Center for Social Diagnosis (CDS)

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Director: Alin Gavreliuc, Professor PhD

CDS represents an advanced research center focused on societal, organizational and individual diagnosis. CDS provides expertise in the area of Social Psychology, Cross-Cultural Psychology, Ethno-Psychology and Political Psychology. Encouraging also interdisciplinarity, CDS has assumed to become a reflection center interested in theoretical reframing of several topics like identity dynamics, cultural determination upon social identities, intergenerational transfer of values and attitudes in post-communist Romania.

Research team focused on cross-cultural psychology/ethnopsychology areas of study

Group Leader: Alin Gavreliuc, Professor PhD

Research Topics:
- Self-construal in cross-cultural contexts
- Cultural basis of individual happiness
- Social beliefs and cultural dimensions in the different organizational environments
- Time perspective and social axioms
- Intergenerational transfers of values and attitudes in contemporary Romania

Research team focused on organizational/societal topics

Group Leader: Alin Gavreliuc, Professor PhD

Research Topics:
- Social diagnosis at organizational or/and structural level
- Cultural dimensions in Romanian educational organizations
- Assessment of the inter-ethnic and inter-regional relationships

Recent Results:
- Scientific articles, volumes and conferences (see bellow)
- Research reports for local and regional administrations on:
  - total quality management (TQM) in academic environment;
  - cultural changes, generational differences and social behaviors in the U.S. and Eastern Europe;
  - consumer culture values, identity processes, mindfulness and well-being;
  - Timișoara – European Capital of Culture 2021 – psycho-sociological report;
  - psychologcal-sociological study as the bases for the local urbanistic plan of Nădlac town, Arad county;
  - psychologcal-sociological study of local community of Sebiș town, Arad county.

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Recent publications (selection)


Impact factor = 5.510


Impact factor = 1.418


Impact factor = 1.354


Impact factor: 2.515


Research Projects (since 2014)
- 3 diagnosis-research projects on educational environment
- 3 research projects for local and regional authorities
- 5 scientific articles, ISI Web of Knowledge
- 2 conference-debates

Current projects
- Cultural Changes and Psychology: Generational Differences in Psychology and Social Behaviors in the U.S. and Eastern Europe” - partners: University of California, Santa Barbara, West University of Timisoara, A. I. Cuza University from Iassy and Kobe University, Japan, 2013-2016.


Current diagnosis
The image of Spain/Spanish in Romania – research coordinated by CDS for Spanish Consulate in Romania (2016).

Strategic partners
- CIRN - Culture and Identity Research Network (CIRN) from International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology:
  - https://sites.google.com/site/identitymotives/CIRN
- University of California, Santa Barbara, USA:
  - https://labs.psych.ucsb.edu/kim/heejung/
- University of Sussex, UK
- Alexandru Ioan Cuza University from Iassy, Romania.