

Seminar IRH-ICUB

Consciousness and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Approach

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Drd. Nicoleta Ailinncai is a PhD student at the Department of Political Science of the University of Bucharest. She obtained her BA and MA in the same Department of Political Science and she has been concentrating on equal opportunities policies for the respect of human and civil rights for a few years already, during extensive research periods in Bucharest and Lyon. She is also currently employed in the Human Resources Department at the BRD Société Générale – European Business Centre in Bucharest.

Dr. Diana Stanciu has been the convenor of the research seminar and series of lectures *Consciousness and Cognition: An Interdisciplinary Approach* at the University of Bucharest) (<https://irhunibuc.wordpress.com/2016/04/05/new-seminar-consciousness-in-philosophy-and-neuroscience/>) since April 2016. She is a senior researcher working on extended cognition, sense of agency and free will in moral decision-making at the interface of philosophy and neuroscience.

Sense of Agency and Free Will when Human and Civil Rights are not Respected

After having discussed free will and sense of agency in philosophy and neuroscience, we will also concentrate on free will and sense of agency as related to diverse issues in social and political science. This time we will look at these while taking into account the situation of Romanian prisoners who are facing serious problems of reintegration after having served their sentences. Romania is already well known for the absence of suitable public policies towards the respect of human and civil rights in numerous areas such as violence within the family, street harassment or reintegration of prisoners after they have served their sentence. The issues to be discussed are numerous, among which legal, institutional and individual ones. Our main question during this meeting will be: How can we talk about free will and sense of agency towards reintegration when statistics show that 80% of those who served their sentence soon return to prison due to inadequate policies and lack of support in terms of opportunities to gain at least their basic subsistence?