It is our pleasure to invite you to the lecture:

**Prima di Mircea Eliade: Raffaele Pettazzoni**

On Monday, February 3, 2020, at 5 pm
at New Europe College (Plantelor 21)

given by

Prof. Giovanni CASADIO
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The lecture will be in Italian; the following discussions can be in Italian, English or Romanian.
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