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Regards on the Ethics and Transparency in Public Administration

Book Review. *Etică profesională și transparență în administrația publică*, author Antonio Sandu, Editura Didactică și Pedagogică, 2014

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Abstract

The volume “Etică profesională și transparență în administrația publică” (Professional Ethics and Transparency in Public Administration), published by the philosopher Antonio Sandu under the aegis of Editura Didactică și Pedagogică, in Bucharest, invites the students to find out the secrets of applied ethics through the considerable amount of reading material and the practical applications. Antonio Sandu synthesized the most important aspects of applied ethics in an original manner, in order to let the students and other interested persons discover the secrets of deontology and acquire specific skills in explaining and interpreting the phenomena faced by the administrative system.

Keywords:

Ethical culture, public administration, transparency, ethics audit, ethical expertise

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Introduction

The volume *Etică profesională și transparență în administrația publică* (Professional Ethics and Transparency in Public Administration) is structured in learning units, tutorial activities, general tests and selective bibliography for fixing and deepening the knowledge. In order to develop his work, Professor Antonio Sandu aimed at reaching objectives such as: explaining the managerial issues within the public administration system, using modern tools and management and human resource management methods, complying with the ethical principles and the principles of professional deontology, describing the concepts, methodologies and procedures within the organization and functioning of the Public Administration structures (Sandu, 2014). He also envisaged the development of general and specific skills through carefully selected contents, structuring the information so as the student to gradually discover the secrets of ethics in public administration.

An ethics and deontology textbook for the current and future public servant

The volume *Etică profesională și transparență în administrația publică* can be considered a textbook for the current and future public servant, but also a work that helps the persons who wish to discover ethical conduct, the code of ethics and the bases of ethics within public services (Sandu, 2014). The paper includes fragments and texts of the philosopher that have been published in reputed journals from our country and from abroad, in order to offer those who are interested in public administration ethics several perspectives regarding the problems of the postmodern society.

The author pays particular attention to ethical practice; this aspect is outlined by topics such as: ethics counselling, building the counselling relationship, exploring ethical dilemmas or the ethical agreement. We should also mention that, together with Tatiana Agheorghiesei (2011) and Ana Caras (2014), Antonio Sandu (2014) contributes to the development of ethical expertise by introducing ethics audit in order to identify and solve the problems related to organizational ethics culture, since it is necessary to understand the level of accordance between the organizational values and the practices that highlight these values (Sandu, 2014).

The last part of the course support includes the public servant's Code of Ethics within the current legislation in force. After going through this paper, the student shall be able to evaluate the level of morality of the current public servants in our country and shall also be able to adopt an ethical position regarding the problems from the public administration sector.

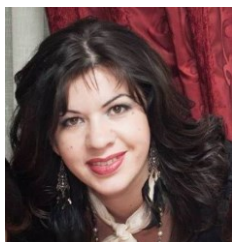
Conclusions

In conclusion, we outline once again the fact that through this paper Antonio Sandu acknowledges the importance of ethical behaviour within the public institutions in our country. Responsibility is not enough; the beneficiary must also be provided with trust capital (Maxim, 2010) and high morality standards.

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