

## **Lucian Dindirică, Ph.D.**

**Lucian Dindirică** is 48 years old and holds degrees in **Theology** and **History**. He earned a master's degree in **Regional Development**, a master's degree in the **Research and Preservation of Historical Testimonies**, and a Ph.D. in **History**.

He is currently a lecturer at the University of Craiova, where he teaches **Cultural Anthropology** and **Cultural and Artistic Entrepreneurship** within the Department of Arts and Media, Faculty of Letters.

Lucian Dindirică also has extensive experience in the media sector and currently serves as a member of the **National Audiovisual Council of Romania** since 2024.

Between 2008 and 2024, he served as Manager of the “**Alexandru and Aristia Aman**” **County Library** in Craiova. From 2018 to 2020, he held the position of President of the **National Commission of Libraries in Romania**. In 2024, he served as **Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Craiova**.

He is the founder of the **Museum of Books and Romanian Exile**, a project initiated in 2016 and officially inaugurated in 2023. The institution is unique worldwide through its mission and objectives dedicated to preserving and recovering the cultural heritage of the Romanian diaspora and exile. For this project, he received the **Medal of Excellence in Arts and Culture** from the American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the United States in 2019, and in 2020 he was awarded the **Medal of Honor** by the Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters in Paris.

Since 2015, he has held the **Order of Saint John Chrysostom**, awarded by the Patriarch of Romania in recognition of his outstanding merits and his contribution to the promotion of Christian culture. In 2012, he received the **Cultural Management Award**, and in 2016 the **International Cultural Management Award** during the Annual Awards Gala organized by the **Mihai Eminescu International Academy**. He also received the “**Dimitrie Cantemir**” **Prize** of the Academy of Romanian Scientists for his volume *Miron Cristea – Patriarch, Regent, and Prime Minister* (Iași: Tipo Moldova Publishing House, 2011, 453 + X pages, ISBN 978-973-168-635-6).

In 2019, during the 43rd Congress of the **American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences (ARA)**, held in Thessaloniki, Greece, he was awarded the **Medal for Excellence in Arts and Culture**. In 2023, he received the **Diploma of Excellence** for his essential contribution to the reunification of Romanian national culture through the recovery and reintegration of cultural treasures preserved outside the country's borders. In the same year, he was awarded the **Magna Cum Laude Diploma (No. 03)** by the Romanian Christian Society “**Dorul**”, founded in New York in 1903.

In 2024, he received the **ARA Excellence Award 2024** for his outstanding contribution to the preservation and reintegration of cultural heritage into the national culture through the establishment of a unique institution: the **Museum of Books and Romanian Exile**.

He is a member of the **European Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters** (Paris, France), a member of the **American Romanian Academy American Romanian Academy of Arts and Sciences (ARA)** (California, USA), and an honorary member of the **Association of Scientists, Culture and Art of the Republic of Moldova**.