

3rd International Conference on Communication and Education in Knowledge Society 2017 - Collective Capacity Building – Timișoara 9-10 November 2017

The *Conference on Communication and Education in Knowledge Society* has been developed in 2013 at the initiative of the Faculty of Political Sciences, Philosophy and Communication Sciences, Philosophy and Communications Department and Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, Department of Educational Sciences. The CESC was branded as a interdisciplinary conference, aiming to be a platform for research, scientific meetings, discussions and communication about current problem and important trends. Between 9 and 10th of November 2017 the 3rd CESC edition took place, having as the main theme the concept of Collective Capacity Building. As it becomes increasingly evident that the challenges and problems in developing a knowledge based society are exponentially more resilient to traditional approaches to change focusing on regulating the skills and capacity set attributable to the individual, this conference proposed stimulating reflection and dialogue on how could collective capacity building increases the progress, in some of the most complex educational, social, cultural, geopolitical and economic issues today. The purpose of the conference was to address specific questions within the five main frames: communication, education, international relations, political sciences, and applied philosophy.

More than 140 participants attended and participated in plenary and section debates. CESC was honored with interventions by well known keynote speakers: *PhD. Professor Mircea Dumitru*, University of Bucharest, Romania, *PhD. Professor Rozmeri Basic*, The University of Oklahoma, USA, *Prof. dr. Emil Păun*, University of Bucharest, *PhD. Ciprian Fartușnic* Director, Institute of Educational Sciences, Romania, *PhD. Professor Laurentiu Șoitu*, "I. Cuza" University Iași, *PhD. Professor Georgeta Ion*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, *PhD. Professor Dan Eugen Rațiu*, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, *Assoc. prof. PhD. Florin Lobonț* West University of Timisoara, *Prof. Dr. Ekkehard Nuissl von Rein*,

University of Kaiserslautern, Germany, Prof. dr. Liliana Donath West University of Timisoara, *Dr. habil. paed. Irina Maslo*, University of Latvia, *Prof. Dr. habil. Simona Sava*, West University of Timisoara, Educational Sciences Department` Director, *Professor PhD Habil. Gheorghe Clitan*, West University of Timisoara, Head of Philosophy and Communication Studies Department, West University of Timisoara (Romania).

There were nine sections of the conference:

- Section 1 Applied philosophy and the methodology of philosophical studies
- Section 2 Conceptualizing the educational system
- Section 3 Education and Social Inclusion
- Section 4 Policy, Image and Governance
- Section 5 Applied Didactics
- Section 6 Didactics in formal and non-formal contexts
- Section 7 Higher education teaching and research
- Section 8 New technologies for Communication and Education
- Section 9 Psychology of education and varia

In total more than 80 research and theoretic studies were presented, which represented a platform for debate, knowledge exchange, scientific interaction and establishing future collaborations.