

# Andrei PLEȘU



## Personal Data:

- Born on August 23, 1948, in Bucharest, Romania
- Married. Two sons.

## Education:

- 1971: B.A. in Art History and Theory, Academy of Fine Arts, Bucharest
- 1980: Ph.D. in History at the University of Bucharest with a thesis on *The Sentiment of Nature in European Culture*

## Scholarships:

- 1975-1977: Alexander von Humboldt Scholarship in Bonn, Germany
- 1983-1984: Alexander von Humboldt Scholarship in Heidelberg, Germany
- 1992: Guest of the Rector of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Germany

## Research Positions:

- 1971-1979: Scientific Researcher, Institute for Art History, Bucharest
- 1984-1989: Research Assistant, Institute for Art History, Bucharest. Exiled in 1989 for political reasons to the village of Tescani and given the position of Curator-Librarian of the George Enescu Memorial House

## Positions:

- Dec. 1989 - Oct. 1991: Minister of Culture of Romania
- 1993-1997: Founder and Director of the weekly cultural magazine *Dilema*
- since 1994: Founder of the New Europe Foundation and Rector of the New Europe College, Bucharest
- Dec. 1997-Dec. 1999: Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania
- 2000-2004: Member of the National Council for the Study of the Archives of the Former “Securitate”
- since 2005: Foreign Affairs Senior Adviser to the President of Romania

## Teaching Positions:

- 1980-1982: Associate Professor, Academy of Fine Arts, Bucharest. (Expelled in 1982 for political reasons).
- 1994 (Oct.): Una’s Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley, USA
- 1991-1997 and 2000-2001: Professor of Philosophy of Religion, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Bucharest

## Professional Memberships:

- 1997: Member of the World Academy of Art and Science
- 1998: Corresponding Member of the Consejo Argentino para las Relaciones Internacionales
- 1999: Member of the Académie Internationale de Philosophie de l’Art, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2000: Member of the Assembly of Collegium Budapest, Hungary
- 2000: Member of the Scientific Council of the Europa Institute, Budapest, Hungary
- 2002: Member of the Advisory Group for Social Sciences and Humanities in the European Research Area (Research Directorate-General, European Commission), Brussels, Belgium
- 2003: Permanent Fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Germany
- 2003: Member of the Board of Trustees of the Maison des sciences de l’homme, Paris, France
- 2003: Member of the Board of Trustees and of the Academic Advisory Board of the Centre for Advanced Study, Sofia, Bulgaria

## Awards and Titles:

- 1980: Prize for Art Criticism awarded by the Artists’ Union of Romania
- 1980: Prize for Essay awarded by the Writers’ Association of Bucharest
- 1991: Prize of the “Ateneu” Review, Bacău
- 1993: Prize of the “Flacăra” Review, Bucharest
- 1994: Prize for Essay, awarded by the Writers’ Union of Romania
- 1994: Prize “Best Book of The Year”, awarded for *Limba păsărilor [The Language of Birds]*, Cluj-Napoca
- 1996: Prize of the “Cuvântul” Review, Bucharest
- 1996: Prize for Criticism and Essay, awarded by the Association of Professional Writers of Romania for *Chipuri și măști ale tranziției [Faces and Masks of Transition]*
- 1996: Prize “Best Book of the Year”, awarded by the Association of Professional Writers of Romania

for *Chipuri și măști ale tranziției* [*Faces and Masks of Transition*]

- 1999: Prize of the “Privirea” journal, Bucharest
- 1999: Prize of the Group for Social Dialogue, Bucharest
- 2000: The National Order “Faithful Service” (rank of Great Cross)
- 2004: Prize “Success of the Year”, awarded by the Association of Editors of Romania for *Despre îngeri* [*On Angels*]
- 2004: Prize for Criticism and Essay, awarded by Association of Professional Writers of Romania for *Despre îngeri* [*On Angels*]
  
- 1990: Commandeur de l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, Paris, France
- 1993: New Europe Prize for Higher Education and Research, awarded by the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, the National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS), Wassenaar, the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences (SCASSS), Uppsala, and the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin
- 1995: Prize for Essay, awarded by the Writers’ Union of the Republic of Moldova, Kishinev
- 1996: Prize of the Brandenburger Academy of Sciences, Berlin, Germany
- 1998: Humboldt Medaille, awarded by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Bonn, Germany
- 1998: La Gran Cruz de la Orden “El Sol del Perú”, Lima, Peru
- 1999: Goethe Medaille, awarded by the Goethe Institut, Weimar, Germany
- 1999: Ordre national de la Légion d’Honneur of France (in March awarded as “Commandeur” and in December as “Grand Officier”)
- 1999: Corvinus Prize, awarded by the Europa Institute and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary
- 2000: The Konstantin Jireček Medal, awarded by the Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft, München, Germany
- 2000: The Theodor-Heuss Prize, awarded by the Theodor-Heuss Foundation, Stuttgart, Germany
- 2000: Dr. phil. honoris causa of the Albert-Ludwigs Universität of Freiburg, Germany
- 2001: Dr. phil. honoris causa of the Humboldt-Universität of Berlin, Germany
- 2001: The National Order Cruzeiro do Sul of Brazil
- 2001: The Mitteleuropa Prize, awarded by the Institut für den Donauraum und Mitteleuropa, Vienna, Austria
- 2002: The Joseph-Bech Prize, awarded by the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S., Hamburg, Germany

## Publications:

### BOOKS:

- *Călătorie în lumea formelor* [*Travel through the World of Forms*]. Bucharest: Meridiane, 1974
- *Pitoresc și melancolie* [*Picturesque and Melancholy*]. Bucharest: Univers, 1980, Humanitas, 1992 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)
- *Francesco Guardi*. Bucharest: Meridiane, 1981 (published in English, French, and German)
- *Ochiul și lucrurile* [*The Eye and the Things*]. Bucharest: Meridiane, 1986
- *Minima Moralia: Elemente pentru o etică a intervalului* [*Minima Moralia: Elements for an Ethic of the Interval*]. Bucharest: Cartea Românească, 1988, Humanitas, 1994 (2<sup>nd</sup> revised edition)  
Translations into French, German, Swedish, Hungarian, and Slovakian:
  - *L’Etique de Robinson*. Paris: Edition de L’Herne, 1990
  - *Reflexion und Leidenschaft: Elemente einer Ethik des Intervalls*. Vienna: Deuticke, 1992
  - *Tårarnas gåva*. Stockholm: Dualis, 1995
  - *Robinson etikája: Az intervallum etikájának elemei*, Kolozsvár: Tinivár, 2000
  - *A madarak nyelve*, Pécs: Jelenkor Kiadó, 2000
  - *Robinson etikája*. Cluj: Tinivár, 2000
  - *Minima moralia: Poynámky k etike intervalu*, Kalligram, Bratislava, 2001
- *Jurnalul de la Tescani* [*The Tescani Diary*]. Bucharest: Humanitas, 1993  
Translations into German and Hungarian:
  - *Wer in der Sonne steht wirft Schatten*. Stuttgart: Edition Tertium, 1999
  - *Tescani napló*. Kolozsvár: Koinonia Könyvkiadó, 2000
- *Limba păsărilor* [*The Language of Birds*]. Bucharest: Humanitas, 1993
- *Chipuri și măști ale tranziției* [*Faces and Masks of Transition*]. Bucharest: Humanitas, 1996
- *Despre îngeri* [*On Angels*]. Bucharest: Humanitas, 2003
- *Obscenitatea publică* [*Public Obscenity*]. Bucharest: Humanitas, 2004

**PAPERS and ARTICLES:**

Published in Romanian and foreign journals and newspapers: Amfiteatru, Contemporanul, România literară, Luceafărul, Secolul XX, România liberă, Viața Românească, Dilema, Plai cu Boi, ArtPress, Cahiers de l’Herne, Die Zeit, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Tagesspiegel, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Merkur, Leviathan, Representations, Social Research, a.o.

**Languages:**

- English
- French
- German