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The main gate of the citadel



Orthodox cathedral



University of Alba Iulia, interior



# Religion & Politics

## Church-State Relationship: from Constantine the Great to post-Maastricht Europe

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12<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM  
On Science, Theology and Arts

- ALBA IULIA, 14 - 16, May 2013 -

On behalf of the „1 Decembrie 1918” University in Alba Iulia, the National School of Political and Administrative Studies in Bucharest, the Alba County Council, the State Secretariat for Religious Affairs, the Romanian Cultural Institute, L’Istituto di Studi Ecumenici „S. Bernardino” din Venezia, the University of Pitești and the ‘Petre Andrei’ University of Iași, the Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to participate at

The 12<sup>th</sup> *International Symposium on Science, Theology and Art* (ISSTA-2013)

## ‘Religion and Politics’

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### Argument:

In a world which seeks unity and cohesion through thought and meaning, in strategies and actions, we firmly believe that interdisciplinary research can bring added knowledge. This is the reason why the symposium intends to interrelate specialists in sciences, theology and art, so that their research can contribute to a better understanding of life and society, of humanity and its depths.

### General information:

Located in the heart of Transylvania, midway between Cluj-Napoca and Sibiu – two important cultural and economic centres of Transylvania – Alba Iulia has won the privilege of being “the soul capital of the Romanians”, place and seal of a historical moment consecrating the union of The Romanian Principalities - Moldavia, Wallachia and Transylvania – into a single state: Romania.

An ancient Roman town and the medieval capital of the Transylvanian Principality, Alba Iulia is also a historical centre of Romanian culture and spirituality that produced some of the first books printed in Romanian language (The New Testament - 1648) and which also hosts one of the most famous codices in the world – *Codex Aureus* (11<sup>th</sup> century), preserved along with others manuscripts and rare incunabula in the *Batthyaneum* Library.

Looking for places and facts to enrich their minds and souls, the tireless researchers will not refuse the pleasure to meet history at home in Alba Iulia. The whole city is an open air museum inviting you to a simultaneous excursion to a Roman fortress and a medieval burg, and the three fortifications, recently restored by the municipality, will provide lasting memories in a setting where nothing is missing in order to make one feel a witness of the past.

### Topics:

We come together to debate on:

- Political culture & Religious culture
- State-Religions relationship over the ages
- Church & Society
- Political Theology & the Moral of Politics
- State & Church in social work

### Call for papers:

We would like to request all those wishing to contribute to the conference to submit an abstract of their contribution before 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2013 (not over 300 words). The abstract may be submitted as an email attachment to the conference secretariat at: [secretariat@issta.ro](mailto:secretariat@issta.ro); [issta2013@uab.ro](mailto:issta2013@uab.ro). All submitted texts must be prepared in English (UK) as MS Word document, using font 12 Times New Roman, single spacing. In order to be presented at the conference, all selected works will be reviewed by the scientific committee, which will send an answer of acceptance until the 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2013.

- 1.) A *volume of works* presented at symposium will be published before its opening, as a supplement to the *Altarul Reîntregirii Journal*. The deadline for receipt of the full text manuscripts is **March the 15<sup>th</sup>**, 2013. Manuscript requirements and form of the symposium book can be downloaded from the *Altarul Reîntregirii Journal*’s website (<http://fto.ro/altarul-reintregirii>).
- 2.) A *special issue* of *European Journal of Science and Theology* (ISI – Thomson Reuters) containing the selected works will be published after the symposium closure. In order to prepare their works according to EJST norms, the authors will be contacted by the scientific committee and/or the editors during the second half of May.

### Registration fee

The registration fee is 100 Euro if the payment is made before 1<sup>st</sup> of April, or 200 Euro if the payment is made after

that date. The registration fee covers the conference documents, the conference volume, lunches & barbeque, reception and coffee breaks.

Payment can be made by bank transfer or at the conference registration desk.

On demand, the Organizing committee can offer scholarships in order to cover registration taxes, conference volume and meals.

Bank Transfer: *Universitatea “1 Decembrie 1918”, Alba Iulia*

- for EURO: BANCA COMERCIALA ROMANA (Alba Iulia): RO96 RNCB 0003037783550004, cod SWIFT RNCBROBUABO
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### Accommodation:

Accommodation for all interested participants will be arranged at special conference rates, which are expected to be up to 25 Euro/room/night (2-3\*) and up to 75 Euro/room/night (4-5\*). We also can provide accommodation up to 10 Euros in the double bed rooms in the University campus. Participants are free to arrange their own accommodation if they wish. The Organizers recommend: *Parc* Hotel, *Medieval* Hotel, *Cetate* Hotel

### Working language:

The *working language* of the Symposium is English, but we can provide *simultaneous translation* in Romanian, English, Italian, French and German.

### Dates to remember:

- 1<sup>st</sup> February – deadline for abstract submission
- 15<sup>th</sup> February – acceptance of proposals
- 15<sup>th</sup> March – deadline for full text manuscripts
- 1<sup>st</sup> April – 50% reduced registration fee last date
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – final program

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Among your many responsibilities and engagements, we hope you can find enough time to fit this scientific meeting into your agenda for May 2013. We trust this opportunity will offer you a unique cultural and spiritual experience in the recently restored citadel of Alba Iulia.

We are waiting for your reply, and where needed, an official invitation will be extended on the individual name of the participant.