

## **Seminar IRH-ICUB**

### **Consciousness and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Approach**

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**Prof. Valentin Muresan** (see more at <http://www.ccea.ro/echipa-3/membri/valentin-muresan/#sthash.RIZvodnZ.dpuf>) is a professor of moral philosophy at the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy. He specialises both in theoretical ethics and in applied ethics (the institutionalisation of ethics). He published and edited numerous works of moral philosophy on Platon, Aristotle, Kant, Mill, Hare etc. and also of applied ethics such as *The Ethics Management in Organisations*, 2009 and *Happiness, Duty and Ethical Decision*, 2010. Lately, Prof. Muresan elaborated numerous ethical decision and training instruments such as online self-training instruments, the two-level utilitarian method of ethical decision, the pluralist method of ethical decision, etc. He also adapted several other methods such as: the ethical matrix, the principlist method, the casuistic method, etc. He proposes a *modus operandi* of creating ethical codes on the basis of the principlist method and pleads for creating ethical codes on the basis of explicit moral principles. For the moral acceptability of specific public policies, he proposes a pluralist method that combines several tests and the Delphi method for ethics, all according to an original general formula.

### ***Consciousness and the Normative Ethics of R.M. Hare: The Two Levels of Moral Thought***

While referring not only to consciousness, but also to conscience, this lecture intends to convey to the audience the specific features of the normative theory of R.M. Hare. I will pay special attention to Hare's meta-ethical option ("the universal prescriptivism") and to its role in the foundation of his unifying programme ("a Kantian utilitarianism"). I will also present the ethical decision method that results from this theory ("the two levels of moral thought") and will also refer to the role of intuition in finalising the ethical evaluation of an action.