

## *CV - Biographical notes*

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### *Scientific Expertise:*

Catholic Social Doctrine, Economy, Sacred Architecture, Paulicianism

### *Education Background:*

Ilie-Cătălin Grigore has a Bachelor's degree in Economics, graduated from the Faculty of Management within the Academy of Economic Studies in 2001.

He graduated the Faculty of Theology within the Roman-Catholic Theological Institute „St. Teresa” Bucharest in 2004.

In 2007, he completed the Master degree in „Christian Exegesis and Biblical Hermeneutics” at the same Theological Institute with the dissertation study "Controversies and Concordances in Greek and Armenian Sources regarding the Paulician Heresy".

In 2010 he graduated with a Master's degree in „Vernacular Architecture and Sacred Space” from the "Ion Mincu" University of Architecture, Bucharest.

In 2020, he started doctoral courses at the School of Doctoral Studies at the Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology, University of Bucharest, on the topic entitled „*Contemporary Political Economy a Moral Assessment in Light of Catholic magisterial Documents*”, coordinated by His Eminence Ioan Robu, Emeritus Archbishop of Bucharest.

### *Professional background:*

Given his educational background, he has worked professionally in the economic field for the past 25 years, working in various private and state-owned companies. After a long period working at an institute of the Romanian Academy, between 2017 and 2024, he currently works at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs starting in February 2025.

*Research Interest:*

Active in the academic environment for almost 20 years, he was preoccupied with topics such as theology, economics, history of religions, sacred architecture, ethnography. He is the co-author of four monographs of Catholic communities, project coordinator of a recent monograph having as their subject Catholic communities of Cioplea and other articles published in scientific journals.

Inspired by his professional background, he dedicated a special interest to Catholic Social Doctrine, especially economic ethics. Interested in interdisciplinary dialogue, he constantly sought connections between the two disciplines in which he was trained: economics and theology.

Also, he was involved in the past to the study of sacred architecture or different catholic ethnic communities that are claimed to be part of it, approaching demography, kinship and genealogy, elements of ethnography and folklore, beliefs and resilient heretical traditions within the framework of Catholicism, in general various components of the sociology of religious communities.

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