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## **Ceremony of awarding**

the title of

## Doctor Honoris Causa

To His Excellency

## **Professor Xavier Sala-i-Martin**

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## Motivation

The Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Romania's leading higher education institution, has awarded the title Doctor Honoris Causa, the highest university distinction, to Prof. Xavier Sala-i-Martín from Columbia University in New York, **for his remarkable contributions in the fields of economic growth and convergence, poverty and income inequality.** 

The ceremony took place on the April 6, 2017. During his 3 day stay in Cluj, professor Salai- Martín took part on a discussion with young researchers at the Faculty of Economics, he offered an impressive speech during the awarding ceremony (*Ideas*), and, finally, he offered an inspiration lesson on football management at the Cluj Arena stadium for the staff members of the FC Universitatea Cluj football club.