



Ceremony for awarding the

Doctor Honoris Causa

distinction to His Excellency

Professor Paolo Odorico, Ph. D.,

Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris.

Motivation

The Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca has awarded the Doctor Honoris Causa distinction to Professor Paolo Odorico, at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, for his remarkable contributions to Byzantine studies and his analyses of the social mechanisms that led to producing and disseminating many Byzantine texts. In these approaches, he underlined the importance of anthropology in researching and interpreting Byzantine literature. His field of research extends into neo-Hellenic and Balkan studies, which he has promoted in the European academic environment.

The awarding ceremony took place on January 28, 2020, during which Professor Paolo Odorico held an extensive presentation on the characteristics of Orthodoxy as well as the concept of “Commonwealth” applied to various aspects of the Byzantine civilisation and the Orthodox Church, such as the Athonite Commonwealth established around Mount Athos.