

## **XIX Autumn Colloquium 2017**

*In the beginning was the word: The place of Humanities*

### ***Religion in the context of persecution and fleeing***

The sudden experience – often of traumatic impact – to become stripped of your home, your family, your country and to find yourself being reduced to an element of a community gathered randomly on deportation, expulsion or joined in exodus, makes you face the essence of human existence and the survival among precarious and even inhuman conditions. It is exactly in the situation of individual or collective crisis caused by an oppressive power that religion and faith actually get special significance and specific functionalities. Hence, this section is not focused on persecutions for religious reasons; our proposal is to analyze practices, discourses, narratives and representations that refer to religion (whatever the choice) in the context of persecution and fleeing, namely:

- loss / (re)awakening of faith;
  - conversion (change of religion / language change);
  - archetypical or biblical configurations of exodus, martyrdom, apocalypse, among others.
- This analysis can be carried out on the basis of a freely chosen corpus or object without restrictions as to time and space. This section is aimed at becoming a forum for dialogue between different approaches in the field of Linguistics, Translation, Literary, Cultural and Artistic Studies.