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Global Challenges of the 21st Century

- 1) Technological development and human health/ quality of life*
- 2) Climate change and environmental sustainability*
- 3) Democracy and cohesion in Europe*

Facts and Values (in Romanian)

The facts-values distinction will be presented first as a polar opposition. Then, I will discuss the possible part played by science in asserting and supporting several values. Finally, I will demonstrate that there are certain value options that appear to us as impossible to dissociate from their factual support.

Mircea Flonta, Emeritus professor at the University of Bucharest, obtained his PhD with a thesis on genetic epistemology in 1970. A large part of his teaching and research was dedicated to the study of the philosophy and, more recently, biography of Ludwig Wittgenstein. He also worked extensively on the philosophy of religion (especially on the philosophy of Lucian Blaga), philosophy of biology (especially on the context of Darwinism), theory of knowledge, Kantian studies and philosophy of science. Prof. Flonta translated a large number of fundamental philosophical texts into Romanian – including the main works of Wittgenstein as well as works by Popper, Hume, Kant and Einstein. Prof. Flonta is a corresponding member of the Romanian Academy.