

DEAR AUTHORITIES, ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE ANNUAL EVENTS OF UKRAINIAN SCHOOL OF ARCHETYPES!!

It is a great honour for me to congratulate you with the beginning of MTS-2018 dedicated to public administration and archetypes.

In 2017, I had a pleasure to be one of the speakers at TMS-2017, and I have to admit that I was impressed with the dynamics of your thought and audacity of intelligence with which the issues of evolution in public administration from the perspective of social changes are considered in your country.

Actually, our models of public service, are undoubtedly saturated with the principles of progressiveness, individualism, rationalism, productiveness, therefore they need to be updated to be better adapted to the changing world.

These issues are traditionally discussed by political analysts and lawyers, therefore the archetypical analysis will allow us to find the most exact words to describe and get used to such changes.

This year TMS events is held at the University where sociology, ethnology, and even philosophy have been considerably influenced by the great French anthropologist Gilbert Durand, the author of the master book *The Anthropological Structures of the Imaginary*. It is worth recalling that Gilbert Durand's approach refers to Carl Gustav Jung and his concept of archetypes as the foundation of collective unconscious and its various manifestations in dreams, creativity and arts in particular. The imaginary of one epoch is the way how various arche-



types cooperate with one another, how they are expressed at a certain degree, to determine the epoch climate.

If the modernism epoch witnessed triumph of Apollo's model, the imaginary of diurne, that is the sword, in the same way the Imaginary of nocturne, that is of the bowl, or what I call Dionis, becomes more and more evident in our postmodernism epoch.

However, the public administration systems or if we put it in more neutral terms – ways of regulating of common coexistence at a state level, are not indifferent to such evolution of the society and epoch changes.

In this respect determination of the basic archetypes of one or the other public configuration allow us to recon-

sider the foundation of “res publica” and common existence.

It has special importance from the European perspective. Indeed, it is important to resituate ourselves in the long time of the history of ideas, to detect permanence and continuities beyond the jolts of history, while taking into account its discontinuity. And since it values more than the national borders which are the result of the somewhat frozen modernity, it is important to comprehend the rooting of our countries and in this way of the

rooting of public administration bodies on the European ground. More than the political and administrative division, these roots that are laying foundation for our formation of European citizens.

Our work which I am sure will be filled with numerous exchanges between Kyiv and Montpellier, and in general, with international exchanges of the Paul Valéry University, will enable experts in administration and politics to deploy various analysis: interdisciplinary, innovative, and exact.

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