



Anexa nr. 6

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ABSTRACT OF THE HABILITATION THESIS

TITLE: Sustainable development in the risk society. A trans-disciplinary evolutionary sociology project of micro-sustainability

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The habilitation thesis is structured in four chapters, which present the evolution of my scientific and didactic career up to now, with an emphasis on the period after obtaining the doctorate, but also the future career development plans. The first chapter represents a brief presentation of the main milestones in the development of my professional career, especially since 2012, when I became an associate professor and, later, a full-time university professor, at the Bucharest University of Economic Studies.

The second chapter presents the main scientific results published during my career, as well as professional achievements in the field of scientific research or didactic activity. After completing the doctorate and starting the teaching career, the research interests were focused on the study of some topical subjects, such as aspects of sustainable development, but also on the reanalysis of some older problems in the field of social sciences, but from a new perspective, that of the evolutionary theory.

During my career of over 20 years, of which the last 10 years in university education, I have made considerable scientific contributions in the field of social sciences and have been actively involved in educational and research projects, but also in the promotion of a less developed discipline in Romania, respectively Economic Anthropology.

Some of the results of the scientific research activity carried out over the years have been disseminated through a series of publications (sole author and co-authored volumes, coordinated volumes, chapters in books published in the country and scientific articles published both in magazines in the country, as well as from abroad), but also through scientific papers presented at international conferences organized in the country and abroad.

The third chapter indicates the plans regarding the evolution of the academic and scientific career, but also the future directions of professional development, in accordance with the achievements already recorded. A first future project is to continue promoting in sociological research both a multi- or trans-disciplinary

perspective, as well as new investigative methods, derived from neo-evolutionist theory, which is focused not only on “culture”, or on what we learn in the process of socialization and which, in the last instance, differentiates us, but also on “nature”, on the genetic predispositions that show us what is common to the human species. A second future project, closely related to the first one, is that of the development of evolutionary investigation in sociology and the promotion of this new perspective in Romania. A third direction of action in the future development of my career concerns the continuation of some older approaches, which aim at the development of rural sociology and its teaching in educational institutions with an economic profile in Romania, but also at increasing the degree of awareness regarding the major problems with which the rural environment and the Romanian peasants are faced.

The fourth chapter focuses on highlighting the individual ability to coordinate research teams, to organize and manage didactic activities, but also to explain and facilitate learning and research. The ability to coordinate research teams is demonstrated by the positions of project manager or director that I have held, but also by my involvement in the research projects of the Research Center of the Department of Philosophy and Social Sciences, within the Bucharest University of Economic Studies. At the same time, teaching activities are the central pillar of my current scientific career and I have over ten years of experience in teaching courses and conducting seminars at several faculties of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies.

The last part of the habilitation thesis includes the bibliography used in its elaboration.