

REASONS FOR CHOOSING THIS DIRECTION OF RESEARCH:

- Because the paradigm of the frontier may faithfully describe the Revelation starting from: separation (Creation), unity (Alliance) and passage (Eschatology).
- Because the Romanian Greek Catholic Church was born at the frontier between the West and the East, in a multi-confessional and multi-ethnic context, situated in-between Western and Eastern tradition.
- Because the Faculty of Greek Catholic Theology (FGCT) has to face the requirements of the Ministry of Education and the Congregation for Catholic Education, making use of the multi-disciplinary character of theology bordering on other sciences (the humanities, social and exact sciences).
- Because the FGCT has to mark its own frontiers, its own identity in a dialogue with other faculties within the Babes-Bolyai University.
- Because the frontier is an original term, concept, paradigm within theological research.
- Because the great problems of theology appear at the frontiers of traditions, languages, disciplines, life and death, identity and alterity, good and evil, etc.
- Because, paradoxically, the frontier unites and separates at the same time, but it is meant to be traversed, to create bridges.
- Because the frontier is a figure of origin which is always achieved in multiple duplications.
- Because the frontier offers the widest perspective for dialogue (inter-, intra-, trans-, multi-disciplinary).
- Because contemporary Catholic theology defines fundamental theology *as a theology of dialogue on the borderline with the historical religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam), with the expression of modern atheism (especially of Marx, Freud, and Nietzsche), with religious indifference in a secular world dominated by technology, industrialism, and economic values, and finally, with the demands of believers, who today face new doubts and difficulties, and ask new questions of theology and catechesis.* (Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, *The Theological Formation of Future Priests*, 1976 §109).