

Politehnica University Timișoara

Politehnica Center for Advanced Translation Studies - PoliCAT Universitatea Politehnica Timișoara

Overview

Politehnica Center for Advanced Translation Studies (PoliCAT) is a research unit, without legal personality, operating under the aegis of the Politehnica University Timișoara, pursuant to the Regulation on scientific research within UPT and the University Charter. PoliCAT falls within the programme for the development of scientific research and human resources promoted by the Ministry of National Education by virtue of the National Council of Scientific Research in Higher Education, and is accredited at the institutional level based on the Decision of the Senate of Politehnica University Timișoara no. 50 / 17.02.2022.

PoliCAT aims at developing and assisting advanced research in the fundamental field of humanities, the science branch of philology, as well as at contributing to the support of student research. PoliCAT is intended to be a forum that can offer theorists engaged in the academic environment, students and exponents of various professional environments the opportunity to participate in debates on the results of interdisciplinary, fundamental and applied research, specific to the social and professional life.

Purpose

PoliCAT directly contributes to ensuring:

- a) the development and promotion of advanced scientific research in the field of humanities, in support of and correlated with the study programmes provided by the Faculty of Communication Sciences and with the research strategy of the Department of Communication and Foreign Languages, Politehnica University Timişoara;
- b) the development and promotion of interdisciplinary scientific research, in the fields of humanities, social sciences, and engineering sciences, in support of and correlated with the study programmes provided by the Faculty of Communication Sciences, and with the research strategy of the Department of Communication and Foreign Languages, Politehnica University Timişoara;
- c) a source of support, via specific research activities, for the teaching and research mission of the Faculty of Communication Sciences and the Department of Communication and Foreign Languages.

Objectives

In order to achieve its purpose, PoliCAT pursues the following objectives:

- 1. supporting fundamental and applied research through advanced studies in the field of humanities;
- 2. supporting interdisciplinary research undertaken between disciplines rooted in the fields of humanities, social, and engineering sciences;
- 3. disseminating information, data and results from studies that have been conducted;

- 4. undertaking research activities and organizing events for the dissemination of results;
- 5. developing the research component at the level of human resources in the field of humanities;
- 6. facilitating and encouraging the participation of students in the research activities of PoliCAT;
- 7. stressing the paramount importance of the humanities in contemporary society;
- 8. lifting the spirit of civic engagement in the academic environment and among the general public, as well as holding a permanent and constructive dialogue between the university, professional, economic, and research environment, and civil society;
- 9. providing institutional support for the instruction of the elite among the young generation and the instruction of qualified experts for high-level research;
- 10. cooperating with other research centers in the country and abroad.

Activities

The activity of PoliCAT mainly consists in:

- a) supporting the mission and development strategy of the Faculty of Communication Sciences through extensive research centred around its study programmes;
- b) supporting the mission and research development strategy of the Department of Communication and Foreign Languages and of the Politehnica University Timișoara;
- c) conceiving and carrying out research projects in the fields of interest, as well as in inter- and multidisciplinary fields;
- d) covering research topics requested by internal or external beneficiaries or identified through own activities with a view to subsequent use;
- e) expanding the material base via acquisitions and self-endowment;
- f) promoting and supporting, in collaboration with other structures within UPT, training programmes such as postgraduate studies (including master's and PhD courses), continuous training, distance education, and open education;
- g) providing technical and laboratory assistance to study programmes currently running within the Politehnica University Timişoara, as well as in other educational centers;
- h) attracting research projects and contracts and/or services for the economic environment, in its area of expertise;
- i) consulting activities and technical expertise;
- j) improving standards, norms, or the like;
- k) organizing scientific events aimed at promoting and disseminating the results of scientific research;
- I) developing collaborative relationships with members of research, education, production and legislation structures in the country and abroad by organizing visits, symposia, seminars, round tables and others;
- m) supporting the publication of scientific articles written by PoliCAT members in professional journals abroad, encouraging their participation in congresses, conferences, international scientific sessions, and awarding prizes to young researchers with outstanding results;
- n) providing consultancy to local and regional authorities, non-governmental organizations, public and private institutions interested;
- o) concluding agreements with Romanian or foreign partners on the collaborative development and organization of scientific events and technical activities;
- p) participating in scientific research programmes initiated by the European Union, as well as in those organized in the country;
- q) any other activities pursuant to the purpose and objectives of PoliCAT.

The headquarters of PoliCAT is at Politehnica University Timișoara, Department of Communication and Foreign Languages, Petre Râmneanțu (Oltul) Blvd., no. 2, room A204, 300596 Timișoara.

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