



Ceremony for awarding the

Doctor Honoris Causa

distinction to Her Excellency

Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, Ph. D.,

Columbia University, New York City.

Motivation

The Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca has awarded the Doctor Honoris Causa distinction to Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, for her outstanding contribution to the development of literary theory and criticism, with an innovative approach to postcolonial studies and the place of women in literature, thus influencing intellectual production on a global scale. Moreover, she received this title for her sustained belief in the value and role of the humanities in the contemporary world and the resolute commitment to the educational empowerment of women with disadvantaged backgrounds.

The ceremony took place on June 23, 2022. Professor Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak's lecture, entitled "Humanities for peace", focused on the study of the literary sphere. She presented her research field by analysing a poem appearing in the textbooks on Indian schools, while expanding upon her own view of the concept of the "subaltern" in relationship with the "elite". In addition, Professor Spivak discussed the importance of teaching humanities in universities and the development of the scholar system across the whole world.