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Cuvânt
la deschiderea ceremoniei de acordare a titlului de
DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA SOCIALIUM SCIENTIARUM
al Universității de Vest din Timișoara
domnului **Prof. univ. dr. Rainer Banse**

Stimați membri ai comunității academice,

Stimați invitați,

Dragi studenți,

Onorat auditoriu,

Stimate Domnule Profesor Rainer Banse,

Lumea modernă ne oferă mii de oportunități în fiecare zi, oportunități pe care trebuie să învățăm să le valorificăm, dar ne și expune unor riscuri pe care trebuie să învățăm să le evităm sau măcar să le gestionăm efectele negative. Ritmul alert în care ne desfășurăm activitățile, stresul cotidian și presiunile societății moderne au crescut rolul psihologiei pentru fiecare dintre noi.

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, cea mai mare instituție de învățământ superior și cercetare din zona de vest a României dar și una dintre cele mai importante universități din România a înțeles că, prin educație, știință și cultură, poate contribui la o societate mai bună și poate asigura o dezvoltare sustenabilă a comunității din care face parte. Ca pilon important al zonei, UVT este recunoscută la nivel național, european și internațional pentru calitatea actului educațional, pentru rezultatele cercetării științifice dar și pentru implicarea în dezvoltarea socială a regiunii.

Universitățile au tot mai mult rolul de a contribui la democratizarea societății, la respectarea drepturilor omului și la crearea stabilității sociale, politice și economice prin dinamizarea relațiilor dintre actorii societății moderne. Zi de zi, UVT contribuie la strângerea legăturilor dintre societate și cercetători, dintre decidenții politici și analiști, dintre studenți și viitorii angajatori, dintre ONG-uri și voluntari. Educația contribuie la creșterea speranței de viață, la îmbunătățirea condițiilor de trai, la reducerea inegalității și sărăciei, la sustenabilitate ecologică, reducerea criminalității, democratizare dar și la o stabilitate economică și politică crescută.

Preocupările profesionale ale laureatului de astăzi, domnul profesor Rainer Banse, în ceea ce privește diverse aspecte ale psihologiei sociale, cum ar fi prejudecățile, stereotipurile și calitatea relațiilor, până la diagnosticarea constructelor relevante din punct de vedere judiciar, cum ar fi agresivitatea și identitatea infracțională, ne arată că specialiștii conștientizează importanța crescută a cercetării psihologice în lumea modernă.

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara promovează ideea că studenții săi trebuie să beneficieze de modele adevărate, provenite din diverse zone de activitate. Astăzi, ne simțim onorați să avem în mijlocul nostru pe Domnul Prof. univ. dr. Rainer Banse, profesor de psihologie socială și juridică la Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn (Germania). Cu o carieră de peste 30 de ani dedicată științei, la catedră și în cercetare, Domnul Profesor a format generații de psihologi și a dezvoltat instrumente psihologice care au devenit referențiale la nivel internațional, au contribuit la realizarea a numeroase studii și au sprijinit activitatea practicienilor din domeniu.

Activitatea d-lui profesor Rainer Banse și-a găsit ecoul și în activitatea colegilor din cadrul Facultății de Sociologie și Psihologie din cadrul UVT și a colaboratorilor practicieni ai Departamentului de Psihologie, conducând spre cercetări relevante și rezultate recunoscute la nivel internațional în domeniul psihologiei judiciare, dar și spre consacrarea programului postuniversitar de *Psihologie Judiciară - Evaluaare și Intervenție* la Departamentul de Psihologie al Universității de Vest din Timișoara, care urmează să se dezvolte într-un program de masterat în acest domeniu.

Prin toate colaborările pe care le-ați stabilit în cadrul Universității de Vest din Timișoara și prin aporturile semnificative avute în dezvoltarea acestui program masteral, considerăm că ați contribuit semnificativ la formarea de noi specialiști și la promovarea lor internațională. Toate aceste elemente conturează profilul laureatului de astăzi și sprijinul pe care UVT îl regăsește în Domnia Sa, în promovarea unor valori corecte în fața generațiilor tinere și ne îndreptățesc să îi oferim cea mai înaltă distincție onorifică a universității noastre, titlul de Doctor Honoris Causa Socialium Scientiarum, acesta reprezentând modalitatea prin care Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, recunoaște public și pe deplin meritele deosebite ale domnului profesor Banse, în întreaga sa carieră.

Stimate Domnule Rainer Banse,

Prin acordarea titlului de **Doctor Honoris Causa Socialium Scientiarum**, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara vă mulțumește pentru toate eforturile depuse în dezvoltarea unei lumi mai bune și mai sănătoase. Suntem onorați de prezența Domniei Voastre la Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara și de intrarea în rândurile comunității noastre academice.

Vă dorim să aveți parte de sănătate, putere de muncă și pasiune în activitatea pe care o depuneți și să vă bucurați mereu de succes în proiectele pe care le întreprindeți.

Prof. univ. dr. Marilen-Gabriel Pirtea

Rectorul Universității de Vest din Timișoara

Opening Address
for the ceremony of awarding the title of
DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA SOCIALIUM SCIENTIARUM
of the West University of Timișoara
to **Mr. Rainer BANSE**

*Esteemed members of the academic community of the West University of Timișoara,
Distinguished guests,
Dear colleagues and students,
Honoured participants,
Esteemed Mr. Rainer Banse,*

The modern world offers us thousands of opportunities daily, opportunities that we have to learn to take advantage of, but that also expose us to risks that we have to learn to avoid or at least to manage their negative effects. The fast rhythm of our daily activities, our everyday stress and the strains of modern society has made psychology very important for each of us.

The West University of Timișoara, the largest institution of higher education and research in the western part of Romania, but also one of the most important universities in Romania, understood that, through education, science and culture, it can contribute to a better society and can ensure a sustainable development of the community of which it is a part. As an important pillar of the area, UVT is recognized at national, European and international level for the quality of the educational act, for the results of scientific research but also for its involvement in the social development of the region.

Universities have more and more the role of contributing to the democratization of society, to following human rights and to the creation of social, political and economic stability by dynamizing the relations between the actors of modern society. Day by day, WUT contributes to closer ties between society and researchers, between political decision-makers and analysts, between students and future employers, between NGOs and volunteers. Education contributes to increasing life expectancy, improving living conditions, reducing inequality and poverty, ecological sustainability, reducing crime, democratization, but also to increasing economic and political stability.

The professional concerns of today's laureate, Professor Rainer Banse, in various aspects of social psychology, such as prejudice, stereotypes and the quality of relationships, to the diagnosis of judicially relevant constructs such as aggression and criminal identity, shows us that specialists are aware of the increased importance of psychological research in the modern world.

The West University of Timișoara promotes the idea that its students must benefit from real models, from various areas of activity. Today, we feel honored to have in our midst dr. Rainer Banse, professor of social and legal psychology at Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn (Germany). With a career of more than 30 years dedicated to science, in the department and in research, professor Banse trained generations of psychologists and developed psychological tools that became referential at the international level, contributed to the realization of numerous studies and supported the work of practitioners in field.

The activity of Professor Rainer Banse also found its echo in the activity of colleagues at the Faculty of Sociology and Psychology at WUT and of practitioners in the Department of Psychology, leading to relevant research and internationally recognized results in the field of forensic psychology, as well as to the consecration of the postgraduate program in Forensic Psychology - Evaluation and Intervention at the Department of Psychology of the West University of Timișoara, which is to develop into a master's program in this field.

Through all the collaborations you have established within the Western University of Timișoara and through the significant contributions made in the development of this master's program, we believe that you have contributed significantly to the training of new specialists and to their promotion at international level. All these elements outline the profile of today's laureate and the support that WUT finds in yourself, in promoting correct values to the younger generations, and entitle us to offer him the highest honorary distinction of our university, the title of Doctor Honoris Causa Socialium Scientiarum, this representing the way in which the Western University of Timișoara publicly and fully recognizes the special merits of Professor Banse, throughout his career.

Dear Mr. Rainer Banse,

By awarding the title of Doctor Honoris Causa Socialium Scientiarum, the West University of Timișoara thanks you for all your efforts in developing a better and healthier world. We are honored by your presence at the West University of Timișoara and by your joining our academic community.

We wish you good health, strength and passion in the work you do, may you always enjoy success in the projects you undertake.

Univ. Prof. Dr. Marilen-Gabriel Pirtea

Rector of the West University of Timișoara

LAUDATIO
în onoarea
domnului Prof. univ. dr. Rainer BANSE
cu ocazia acordării titlului de
DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA SOCIALIUM SCIENTIARUM

Stimate Domnule Rector,
Stimate Domnule Președinte al Senatului,
Stimați membri ai Senatului,
Onorați invitați,
Dragi colegi,
Dragi studenți,
Doamnelor și domnilor,

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara a fost întotdeauna un spațiu multicultural orientat spre valorile cunoașterii, ale actualității științifice și dezvoltării, integrând realizările individuale în dinamica fluxurilor științifice actuale. În ultimele decade, la fel ca alte instituții educaționale din România, Universitatea de Vest s-a angajat într-un demers de aderare și integrare a valorilor și normelor Europene legat de fluxul didactic și științific prin adoptarea viziunii europene în conturarea identității celor care o reprezintă în mediul educațional, științific și social. Colaborările inter-instituționale cu universități din Europa au adus împreună echipe interdisciplinare în care formatori seniori cu experiență și activitate recunoscută internațional au împărtășit expertiza și cunoașterea lor și au contribuit la integrarea și adaptarea viziunii locale la cadrul mai larg al culturii științifice și educaționale europene.

Deși un centru universitar relativ tânăr din punct de vedere istoric, Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara are o tradiție bogată în a onora personalități din mediul academic european, dedicate unor astfel de activități. În mediul academic, astfel de personalități cu dăruire și implicare au contribuit la conturarea unor rezultate semnificative formând și modelând echipe de specialiști pentru a performa în mediul didactic și de cercetare. Un astfel de formator este domnul profesor dr. Rainer BANSE, directorul Departamentului de Psihologie Socială și Legală de la Universitatea din Bonn, Germania.

Domnul Profesor Dr. Rainer BANSE este profesor de psihologie socială și juridică la Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, în prezent șef de catedră al Departamentului de Psihologie, membru al Grupului de consiliere și acreditare pentru servicii corecționale din cadrul Serviciului național de gestionare a infractorilor, Ministerul Justiției, Regatul Unit. A inițiat și este director al unui program de masterat în Psihologie juridică la Departamentul de Psihologie al Universității din Bonn, un program de predare și formare practică care se desfășoară de zece ani și care a avut până în prezent 70 de studenți și peste 120 de absolvenți.

În traiectul formării profesionale, Domnul Profesor Dr. Rainer BANSE a studiat Psihologia la Universitatea din Giessen (Germania), și-a luat doctoratul la Universitatea din Geneva (Elveția) în 1995 și abilitarea sa la Universitatea Humboldt din Berlin în 2001. A fost lector principal la Universitatea din York (Marea Britanie) din 2003 până în 2007. Începând cu anul 2007 a obținut postul de profesor de psihologie socială și juridică la Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn (Germania) unde se află și în prezent fiind și directorul departamentului.

Interesele de cercetare ale domnului profesor s-au axat pe dezvoltarea și validarea metodelor de măsurare implicită în diverse domenii de aplicare, de la aspecte ale psihologiei sociale, cum ar fi prejudecățile, stereotipurile și calitatea relațiilor, până la diagnosticarea constructelor relevante din punct de vedere judiciar, cum ar fi agresivitatea și identitatea infracțională.

În acest sens, a desfășurat o activitate de cercetare susținută, a dezvoltat și validat teste psihometrice bazate pe măsuri implicite și explicite, cum ar fi Profilul de interes sexual explicit și implicit pentru interes pedofilic sau aplicația FamDiag-Application, bazată pe tabletă, pentru evaluarea situației familiale din perspectiva copiilor cu vârste cuprinse între 5 și 14 ani în contextul judiciar al instanțelor de familie. Testele psihologice dezvoltate de domnul profesor fac parte din standardele de referință în domeniu, demonstrând aplicabilitatea și importanța combinării măsurilor indirecte și directe și a tehnologiei inovatoare în diagnosticul psihologic. Alte domenii de cercetare în care domnia sa a excelat sunt psihologia relațiilor, cogniția socială în relație cu parteneriatul și sexualitatea, precum și psihologia traficului. În domeniul psihologiei juridice, activitatea sa se concentrează pe psihologia mărturiei, pe calitatea expertizei și pe diagnosticul și etiologia pedofiliei. Printre proiectele mai recente se numără validarea instrumentelor și procedurilor în cazurile de litigii juridice familiale legate de conflictul de loialitate față de copii. În cadrul acestor proiecte, au fost validate instrumente de evaluare de către echipa românească în colaborare cu profesorul Rainer Banse, și anume Static99R, cel mai utilizat instrument la nivel internațional pentru evaluarea actuarială a riscului de recidivă al infractorilor sexuali. Alte instrumente, cum ar fi o versiune a EISIP care poate fi utilizată pentru infractorii cu dizabilități de învățare, sunt în curs de validare.

Remarcabila activitate profesională a domnului profesor se regăsește pe mai multe paliere. Domnul Profesor Dr. Rainer BANSE este un autor și coautor prolific a peste 120 de publicații, inclusiv cărți, capitole de carte la edituri prestigioase precum Springer, Hogrefe, Oxford University Press sau Palgrave-Macmillan și articole în reviste internaționale de prestigiu precum Journal of

Personality and Social Psychology, Emotion, Cognition and Emotion, Developmental Science, Psychological Bulletin, Law and Human Behavior sau Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology.

Având un profil amplu, domnul profesor a fost coeditor pentru "European Psychologist" și "British Journal of Social Psychology" și a fost editor consultant pentru "European Journal of Personality" și "Psychological Science". A revizuit sute de articole pentru aproximativ 50 de reviste științifice internaționale, într-o gamă largă de subiecte, și numeroase propuneri de cercetare pentru aproximativ 10 agenții naționale de finanțare. De asemenea, se remarcă în mod deosebit serviciul său de consultant pentru Ministerul Justiției din Anglia. Aceste activități îi evidențiază reputația internațională ca expert interdisciplinar.

La nivel de publicații activitatea domnului prof. univ. dr. Rainer Banse este impresionantă, acesta având un număr de peste 1300 de citări și un indice Hirsh de 23 pe Web of Science și peste 13000 de citări și un indice Hirsh de 46 în Google Scholar.

Din 2013, Prof. Dr. Rainer BANSE a condus 17 disertații și un program de Masterat în Psihologie Juridică la Universitatea din Bonn. Cu această experiență și expertiză, domnul Profesor Dr. Rainer BANSE a sprijinit dezvoltarea programului postuniversitar de *Psihologie Judiciară - Evaluare și Intervenție* la Departamentul de Psihologie al Universității de Vest din Timișoara, care urmează să se dezvolte într-un program de masterat în acest domeniu. În timpul vizitelor sale de lucru, dl. profesor Rainer BANSE a organizat ateliere de lucru pe teme de actualitate pentru membrii Departamentului de Psihologie al Universității de Vest, cum ar fi *Criza replicării în psihologie și știința deschisă*, pe tema măsurătorilor fundamentate empiric. Domnul Profesor a predat cursuri pe tema publicării în reviste internaționale pentru un număr mare de membri ai universității în cadrul unui proiect european. De asemenea, a participat la întâlniri cu specialiști practicieni în domeniul psihologiei judiciare, colaboratori ai Departamentului de Psihologie, pentru a discuta și a oferi sprijin în nevoile din practică. În acest fel a început parteneriatul de cercetare pentru programul Evaluarea infractorilor sexuali prin măsuri implicite și explicite. În paralel, membri ai Departamentului de Psihologie din UVT au efectuat alte vizite de formare la Institutul de Psihologie din Bonn, unde au participat la activitățile din cadrul Institutului și au primit consiliere din partea domnului profesor Dr. Rainer BANSE pentru proiectele lor individuale de cercetare științifică.

Profesionist de excepție, înzestrat cu o creativitate excepțională, dedicat cu pasiune științei, domnul Rainer BANSE este, înainte de toate, un om o înaltă ținută caracterială. Echilibrul și obiectivitatea în demersurile sale, generozitatea față de ceilalți, modestia, umorul fin, gândirea direcționată critică și deschiderea sa către idei noi sunt doar câteva dintre calitățile care îl fac inconfundabil. Veți rămâne în mințile și inimile noastre, domnule profesor Banse, pentru noblețea gestului dumneavoastră de a pune un pilon pentru Psihologia judiciară din România. Concluzionând, putem afirma că pentru noi, domnul profesor rămâne un model de excelență umană și profesională.

Onorat auditoriu

Domnul Profesor univ. dr. Rainer BANSE este unul dintre cei mai apreciați specialiști europeni în domeniul Psihologiei judiciare și legale și al Psihologiei sociale și a personalității. Domnia sa s-a implicat activ în dezvoltarea Psihologiei judiciare și legale în România, sprijinind în principal dezvoltarea didactică și a cercetării din Departamentul de Psihologie, ramura de Psihologie judiciară și legală unde a luat deja naștere și s-au materializat o direcție clară de cercetare și un program didactic de resort adaptat valorilor europene.

Acordarea titlului de Doctor Honoris Causa domnului profesor Rainer BANSE este, dincolo de recunoașterea contribuțiilor domniei sale și un prilej de a sărbători pașii realizați de Departamentul de Psihologie pe drumul internaționalizării și ralierei la noriele și valorile Europene. Ne onorează și încurajează spre excelență științifică în egală măsură prezența distinsului domn profesor ca membru al comunității noastre academice.

Bun venit domnule Profesor dr. Rainer BANSE!

COMISIA DE EVALUARE ȘI DE ELABORARE A LAUDATIO

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LAUDATIO
in honour of
Ms Rainer BANSE
on the occasion of conferring on him the title of
DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA SOCIALIUM SCIENTIARUM
of the West University of Timișoara

The West University of Timisoara has always been a multicultural space oriented towards the values of knowledge, scientific actuality and development, integrating individual achievements in the dynamics of current scientific flows. In recent decades, like other educational institutions in Romania, the West University has engaged in a process of accession and integration of European values and standards related to the flow of teaching and science by adopting the European vision in shaping the identity of those who represent it in the educational, scientific and social environment. Inter-institutional collaborations with universities in Europe have brought together interdisciplinary teams in which senior trainers with internationally recognised experience and activity have shared their expertise and knowledge and contributed to the integration and adaptation of the local vision to the wider framework of European scientific and educational culture.

Although a relatively young university historically, the West University of Timisoara has a rich tradition of honouring European academic personalities dedicated to such activities. In the academic environment, such personalities with dedication and commitment have contributed to achieving significant results by forming and shaping teams of specialists to perform in the teaching and research environment. One such trainer is Professor Dr. Rainer BANSE, Head of the Department of Social and Legal Psychology at the University of Bonn, Germany.

Professor Dr Rainer BANSE is Professor of Social and Legal Psychology at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, currently Head of the Department of the Department of Psychology, Member of the Advisory and Accreditation Panel for Corrective Services at the National Offender Management Service, Ministry of Justice, UK. He initiated and is Director of a Postgraduate Master's Programme in Legal Psychology at the Department of Psychology, University of Bonn, a teaching and practice training programme which is now running for ten years and has up to now more than 70 students and 120 graduates.

In the course of his professional training, Professor Dr. Rainer BANSE studied Psychology at the University of Giessen (Germany), received his PhD at the University of Geneva (Switzerland) in 1995 and his habilitation at the Humboldt University Berlin in 2001. He was Senior Lecturer at the University of York (UK) from 2003 to 2007 and since then he is Professor of Social and Legal Psychology at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn (Germany) where he is currently Head of Department.

His research interests have focused on the development and validation of implicit measurement methods in various application domains ranging from aspects of social psychology, such as prejudice, stereotypes and relationship quality to the diagnosis of forensically relevant constructs such as aggressiveness and criminal identity.

In this respect, he has been engaged in a sustained research activity, developed and validated psychometric tests based on implicit and explicit measures such as the Explicit and Implicit Sexual Interest Profile for Paedophilic Interest or the tablet-based FamDiag-Application for assessing the family situation from the perspective of children from 5 to 14 in the judicial context of family courts. The psychological tests developed by the professor belong to the benchmarks in the field, demonstrating the applicability and importance of combining indirect and direct measures and innovative technology in psychological diagnosis. Other areas of research in which he has excelled are relationship psychology, social cognition in relation to partnership and sexuality, and traffic psychology. In legal psychology, his work focuses on the psychology of testimony, the quality of expert opinion, and the diagnosis and aetiology of paedophilia. More recent projects include the validation of tools and procedures in cases of family legal disputes related to child loyalty conflict. Within these projects, assessment tools have been validated by the Romanian team in collaboration with Professor Rainer Banse, namely the Static99R, the most widely internationally used tool for the actuarial assessment of the recidivism risk of sexual offenders. Other tools, like a version of the EISIP that can be used for learning disabled offenders are currently being validated.

The Professor's outstanding professional work can be found on several levels. Prof. Dr. Rainer BANSE is a prolific author and co-author of more than 120 publications, including books, book chapters in prestigious publishers such as Springer, Hogrefe, Oxford University Press or Palgrave-Macmillan and articles in prestigious international journals such as Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Emotion, Cognition and Emotion, Developmental Science, Psychological Bulletin, Law and Human Behavior or the Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology.

Professor Banse has a broad scientific profile. He has served as Co-editor for the European Psychologist, the British Journal of Social Psychology; he was consulting editor for the European Journal of Personality, and Psychological Science. He has reviewed hundreds of articles for about 50 different international scientific journals across a wide range of psychological sub-disciplines, and he has reviewed numerous research proposals for about 10 national funding agencies in eight countries. Also of particular note is his service as a consultant to the Ministry of Justice in England. These activities highlight his international reputation as an interdisciplinary expert.

At the level of publications Prof. Rainer Banse's work is impressive, with over 1300 citations and a Hirsh index of 23 on the Web of Science and over 13000 citations and a Hirsh index of 46 in Google Scholar.

Since 2013, Prof. Dr. Rainer BANSE has been directing 17 dissertations and a postgraduate Master's program in Legal Psychology at the University of Bonn. With this experience and expertise Prof. Dr. Rainer Banse has supported the development of the postgraduate programme in Forensic Psychology - Evaluation and Intervention at the Department of Psychology, West

University of Timișoara, which should be developed into a Master programme in this field. During his working visits, Professor Rainer held workshops on topical issues for the members of the Psychology Department of the Western University, such as on the replication crisis in psychology and open science and on the issue of empirically founded measurement. He has taught on the issue of publishing in international journals for a large number of faculty members in the framework of an European Project. He also participated in meetings with practicing specialists in the field of Forensic Psychology, collaborators of the Department of Psychology, to discuss and provide support in the needs in practice. In this way the research partnership for the programme Assessment of Sex Offenders through implicit and explicit measures started. In parallel, members of the WUT's Psychology Department made further training visits to the Institute of Psychology in Bonn where they attended activities at the Institute and received advice from Professor Dr. Rainer BANSE for their individual scientific research projects.

An outstanding professional, endowed with exceptional creativity, passionately dedicated to science, Mr Rainer BANSE is above all a man of high character. The balance and objectivity in his approach, generosity towards others, modesty, fine humour, directed, critical thinking and his openness to new ideas are just some of the qualities that make him inimitable. You will remain in our minds and hearts, Professor Banse, for the nobility of your gesture of set a pillar for to the Forensic Psychology in Romania. In conclusion, we can say that for us, Professor Rainer Banse remains a model of human and professional excellence.

Honoured audience

Professor Rainer BANSE is one of the most highly regarded European specialists in the field of forensic and legal psychology and social and personality psychology. He has been actively involved in the development of Forensic and Legal Psychology in Romania, mainly supporting the development of teaching and research in the Department of Psychology, the branch of Forensic and Legal Psychology, where a clear research direction and a teaching programme adapted to European values have already emerged and materialised.

The awarding of the title of Doctor Honoris Causa to Professor Rainer BANSE is not only a recognition of his contributions but also an opportunity to celebrate the steps taken by the Department of Psychology on the road to internationalisation and alignment with European norms and values. We are equally honoured and encouraged to become better scientists by the presence of the distinguished Professor as a member of our academic community.

Welcome Professor Dr. Rainer BANSE!

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH
of Mr. RAINER BANSE
on the occasion of the awarding of the honorary title of
DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA SOCIALIUM SCIENTIARUM
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I am deeply honored to receive this recognition from the University of West Timisoara and the Department of Psychology. I am also deeply grateful for this recognition and humbled to be included among the impressive list of distinguished scientists and eminent personalities who have received this title before me.

One of my academic mentors once said that receiving a major academic award is a subtle hint to the laureate that their career is slowly coming to an end and that it is a gentle invitation to leave the floor to young and eager scientists. Receiving this great honor and listening to the enumeration of my academic work and research achievements is an excellent occasion for me to take a step back and reflect on the lessons I have learned along the way. More importantly, I ask myself whether these lessons are worth sharing with young researchers to help them pave their own career paths.

Regarding his own achievement, Newton wrote in 1675 in a letter, "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants." While I would never compare myself to Sir Isaac Newton, I can say that if I have seen further at all, it is definitely because I stood on the shoulders of giants. I have had the good fortune and privilege of being taught and mentored by Klaus R. Scherer and Jens B. Asendorpf, both of whom are excellent researchers, prolific authors, and ahead of their time. Their way of doing research aimed at producing not only interesting but also robust and replicable results, avoiding many of the pitfalls that have contributed to the replication crisis in psychology and undermined trust in science.

Klaus R. Scherer was the advisor of my doctoral thesis at the University of Geneva, and in German, we refer to our doctoral advisors as "doctor fathers," which is a very fitting expression. Doctor fathers have a lasting influence on their Ph.D. students, and Klaus taught his doctoral students to look for "hard data" in their research projects whenever possible. In his lab, I learned to use various measures and behavior modalities, including video recordings, response time measures, digital speech analysis, peripheral physiology, archival data, and third-person observations to track specific behaviors of research participants as objectively as possible. The use of different measures and behavior modalities not only enhances the objectivity of assessments, but also allows for the examination of the convergence or dissociation of different behavior modalities. Dissociations between measures can lead to interesting new research questions, while convergence indicates that one can trust the results. Moreover, when convergence occurs, aggregating across measures can further improve the robustness and reliability of results.

As a postdoc, I became a personality psychologist at Humboldt University in Berlin and worked on my habilitation under the supervision of Jens Asendorpf. This change of discipline involved moving from mainly experimental work in emotion psychology to mainly correlational designs and differential questions in personality psychology. To my surprise, all the methodological knowledge that I had accumulated to do good experimental research now turned out to be counterproductive in doing good correlational research. For example, to examine experimental treatment effects, you need to randomize or counterbalance all methodological features; however, to examine individual differences or person effects, you need to keep all methodological features constant. But most importantly, whereas moderate sample sizes are okay in experimental research, you absolutely need large samples in correlational research. Among the many important things Jens Asendorpf taught me was this: only conduct a correlational study if you have the means of recruiting a large sample. If you don't have the means, just don't do it because it is a waste of time and energy to run underpowered studies.

Long before the replication crises in psychology occurred, my academic mentors taught me to run multi-method studies, use internal and external replication of results, and conduct studies with adequate statistical power. Even if it may seem tempting to run a larger number of smaller studies in order to produce more publications, it is wise to resist this temptation and bet on fewer but more robust and replicable studies. I strongly suggest that young researchers adopt this more sustainable research strategy because only this will produce proper science, and at least in the long run, this will be recognized and rewarded by journal editors and academic hiring committees. To emphasize your commitment to robust and replicable research, I also strongly suggest using the other tools of open science, namely preregistration, open data, and open materials.

When looking at my publication list, it becomes obvious that empirical psychology is a team sport. Among all my publications, only about 10 are single authored, and only two of these are empirical studies. The overwhelming majority of publications is the product of a team effort. Starting with publications I did with my supervisors and senior colleagues, followed by work done with many different peer researchers, and finally, publications with my students, interns, PhD students, collaborators, and former collaborators. I am very grateful for the inspiring cooperation with all these talented, skillful, creative, competent, and often brilliant people I have had the privilege to work with. I wouldn't have had a substantial scientific output without these people. Not only have I learned a lot from them, not only have we solved many puzzles and achieved quite a bit, but we also had a really good time together. I am very pleased that in the 35 years of my career, I have had and still have a good relationship with all of my co-authors, and many of them have become dear friends.

When looking at this publication list, another point comes to mind: of all these articles, which ones will be remembered, cited, or even used in the future, say in 20 years? The great Lee Cronbach was once asked to comment on the reception of four of his articles in the *Psychological Bulletin*, which each had been cited several thousand times. When he looked up the nature of these citations,

the result was quite sobering. Cronbach (1992) found that articles citing his famous article on measuring change (Cronbach & Furby, 1970) could be divided into four roughly equal categories: those that totally misunderstood the point of the article, those that did not make any use of the content of the article, those that cited the article because they used a formula mentioned against the advice of the article, and finally, those who really followed the recommendations made in the article. This boils down to a success rate of roughly 25%. When I looked up scientific articles citing my work, I came to very similar conclusions, if not worse. Apparently, we have to be cautious if we try to measure scientific impact by the number of citations. The golden calf of current science and politics seems to be a quite relative entity.

This may be different for my most cited paper, though. According to the Web of Science, the article "Acoustic profiles of emotion" by Banse and Scherer (1996) has been cited more than 1400 times; according to Google Scholar, more than 2800 times. It is a very technical report containing very large tables with a lot of acoustic parameters of voice samples for 14 different emotions that were produced by actors. The article is a kind of benchmark because since 1996, nobody else has reported as many acoustic parameters for such a large number of emotions. The article is cited by researchers in acoustics or engineering who work on computerized emotion recognition in speech or in speech synthesis trying to express emotions. The composer Maurice Ravel reportedly once said that his masterpiece, the Bolero, unfortunately does not contain music. My masterpiece unfortunately does not contain psychology. But I suppose this work is still very useful. If, for example, computer programs ensure that people in a telephone queue get through more quickly if they are very angry, our study has contributed to the software recognizing that they are very angry.

Finally, I would like to say some words about my relationship with the West University of Timisoara. However, my first contact with Romanian psychology dates back to the time of my undergraduate studies. I was in my second year at the University of Giessen when I had classes with Prof. Dr. Vladimir Gheorghiu. He was a brilliant and fascinating professor, an excellent teacher, very kind and approachable. He was a creative and productive researcher, and he had a mission: he advocated the importance of the constructs of suggestion and suggestibility, not only in the context of hypnosis but as a very general psychosocial phenomenon important for many areas of psychology. In 1987 he organized a highly important international conference on suggestion and suggestibility that was later published as an APA book. He managed to attract a lot of famous psychologists to attend: among them Hans Jürgen Eysenck, Robert Rosenthal, Gisli Gudjonsson, Elisabeth Loftus, William McGuire, and some young researchers who became famous later, like Klaus Fiedler and Mazarin Banaji.

At the time, I didn't know all of this. I just loved paying him a visit and discussing every strange idea I was currently pursuing. I did so during my studies and also in the following years when I was in Giessen. We never talked about private matters, so I only found out much later why he was in Germany at all. Vladimir Gheorghiu was born in Berlin in 1926. In 1936, he had to leave Nazi Germany and moved to Constanta. He studied psychology in Bucharest and became a member of

the Romanian Academy of Sciences. As you all know, in 1977, the situation for psychology became dreadful under the Ceaușescu regime. Gheorghiu was no longer granted permission to leave the country. In 1982, the Psychological Institute in Bucharest was closed. The scientists were banned from working and publishing, their titles were revoked, they were separated from their families, and given jobs in "production." Gheorghiu was forced to work in a large laundry. After asking for permission to leave the country, he was punished instead and his Romanian citizenship was revoked. Only after an intervention by the scientists Hilgard from Stanford and Wikström from Stockholm, who wrote letters to Ceaușescu, was he finally allowed to leave the country. He arrived at the University of Giessen in 1983 as a stateless visiting professor, where I attended his classes.

It is only a psychodynamic assumption, but a plausible one, that my deep admiration and sympathy for Prof. Vladimir Gheorghiu unconsciously laid the foundation for my continuous pleasure in working with the scholars of the West University of Timisoara. This cooperation began in 2012 and has increased in pace ever since.

In 2012, Prof. Florin Alin Sava organized an exciting expert symposium on evaluative conditioning in Timisoara, to which I had the honor of being invited. In 2015, I was invited again to teach the course "International Visibility of Research Products - ISI Journals" as part of a large European project managed by Prof. Marian Ilie from the Department of Teacher Training. This project was very impressive. I taught only in one module in which 120 faculty members from the West University and other Universities took part. I would like to thank Prof. Ilie and Dr. Darius Borovic for all the support they provided during this project. A year later, in 2016, I attended the European Conference on Personality, again organized by Prof. Florin Sava.

In the following years, the collaboration focused on the topic of forensic psychology, and I worked closely with Dr. Roxana Toma. I came almost every year to give departmental talks and also to teach in the certificate course on forensic psychology directed by Dr. Toma. I am very grateful to the dean of the faculty Prof. Irina Macsinga and the head of department Prof. Delia Vîrgă, who continuously and generously supported all my teaching visits and also the development of the postgraduate training and research in forensic psychology.

For example, in 2018, Prof. Macsinga and Prof. Vîrgă supported my master's student in forensic psychology Silvia Kube, who spent a whole year as an intern of Dr. Toma, learned Romanian, and started a large forensic research project on the prognostic validity of the Static99, an actuarial measure of criminal prognosis. This work was published in the top international forensic journal *Criminal Justice and Behavior* in 2022, with Roxana Toma as the first author. Also this year, Silvia Kube could spend two months in Timisoara to teach in the postgraduate forensic course and to prepare a publication in Romanian.

In Germany, forensic psychology is a relatively small discipline. Out of approximately 60 psychology departments at state universities, only about 10% offer forensic modules in their Bachelor's and Master's Psychology programs. My work group and I are dedicated to promoting the development of forensic psychology in Germany, both in research and at a more political level. However, given the challenging history of psychology in Romania, I believe there is even more work to be done to establish a theoretically and empirically sound foundation for forensic psychology here.

There is a famous saying attributed to Fyodor Dostoyevsky that goes, "The degree of civilization in a society can be judged by entering its prisons." Although this exact sentence cannot be found in Dostoyevsky's works, its message rings true nonetheless. Criminal offenders are considered outsiders, with no powerful advocates, and the criminal justice system is often the last to receive resources when they are scarce. By establishing a theoretically and empirically sound diagnostic, management, and treatment of criminal offenders, we can reduce recidivism rates and protect society from victimization. Additionally, in the realm of family courts, training forensic psychological experts can improve procedures and help families in distress to overcome crises and return to normalcy.

As such, supporting researchers like Dr. Roxana Toma establishing a competence center for forensic and criminal psychology at the West University of Timisoara will be a rewarding and worthwhile task in the future.

Once again, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the University and to the Department of Psychology for bestowing upon me the title of Doctor Honoris Causa. I will continue to strive to prove myself worthy of this honor.

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