






## 6 . Mass-media awareness campaign






7. 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018, PK Embassy +  
PRFA guests at our symposium


  

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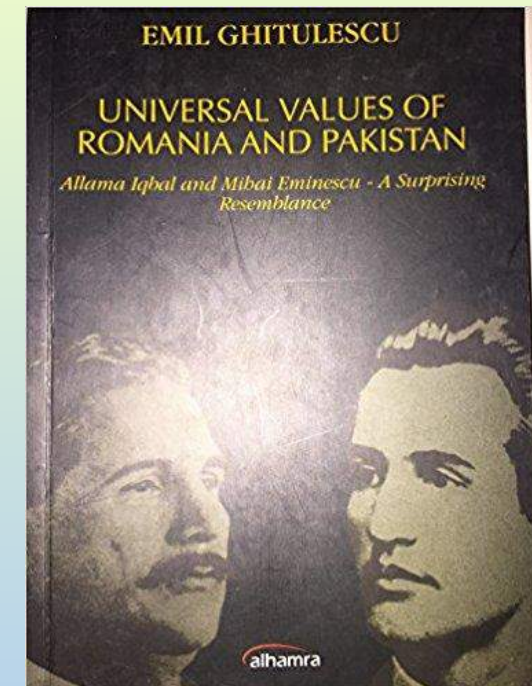
Organizează evenimentul:  
**Orient and Occident: Sir Allama Iqbal's universal heritage**



*"Rise above sectional interests and private ambitions...  
Pass from matter to spirit.  
Matter is diversity; spirit is light, life and unity."  
(Allama Iqbal)*



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Intellect + Love

"Intellect is a platoon of today and tomorrow (serial time); it is a whipper of the class that can be seen or heard" (Fayoum + Mahriz, 2019).

Both - are born of "sara"

- the "sara" to seek + discover

Since KNOWLEDGE, INNER PURITY = "BINEI / SMALL BRAIN",  
so a closer / direct approach to **DIVERSITY**

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# Any change in the mentalities of the Romanians?

- Erasmus student: Sociology 3<sup>rd</sup> year
- Erasmus student Social Work: 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- Psychology students
- SW students



**Bianca Sfintescu** Thank you teacher for the opportunities that you always give us! Thank you for the documentaries that you give us as homework, it's a very productive way for us to wake up and realize what's going on in this country and how we can repair this as future social workers. For all the conferences that helped us to grow and understand the truth about all the subjects that we talked about, like labour migration and so on. And thanks for this opportunity to meet this nice person, Dr. Adrienne Fletcher who opened our eyes about race and how people were treated and still are in the USA. It was a pleasure for us to meet a person like her and we couldn't do it without your help!



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Elisabeta Zelinka replied · 1 Reply



**Georgiana Aur** Thank you so much for making this possible and for always opening our eyes on the world in which we live! All the conferences, documetaries and workshops help us to grow as professionals and humans! Dr. Adrienne Fletcher showed us how in 2019 we are judged by our "race" and skin color, and that really meant so much to me! Thank you for not only being our teacher but also an inspiration to become great social workers and great people!!

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Elisabeta Zelinka replied · 1 Reply



**Iolanda Vasile** Obrigada também pela oportunidade e abertura. um beijinho



## Bianca SFIINTESCU, Dep. Social Work, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr.

“When I first heard about refugees I didn’t know anything about but I judged them even if I wasn’t informed.

Things started to change when Mrs. Zelinka started to talk with us a lot about refugees, to invite us at different conferences and then I started to realize that it wasn’t right to judge them.

I understood that these people are also human being, they have also rights, they have also a soul, like all of us.

We have to understand that they want to live in peace, they want to go back in their countries and cities, near to their families, and live without wars and judgements.

These conversations, conferences and homework about refugees changed the way I thought about them, and I realized that I have to accept them, because they suffer a lot and they have the right to be integrated, they are NOT different than us.

We are all the same and we all deserve to live in peace and to be protect”.

Bogdan  
FIALA  
Dep. Social  
Work, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr

The seminars organized by Professor Elisabeth Zelinka played an important role in developing perceptions about the differences between people and their cultures.

A first contact we had with the Muslim people. Our professor introduced us the culture, life and religion of Muslims. We also talked about the problem of refugees.

Another topic addressed at the seminars was racism and discrimination against the black people. Prof Elizabeta Zelinka and American professor Adrienne Flercher has created work shops about black people's issues. We talked about their lives, about their jobs and about discrimination in society.

We studied the problem of Roma integration into society. Our teacher organized a movie night where we watched the film "alone at my wedding". This film presented the culture and traditions of Roma people.

We can confirm that the seminars organized by Professor Elizabeta Zelinka have played an important role in developing of our values as future social workers and we lerned a lot of



## RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT

My name is Vasile-Lucian Drinc, I am a III<sup>rd</sup> year student at the School of Sociology and Psychology of the West University of Timisoara, specializing in Human Resources. Ms. Elisabeta Zelinka was my English professor at my department for one academic year (2017-2018).

The linguistic, professional and psychological training that I have benefited during my activities with Ms. Zelinka has positively influenced, determined and helped me a lot in my subsequent decisions on what mobility, exchange of experience and volunteering in other countries mean, through international programs such as Erasmus +, AIESEC.

From her experiences, **I learned how to cope with a cultural shock, a long period away from my country and my family, and how to take advantage of all the opportunities that can come up while I am in another European, Eastern or Oriental academic environment.**

Thanks to Ms. Elisabeta Zelinka's advice and preparation in all that means career documents, I joined an eight-week volunteer program through Erasmus + and AIESEC, between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, which took place in **Izmir, Turkey**, and which consisted in teaching English to Turkish children aged between 4 and 15 years old, along with other 60 global volunteers from 21 different countries.

I am grateful for the **motivation she gave me** and for all the **support in terms of emotional training**, the preparation of the documents required for enrollment in these international programs and the preparation of the interviews in the selection process.

Timișoara, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Sincerely,

Vasile-Lucian Drinc

# 7. Centenary Virtual Exhibition: Ro –PK interculturality

- **Artists** from TM / Romania: professional + freelancers
- Welcome interview from our Vice-Rector
- Music: choir of WUT, Fac. of Music
  
- → *screened in Islamabad, PRFA*
  
- → *launched as electronic jubilee Flipalbum: 14.03.2019*





# Welcome to the Centenary virtual exhibition

*Cultural identity: Romania –  
Pakistan.  
Occident and Orient:  
a samovar  
of  
heritage*

Islamabad, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 2018

coordinated from Romania by:

Dr. Elisabeta Zelinka  
President of the Pakistan - Romania Society









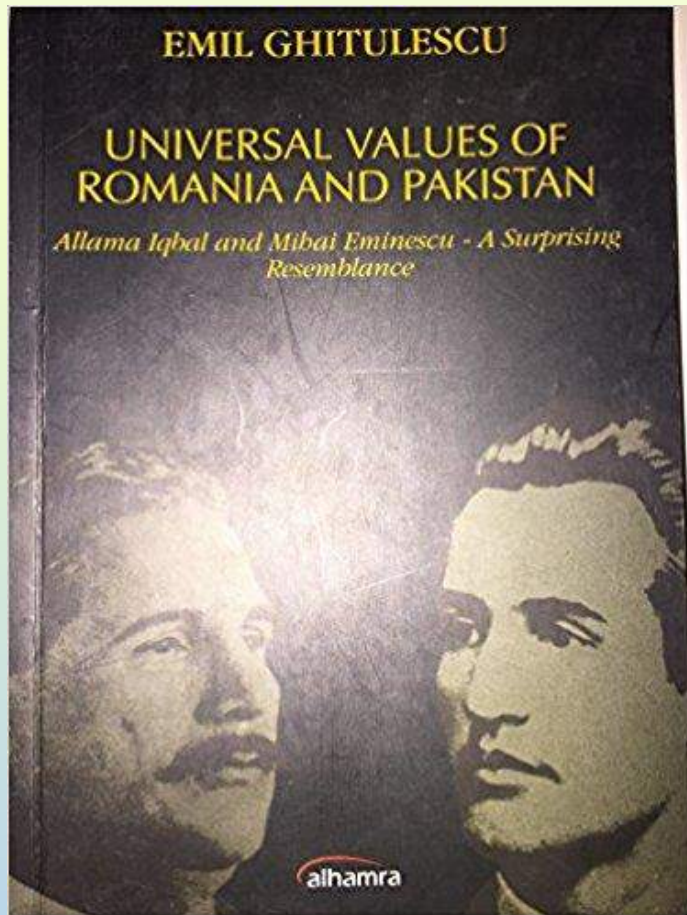






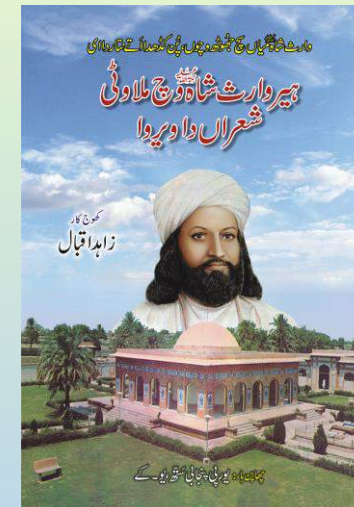
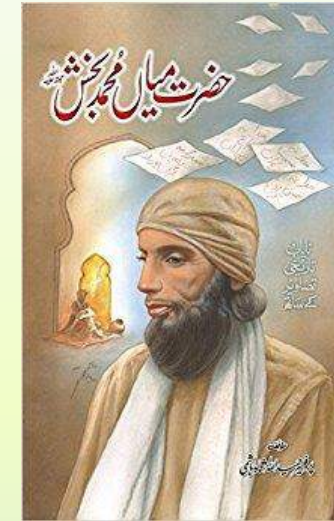
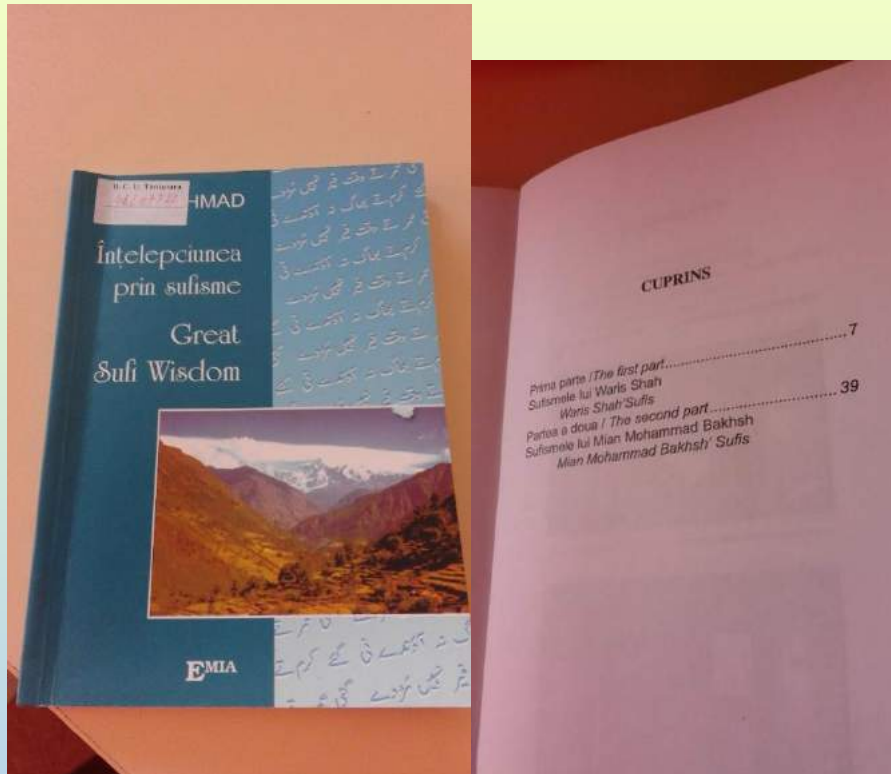


# 8. My course: *Oriental culture(s)*, guest lectures



# Punjabi Sufi Philosophy – trans. into Ro language, 2004

- How many students in WUT know about this?
- What do they associate the Orient with?





the Islamic Golden Age = 8th - 13th c.  
Why don't we know about it: "historical amnesia"?



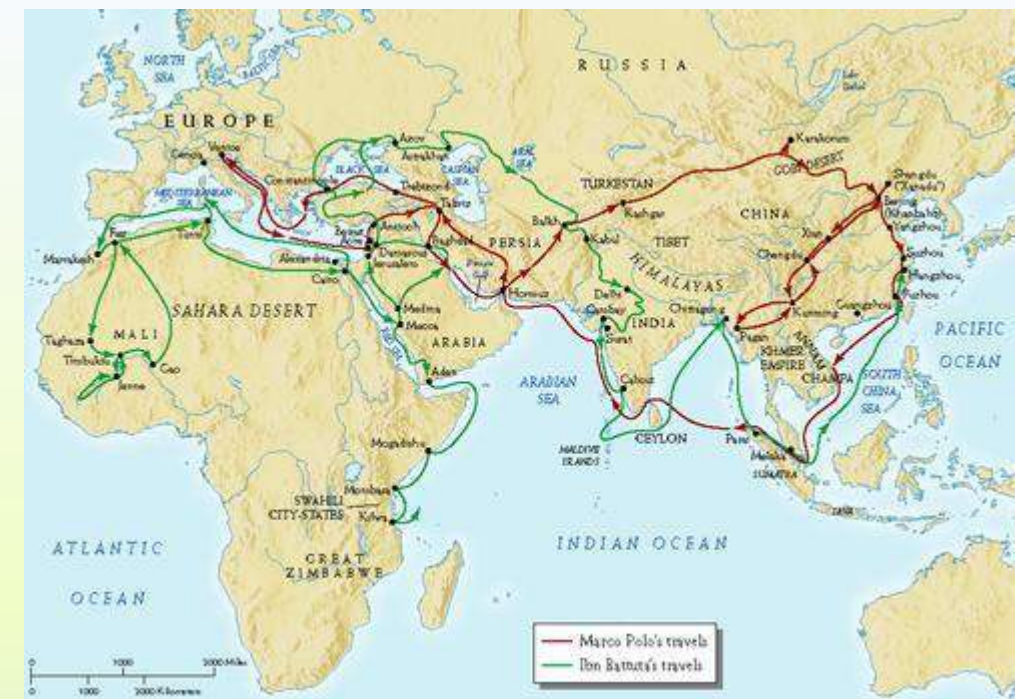
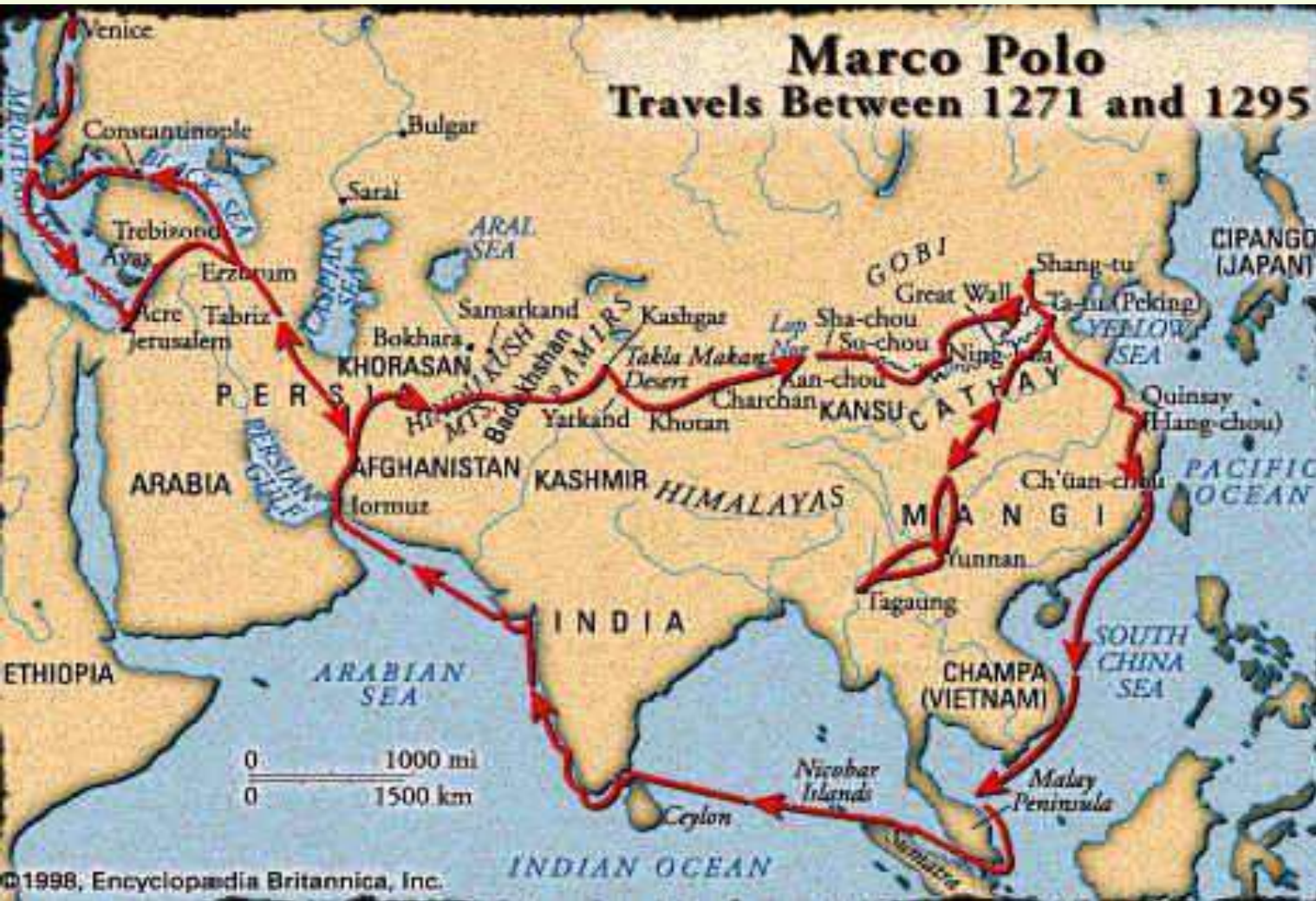


# Pope Francis' message = ???





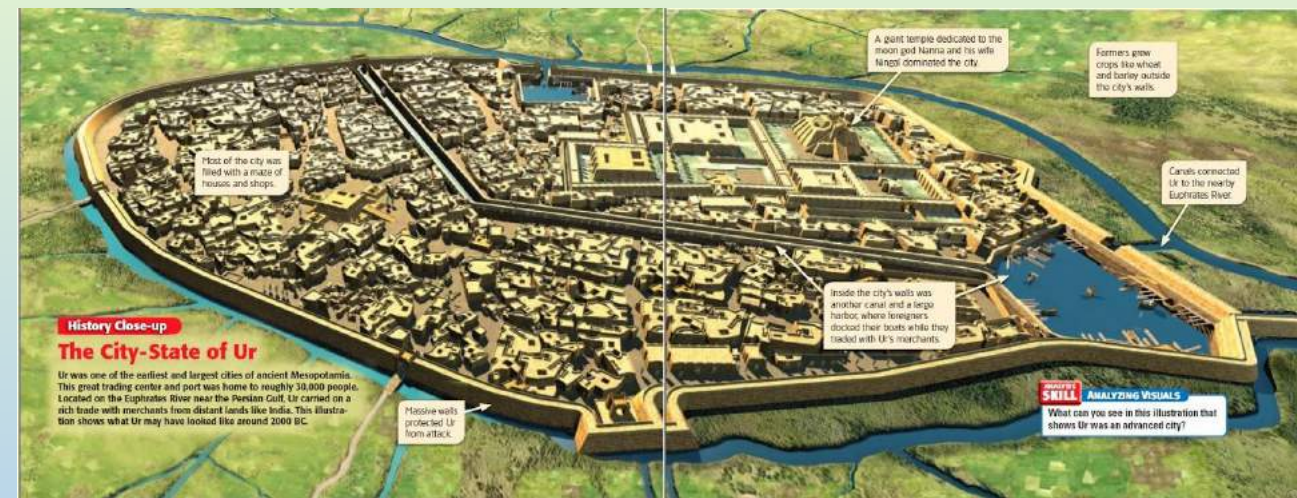
# “Asia” vs. “Orient”





# Leagan de civilizatie / civilizatii: Iraq, Pakistan, India, KG

→ istoria e *subiectiva in Or. + Occ.?*





# Uruk, Sumer + regele Ghilgames, 2000 BC

