan and Andrei-Daniel Pop (ed.), *Scripture and public space - the educational domain*, Cluj-Napoca, RoPrint, 2021, 326-339.

"The Bible and Transhumanism: lessons from the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11.1-9)", in Robert Petkovšek and Bojan Žalec (editors), *Transhumanism as a Challenge for Ethics and Religion*, Lit Verlag, Zürich, 2021, 189- 196.

"Neither cultural nor modernist, but confessional: a description of authentic Christianity in the vision of Abraham Kuyper", in Alina Pădurean, Adela Drăucean and Simona Stoia (ed.), *Current Trends and challenges in social sciences*, "Aurel Vlaicu" University Publishing House, Arad, 2020, 121-130.

"Public theology and the religious imaginary: from theology to theopoetry", in Corneliu Constantineanu, Marcel Măcelaru, Teofil Stanciu and Laurențiu Petrilă (coord.), *Theology and public space: contemporary theological studies and research*, "Aurel Vlaicu" University Publishing House, Arad , 2020, 97-110.

"Christ as Lord of all reality, the common good and the good life", in Corneliu Constantineanu et al. (editors), *For the common good: realities and perspectives of collaboration between NGOs, Christian communities and local authorities*, "Aurel Vlaicu" University Publishing House, Arad, 2018, 15-30.

"Back to the Basics! Re-Imagining the Seminary and Public Theology: Definition, Task and Some Reflections", in Marcel V. Măcelaru et al. (editors), *Re-Imagining Theological*

Education, Risoprint Publishing House, Cluj-Napoca and Pleroma Publishing House, Bucharest, 2016, 253-274.

"The Bible and society: the social dimension of the Christological hymn from Philippians 2:5-11" in Corneliu Constantineanu, Mihai Handaric et. al. (ed.), *The Impact of Scripture in the Contemporary World*, Arad, Romania: "Aurel Vlaicu" University Publishing House, 2016, 189-218.

"Religion and Social Imaginary: Towards a Pentecostal Contribution to the Common Good" in Corneliu Constantineanu, Mihai Handaric et. al. (ed.), *The People of God and Society*, Arad, Romania: "Aurel Vlaicu" University Publishing House, 2016, 289-318.

BOOK REVIEWS

Book review, "Contemporary Pentecostal Christianity: Interpretations from an African Context" in *Kairos: Evangelical Journal of Theology*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (2014), 110-114.

PRESENTATIONS

15 – 17 July 2024: "Christian Witness in a Culture of Fear". Paper presented at the international symposium 2024 Stott-Bediako Forum – Transformation Revisited: Mission and Gospel Imagination, organized by INFEMIT (International Fellowship for Mission as Transformation) in Rionegro (Medellín), Colombia.

25 – 27 April 2024: "A Pentecostal Model of Discipleship". Paper presented at the international scientific symposium Discipleship in Evangelical Churches: Biblical, Historical & Contemporary Perspectives, organized by the Biblijski Institute in Zagreb, Croatia, in collaboration with the Ars Theologica Research Center of the "Aurel Vlaicu" University in Arad, Romania.

October 25 – 27, 2023: "Care for creation in the Romanian Pentecostal theological imaginary". Paper presented at the international conference Zilele Ars Theologica. Hope for the World: Gospel and Creation Care, organized by the Ars Theologica Research Center of the "Aurel Vlaicu" University in Arad, Romania.

June 16 - 17, 2023: "The Book of Psalms as Theological Imaginary: a Plea for an Imagistic Interpretation of the Psalms". Paper presented at the international scientific symposium The Biblical Story of God: Challenges of Interpreting and Living, organized by the Biblijski Institute in Zagreb, Croatia, in collaboration with the Ars Theologica Research Center of the "Aurel Vlaicu" University in Arad, Romania.

October 31 - November 1, 2022: "Reporting to the Bible in the Romanian Pentecostal theological imaginary". Paper presented at the inaugural edition of the international conference Zilele Ars Theologica. The Bible Then and Now: Toward a Contextual Hermeneutic, organized by the Ars Theologica Research Center of the "Aurel Vlaicu" University in Arad, Romania.

November 2021 – June 2022: Church History. Courses taught at the "Elpis" Bible School within the "Speranța" Pentecostal Church in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

18-19 May 2020: "The Lordship of Christ and Christian Education: A Conversation with Abraham Kuyper". Paper presented at the international scientific conference Scripture and public space - the educational field, organized by the Christian Theoretical High School "Pro Deo" from Cluj-Napoca in partnership with "Aurel Vlaicu" University from Arad, in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

22 November 2019: "Neither cultural nor modernist, but confessional: A description of authentic Christianity in the vision of Abraham Kuyper". Paper presented at the scientific communication session of doctoral students in the field of socio-human sciences, organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities.

November 7-9, 2019: "The Bible and Transhumanism: Lessons from the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11.1-9)". Paper presented at the international scientific conference Trans-Body and Violence: Transhumanism as a Challenge for Ethics and Religion, organized by the Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, in Celje, Slovenia.

24 May 2019: "Public theology and the religious imaginary: from theology to theopoeia". Paper presented at the international scientific conference "ISREIE - International Symposium Research and Education in an Innovation Era. 8th Edition", University "Aurel Vlaicu" Arad.

November 10-28, 2014: "Christian Apologetics", lectures, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Osijek, Croatia.

June 8, 2015: "Social Imaginary and the Possibility of a Pentecostal Public Theology", dissertation presentation, Pentecostal Theological Institute, Bucharest, Romania.

October 2015 – June 2017: Introduction to the Old Testament and the New Testament, courses, "Elpis" Bible School within the "Speranța" Pentecostal Church in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

KNOWN LANGUAGES:

- Romanian (native)
- English – excellent (Reading C1; Speaking C1)
- French – beginner

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