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are pleased to invite you to the

**“INVESTIGATIONS INTO ROMANIAN AND EUROPEAN BIBLICAL TRADITIONS” INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Edition**  
**Iași, 11 – 13 June 2026**

The Symposium aims to encourage multi- and interdisciplinary debates on the issues raised by the publication, translation, interpretation, dissemination and reception of sacred texts into Romanian and other ancient and modern languages.

**Sections**

**1. Philological Challenges**

- Publication of the biblical texts. Textual criticism and palaeography. Sacred texts computerization and digitization.
- The biblical text as a reference point in the diachronic study of language. Lexicology and biblical semantics. Biblical phraseology. Biblical onomastics.
- Lesser known, partial translations of the Bible: books and book fragments kept in old manuscripts from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, and their textual relationship with popular Romanian versions.
- Stylistic interference and demarcation: biblical, liturgical and theological-sapiential varieties of clerical styles. The role of the Bucharest Bible (1688) in the creation of the Romanian clerical style in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**2. Translation Challenges**

- Typology of biblical translations. Literal and free translation. Translation theory and sacred texts.
- Unique source vs. multiple source. The “original texts” of the Bible – different textual traditions reflected in the Romanian translations.
- Relationships among successive biblical versions: the Sibiu Gospels (1551-1553) and the Coresi Gospels; the Coresi Gospels and Epistles and the Bălgrad New Testament (1648); the Bucharest Bible (1688) and the Blaj Bible (1795); the Blaj Bible and the Șaguna, Filotei editions and the 1914 Bible, the Cornilescu versions etc.
- Reference works for all time Bible translations: lexicons, dictionaries, concordances, critical editions, auxiliary versions, etc.

**3. Biblical Hermeneutics**

- Confessional and theological choices and conditioning (dogmatic, canonical, clerical, worship-related etc.). Theological censorship, political censorship.

- Patristic tradition — reference points and criteria for sacred texts' interpretation.
- The Bible and the literary clerical system: relationships and determinations between the sacred text and clerical hymnography, worship-related literature, iconography, exegetic and homiletic literature.

#### 4. Sacred Texts' Historical Reception

- Integration, dynamics and stylization of biblical quotations in Romanian and other literatures.
- Dissemination of Romanian Bible versions. Historical references and main Romanian biblical versions criticism (the Bucharest Bible, the Blaj Bible etc.). Textual relationships (borrowing, "corrections", adaptations etc.) between different biblical versions.
- Romanian culture and the Bible. Biblical motifs, symbols, structures and characters.
- Cultural interferences and mentalities impacting the reception of sacred texts: anthropological, sociological, political or philosophical aspects.

We also welcome other interpretations of the Conference theme.

The official languages of the Symposium will be Romanian, English and French. The organisers invite all interested participants to fill in the registration form and send it at [simpozionmld@gmail.com](mailto:simpozionmld@gmail.com). After a peer-review process, the selected papers will be published in *Reception of the Holy Scriptures: at the crossroads between philology, hermeneutics and translation studies* ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University Press, Iași), a CEEOL indexed journal.

The conference fee is 200 RON / 40 Euro (100 RON for AFHBR members). Payment information:

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#### Important dates:

**February 15th, 2026** – abstract submission

**February 27th, 2026** – notification of acceptance

**March 15th, 2026** – fee payment (200 RON / 40 EUR; for AFHBR members: 100 RON)

**June 11th – 13th, 2026** – conference days

**June 30th, 2026** – full paper submission for the proceedings of the conference

#### Information about previous editions of the symposium:

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