



Professor hab. VICTOR OLARU

He graduated from the University of Bucharest in 1978, Faculty of Germanic Languages, majoring in English and Hindi. PhD in Philology, Faculty of Letters, University of Craiova. Doctoral thesis title: *Toponyms in English and Romanian. A Contrastive Study*. (Scrisul Romanesc, Craiova, 1998), supervised by Professor Gheorghe Bolocan, member of the Romanian Academy. Since 1990, Senior Lecturer at the University of Craiova. Reader PhD in 1998, Professorship in 2009. Habilitation thesis title: *From Victorian Canonical Writers to Postmodernist Approaches*, September 2015. He has six PhD students, a thesis approaching completion.

MAIN RESEARCH FIELDS APPROACHED BY PROFESSOR HAB. VICTOR OLARU: ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE

Professor Victor Olaru's activity is associated with Victorian canonical literature-theoretical background (realism-idealism, tradition-modernity, etc.), cultural representations: the woman's image, place and role within patriarchal society; states and roles, the woman between subject and object, inferiority and oppression, the dichotomy body-mind, etc; femininity and sexuality within the limits of cultural restrictions, typological and characterial features of the Victorian woman; types, archetypes; social, psychological, literary, cultural stereotypes, historicist perspectives on the English critical thought: the Middle Ages and the High Renaissance - the beginnings of institutional English criticism, the Age of Reason - the authority of the critical spirit, Romanticism-the exploration of critical calling and of the self, Victorianism- the reaction to social and cultural requirements, Modernism-the responsibility of the critical function, literary hermeneutics and comparative toponymy; studies in the poetics and politics of European and North-American postmodernism (with applications on British, Irish and American literature); literary imagology; translation-between literarity and literality.

Up to now Professor Victor Olaru has published 8 volumes (single author), 3 course books, 27 studies published in BDI-indexed academic journals and had over 40 presentations in academic events (conferences, symposiums, national and international sessions) that highlighted the relevance and originality of his personal contributions in the field of philology. His publications have been cited in prestigious data-bases (EBSCO, URIH, Fabula, Scipio, Professional Proquest Central, Proquest Research Library, ProQuest 5000 International, Proquest Central K12, Gale Cengage Learning, Index Copernicus, Georgetown University Library, Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek EZB, Journal Seek, DOAJ, Georgetown University Library, Journal Seek, worldcat.org., sciverse.com, ceeol.com, linguistlist.org, indexcopernicus.com).

In the academic year 2000-2001 he got a teaching and research Fulbright grant at Boston College, USA, being invited to give lectures within the Fulbright program: "*Immigration and Migration Past, Present and Future*" Conference, Washington (March, 2000), Romanian Cultural Center in New York (March 2001), and California State University (May 2001). He gave lectures within the Erasmus program (Torino, Lisabona, Barcelona). Between 1990 and

2017 he got several research grants in the fields of English and American literature, as well as in the field of literary translation: 1992 (Nov.-Dec.) Institute for Applied Language Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scotland; 1994 (Sept.-Oct.) - Institute J.F. Kennedy for North American Studies, Berlin, Germany; 1997 (April-May)- British Centre for Literary Translation, University East Anglia, Norwich; 1998, (July-Aug.) Literary Translation Centre of Senneffe, Belgium; 1999 (Nov.)- Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig, Ireland; 2001-2002 . He was a member in 18 research projects in the field of inter-academic dialogue with a view to raising the quality of the academic philological training. He has been associate editor of RAMURI literary periodical since 1992 and member of several prestigious professional organizations: Romanian Writers' Union, Romanian Fulbright Alumni Association (RFAA), RAAS - Romanian Association for American Studies, ESSE-European Society for the Study of English, Romanian Association of General and Comparative Literature.