

## Laurentiu Staicu



### **Personal:**

Date and place of birth: March 17, 1969, Ploiesti, Romania

Nationality: Romanian

Civil Status: Single

Employer: University of Bucharest

Position: Reader, Faculty of Philosophy, Chair of Theoretical Philosophy and Logic

### **Academic formation:**

1990-1995 Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest

1995 BA in Philosophy, University of Bucharest; Graduation Thesis in Metaphysics; “The Fundamental Question of Metaphysics. A Contemporary Approach” – grade 10; graduation overall 9.95, with honors.

1996-2002 Enrolled in a Ph.D. Programme in Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science at the Philosophy Department, University of Bucharest, supervisor Professor Ilie Pârnu

April 2002 Defense of the doctoral thesis; “The Metaphysics of Natural Kinds”

July 2002 Ph.D. awarded by the University of Bucharest, *summa cum laudae*.

### **Academic positions:**

1994-1997 Research Assistant, Institute of Philosophy, Romanian Academy, Department of the Philosophy of Science

1997-2000 Teaching Assistant, Faculty of Philosophy, Chair of Theoretical Philosophy and Logic, University of Bucharest

2001-2008 Lecturer, Faculty of Philosophy, Chair of Theoretical Philosophy and Logic, University of Bucharest

2008-present Reader, Faculty of Philosophy, Chair of Theoretical Philosophy and Logic,  
University of Bucharest

**Secondary professional positions and activities:**

November 1999-June 2002 Educational Director, PRO College (special education programme for gifted children).

November 1999-June 2002 Associate Professor, PRO College. Course taught: *Critical Thinking. The Basics.*

July 2002-July 2003 Editor in Chief, monthly cultural journal DECI, published by *Academia Catavencu.*

June 2006-present Member of the Pool of Referees for ESF (European Science Foundation).

**Area of specialization and research:** Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science, History of Science, Epistemology.

**Professional activities and participation to scientific events :**

Autumn School for Political Philosophy

Soveja, Romania, 1994

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy

The Third Oxford-Prague Undergraduate Philosophy Colloquium

Prague, 1995

University of Oxford and University of Prague

Research Fellowship, University of Oxford

Granted by SOROS Foundation

March-April 1996

Romanian-Finnish Colloquium on Contemporary Topics in Philosophy of Science, Logic and Cognitive Science

Predeal, Romania, 1997

University of Bucharest and University of Helsinki

Research Fellowship, University of Oxford

Granted by World Bank

September-October 1998

Second International Colloquium on Analytical Philosophy, "Philosophy of Mind and the Foundations of Cognitive Science

Bucharest, Romania, 2004

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy

*Liberty Fund Colloquium*

Santa Fe, USA, 2004

Liberty Fund

August-September 2004, University of Tulsa, U.S.A., Research Visit

Conferences held at University of Tulsa:

*Natural Kinds and the Problem of Biological Species*

*What Is It Like To Be A Mind*

Kant's International Colloquium

Goethe Institut

Bucharest, Romania, 2004

Title of the paper presented: *Searching for a Universal Morality: Kant and the Categorical Imperative*

VII Congreso Internacional de Ontologia

San Sebastian, Spain, 2006

Department of Philosophy. University of the Basque Country.

Department of Philosophy. Autonomous University of Barcelona

Title of the paper presented: *Can We Speak of Virtual Natural Kinds?*

Erasmus TS (Teaching Staff) visit, Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain

April 2007

Focus Group, International Bureau of Education, UNESCO, Geneva, Switzerland

*The Bologna Process and its Implications*

June, 2007

**Coordination and participation to scientific research programmes and projects:**

Theories of Complexity, interdisciplinary research project

Director: Professor Ilie Parvu

Sponsored by World Bank

Duration: 3 years (1998-2000)

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy

Theoretical and Methodological Foundations in the Dynamics of Natural Complex Systems, interdisciplinary research project

Director: Laurentiu Staicu (reader)

Sponsored by CNCSIS (Romanian Council for Scientific Research)

Duration: 3 years (2006-2008)

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy

Acquisition and Transfer of Knowledge for Enhancing the Competitive Advantage in a Knowledge-Based Economy, interdisciplinary research project,

Director: Constantin Stoenescu (reader)

Sponsored by CNCSIS (Romanian Council for Scientific Research)

Duration : 3 years (2008-2010)

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy

**Affiliations to professional organizations:**

Founding member of the Romanian Society of Philosophy

Founding member of the Romanian Society for Analytical Philosophy

Founding member of the Centre for Logic, Philosophy and History of Science, University of Bucharest

Member of the National Ethics Committee for Scientific Research, Committee No. 2, Life Sciences, National Authority for Scientific Research, Technological Development and Innovation, Romania.

**Articles and studies:**

“Premise istorice ale conceptiei senzualiste a lui John Locke” (Historical Premises of John Locke’s Sensualism), in *Revista de Filosofie*, Romanian Academy, No. 2, 1993.

“Filosofie si metoda la Rene Descartes” (Philosophy and Method at Rene Descartes), in *Revista de Filosofie*, Romanian Academy, No. 3, 1993.

“Probleme filosofice ale timpului” (Philosophical Problems Concerning Time), in *Revista de Filosofie*, Romanian Academy, No. 4, 1994.

“Is Carnap’s Philosophy a Metaphysics?” in *Revue Roumaine de Philosophie*, Romanian Academy, No. 2, 1994.

Book Review on *Holism: A Consumer Update*, Eds. Jerry Fodor & Ernest LePore, in *Revista de Filosofie*, Romanian Academy, No. 3, 1995.

“Intrebarea fundamentala a metafizicii. O abordare contemporana: Robert Nozick” (The Fundamental Question of Metaphysics. A Contemporary Approach: Robert Nozick), in *Revista de Filosofie*, Romanian Academy, No. 2, 1997.

“Reflectii despre holism” (Reflections on Holism), in *Revista de Filosofie*, Romanian Academy, No.3, 1997.

“Genurile naturale si problema speciilor biologice” (Natural Kinds and the Problem of Biological Species), in *Revista de Filosofie*, Romanian Academy, No. 5, 1999.

“Niveluri de organizare si entitati complexe: genurile naturale si problema speciilor” (Levels of organization and complex entities: natural kinds and the species problem) in *Complexity. Logical, Ontological and Epistemological Issues*, Marcel Bodea (ed.), Casa Cartii de Stiinta, Cluj Napoca, Romania, 2000

“Identitatea personala” (Personal identity), in *Revista de filosofie*, Romanian Academy, No. 3, 2002.

“In cautarea unei moralitati universale: Kant si imperativul categoric” (Seaching for a Universal Morality: Kant and the Categorical Imperative) in *Revista de Filosofie*, Romanian Academy, No.5-6, 2007.

“Cum este sa fii minte?” (What Is It Like To Be A Mind?) in *Revista de Filosofie*, Romanian Academy, No. 5-6, 2007.

“Can We Speak of Virtual Natural Kinds?” in *Ontology Studies*, No. 8, 2008, San Sebastian, Spain.

“Holism si coevolutie” (Holism and Coevolution) in *Rationalitate si Evolutie. Explorari filosofice ale complexitatii (Rationality and Evolution. Philosophical Explorations into the Nature of Complexity)*, Vol. I, University of Bucharest Publishing House, Bucharest, Romania, 2009.

“Conceptul de specie” (The Concept of Species) in *Rationalitate si Evolutie. Explorari filosofice ale complexitatii (Rationality and Evolution. Philosophical Explorations into the Nature of Complexity)* Vol. II, University of Bucharest Publishing House, Bucharest, Romania, forthcoming.

“Holistic Constraints on the Idea of Coevolution”, *Dynamis*, Madrid, Spain, forthcoming.

*Editorials and contributions* in cultural magazines (Dilema Veche, Deci, Academia Catavencu, Dragonfire.com).

**Books:**

*Metafizica genurilor naturale (The Metaphysics of Natural Kinds)*, University of Bucharest Publishing House, Bucharest, Romania, 2007.

*Introducere in Managementul Cunoasterii (Introduction to Knowledge Management)*, University of Bucharest Publishing House, Bucharest, Romania, 2007, co-author.

*Rationalitate si Evolutie. Explorari filosofie ale complexitatii (Rationality and Evolution. Philosophical Explorations into the Nature of Complexity)*, Vol. I, University of Bucharest Publishing House, Bucharest, Romania, 2009, editor.

*Rationalitate si Evolutie. Explorari filosofie ale complexitatii (Rationality and Evolution. Philosophical Explorations into the Nature of Complexity)*, Vol. II, University of Bucharest Publishing House, Bucharest, Romania, forthcoming, editor.

### **Translations into Romanian:**

R. Hare, "Avortul si regula de aur" (Abortion and the Golden Rule), in A. Miroiu (ed.), *Etica aplicata (Applied Ethics)*, Alternative, Bucuresti, 1995.

Th. Nagel, "Moartea" (Death), in A. Miroiu (ed.), *Etica aplicata (Applied Ethics)*, Alternative, Bucuresti, 1995.

K.R. Popper, "Problema minte-trup" (The Mind-Body Problem), in A. Botez (ed.), *Filosofia mentalului, (Philosophy of Mind)* Editura Stiintifica, Bucuresti, 1996.

T. Crane, "Cauzalitatea mentala" (Mental Causation), in A. Botez (ed.), *Filosofia mentalului (The Philosophy of Mind)*, Editura Stiintifica, Bucuresti, 1996.

A. Smolar, "De la opozitie la atomizare" (From Opposition to Atomization), in *Secolul 20 (The Twentieth Century)*, 1997.

Roger Scruton, *Kant, Humanitas*, Bucuresti, 1998.

Stephane Lupasco, "Pentru o mutatie necesara in logica intelectului" (For a Necessary Mutation in the Logic of the Intellect); "Energetica sociologica" (Sociological Energetics); "Cunoasterea cunoasterii, sau creierul meu ca laborator" (The Knowledge of Knowledge or My Brain as a Laboratory); "Sistemologia si structurologia" (Sistemology and Structurology), in *Secolul 20 (The Twentieth Century)*, 1998.

P.K. McInerney, *Introducere în filosofie (Introduction to Philosophy)*, Editura Lider, Bucuresti, 1998, with M. Popa.

Peter Hall, *Orasele de mâine. O istorie intelectuala a urbanismului si designului (Cities of Tomorrow. An Intellectual History of Urbanism and Design in Twentieth Century)*, ALL, Bucuresti, 1999.

Simon Blackburn, *Dictionar de Filosofie (Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy)*, Univers Enciclopedic, Bucuresti, 1999, translation coordinator.

Nigel Warburton, *Filosofia. Notiuni Fundamentale (Philosophy. The Basics)*, Punct, Bucuresti, 2000.

George Berkeley, *Principiile cunoasterii omenesti (The Principles of Human Knowledge)*, Humanitas, 2004.

Daniel Goleman, *Emotiile distructive. Un dialog stiintific cu Dalai Lama (Destructive Emotions. A Scientific Dialogue with Dalai Lama)*, Curtea Veche, Bucuresti, 2005.

Frederick Copleston, *Istoria filosofiei. Volumul 7: Filosofia germana din secolele XVIII si XIX (A History of Philosophy, Volume 7: 18th and 19th Century German Philosophy)*, ALL, Bucuresti, 2008.

Tor Nørretranders, *Iluzia utilizatorului. Ce este cu adevarat constiinta (The User Illusion. The Truth about Consciousness)*, Publica, Bucharest, 2009.

**Hobbies:**

Photography [<http://www.shadowsandlights.com>]