

Prof. Dr. Victor Neumann – Short Biography

Dr. Victor Neumann is Professor of History at the West University of Timișoara, Romania. His main research interests are focussed on Romanian and East-Central European intellectual history, and history of political thought, majority-minorities relations in Romania and interculturality and multiculturalism.

He was counselor for the ministry of culture, the Government of Romania (1990-1992), senior researcher at the Institute of Social Theory in Bucharest affiliated with the Romanian Academy (1992-1994), Director of the Intercultural Institute of Timișoara (1994-1996), set up by the Council of Europe and visiting professor at the University of Bucharest (Romania), Sorbonne University Paris, University of Angers (France), University of Vienna and Athens, (Georgia, USA). Also he was visiting Fulbright scholar at the Catholic University of America in 2000/2001, visiting Rosenzweig Scholar at the Holocaust Memorial Museum, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies and visiting lecturer at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center – Foreign Service Training Institute, in Washington, D.C (January and June, 2001).

His international experience includes lectures, presentations and researches conducted in the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Israel, The Netherlands, Poland and Hungary and the U.S.A. He was fellow of the Central European University (Hungary), the Hebrew University (Israel), IREX (USA), the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies, Wassenaar, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Bonn (Germany), Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (Germany), Institute for East and Southeastern European Studies – University of Vienna (Austria), Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales - Paris (France), Maison des Sciences de l'Homme – Paris (France). For 1995-1997 he was awarded with a NATO Individual Research Fellowship.

His main publications in English, French and German include: *The Temptation of Homo Europaeus* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1993), *Identités multiples dans l'Europe des régions. L'interculturalité du Banat* (Timișoara: Hestia, 1997); *Between Words and Reality: Studies on the Politics of Recognition and Regime Changes in Contemporary Romania* (Washington, D.C., The Catholic University of America, 2001); *Conceptually Mystified. East-Central Europe Torn Between Ethnonationalism and Recognition of Multiple Identities* (Bucharest: Enciclopedia Publishing House, 2004); *The End of a History. Jews of Banat from the Beginning until Nowadays*, (Bucharest University Press, 2006); *Essays on Romanian Intellectual History* (West University of Timisoara, 2008); National Political Cultures and Regime Changes in Eastern and Central Europe in the collective volume *The History of Political Thought in National Context*, Edited by Dario Castiglione and Iain Hampsher-Monk (Cambridge University Press, 2001); Federalism and Nationalism in the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy: Aurel C. Popovici's Theory, (in *East European Politics and Societies*, University of California Press, Vol. 16, N.3, 2002); Die bürgerliche Kultur in Siebenbürgen und im Banat: Die Rolle Temeswar in den politischen Umgestaltungsprozessen vom Dezember 1989 (in *Halbjahresschrift für südosteuropäische Geschichte, Literatur und Politik*, AKG Verlag, Dinklage, Nr.1/1999); Vergleichende Betrachtungen über die multikulturelle Philosophie (in *Forschungen zur Volks-und Landeskunde*, Rumänische Akademie, Band 48/2005); Die Temeswarer Zeitung und die Verbreitung des Bürgersinnes in Kakanien in *Deutschsprachige Öffentlichkeit und Presse in Mittelost-und Südosteuropa*, Edited by Andrei Corbea-Hoisie..., Hartung Gore Verlag, Konstanz, 2008; Political Romanticism and National Characterology in Modern Romanian Intellectual History in *Researching the Nation: The Romanian File*, Edited by Sorin Mitu, International Book Access, Cluj, 2008.

He was awarded with the "A.D. Xenopol" Prize of the Romanian Academy (1993), with the Chevalier title for the outstanding contribution to culture and science by the president of Romania (2002), and with Diplom of Excellency accorded by the mayor of Timisoara (2006).