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WELCOMING REMARKS

Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU

DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES - ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA UNIVERSITY

Dear guests, colleagues and students,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, I am delighted to welcome you to the EURINT 2019 international conference hosted and organised by the Centre for European Studies of the University of Iasi.

Today's global context has been affected by a strong level of uncertainty and multiple crises. This has determined the European decision-makers to take very seriously the means and ways to boost EU's resilience when designing policies and strategies. Additionally, should we consider the neorealists' warnings about the shaking liberal world order, it becomes more imperative than ever for Europe to be prepared to face the future and find a way forward on its own.

Within this context, the 2019 EURINT International Conference aims to foster and provide a proper context for mutual dialogue, joint knowledge and a better understanding of the challenges the EU faces in the current global context marred unprecedented shocks and challenges.

Under the auspices of Romania's Presidency of the European Union's Council, the Centre for European Studies in cooperation with European Institute of Romania, organizes an international academic event which addresses those who show a genuine interest in enhancing their skills in European studies and in contributing to developing a transnational network of contacts and cooperation. The debates are organized with the contribution of key research staff members of the ENACTED Jean Monnet Network (focusing on enhancing EU's actorness in the eastern borderlands), ReGrowEU (studying the EU's resilience against political, economic, external and societal threats), RoSec projects (examining Romania role in enhancing the security of the EU's eastern border). All these projects associate research, teaching, debate and dissemination activities in the in different areas of the EU: neighbourhood policy, economic and political, external affairs, including the role of Romania at the borders of the European Union.

The 2019 EURINT international conference brings together relevant scholars, researchers, experts and civil society activists into a constructive exchange of views on scenarios laid out ahead for the European Union. We believe time is ripe for a detailed analysis of the challenges ahead of us. We consider that international cooperation between the specialists from universities or research institutes as well as policy makers and regional actors from European Union and its neighbourhood is one of the key methods of promoting connections between public institutions and private environment, and therefore create adapted, suitable solutions for the abovementioned challenges. In

general lines, the two-day event (May 17-18, 2019) also seeks to transmit knowledge about EU's opportunities and risks in today's increasingly volatile global context and to draw together scholars, popular experts, civil society activists and decision-makers to encourage an exchange of views.

Thus, I really hope the EURINT conference will provide a unique opportunity to establish a platform of cooperation among those with a genuine interest in the EU internal and external affairs.

We have done our best to prepare this event and we hope that it will be a pleasant and useful experience both for its academic quality and for informal social networking. Hence, I am delighted to welcome you all to Iasi at the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University and I would like to use this opportunity to thank our distinguished experts and participants for attending our event.

ABOUT THE EURINT CONFERENCE SERIES

The EURINT conference series was launched by the Centre for European Studies in 2013 in the frame of the Jean Monnet Life Long Learning Programme. Since 2013 the EURINT conference has established itself as one of the most visible academic events in field of European Studies from Central and Eastern Europe and in this regard we are pleased to have managed to develop it into a traditional conference series. The EURINT conference package addresses those who show a genuine interest in enhancing their research skills in European Studies and in contributing to developing a transnational network of contacts and cooperation focusing on Central and Eastern Europe. The EURINT Conference series usually comprise keynote lectures and panel debates involving international academic experts, followed by intensive Q&A sessions. The audience is strongly encouraged to take the floor and challenge speakers with their own views and reflections of the topic and, thus, add to the debate. The academic programme also includes parallel academic sessions during which the conference participants (researchers, students, young professionals, etc.) are expected to deliver presentations of their most recent research. Thanks to a strong international presence, presented papers will benefit from invaluable discussion and feedback. Iasi is one of the easternmost cities of the European Union, a very important academic centre for Romania and also a cradle of Romanian history and culture. Our city could not only serve as a bridge between the West and East, but also as a starting point for developing stronger connections between our country, the European Union and our Eastern European friends from the neighbourhood.

THE EURINT 2019 CONFERENCE RATIONALE

Today's global context brings about various insidious effects that weigh heavily on EU's security and stability. As such, over the last decade EU has been confronted with multiple challenges (e.g economic crisis, migrants' crisis, Ukraine crisis, etc) that have become a key driver of uncertainty and have determined the European decision-makers to take very seriously the means and ways to boost EU's resilience when designing policies and strategies. Additionally, should we consider the neorealists' warnings about the shaking liberal world order, it becomes more imperative than ever for Europe to be prepared to face the future and find a way forward on its own. Within this context, the EURINT Conferences Series aims to foster and provide a proper context for mutual dialogue, joint knowledge and a better understanding of the challenges the EU faces in the current global context marred unprecedented shocks and challenges.

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Topics

- Future of EU's external actions
- EU's major role in the world economy and its economic incentives
- European regional growth and sustainable development
- EU governance and public administration
- Challenges to EU law and governance in the member states
- Resilient Europe: challenges, strategies, policies
- Romania as EU member state: opportunities, responsibilities, challenges
- Cross border cooperation and peripheral areas in Europe

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VENUE

The registration, the opening ceremony, panels and parallel sessions will be held in buildings „A” and „I” of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University (11, Carol I Bd.) - *see the map on the back cover of the brochure.*

- **A Building** (11, Carol I Bd.):
 - *Hall of the lost steps (Sala pașilor pierduți)* 1st floor: Registration,
 - *Aula Magna ‘Mihai Eminescu’* 1st floor - Opening ceremony
 - *Senate Hall* - 1st floor: Panels, Public debate
- **I Building** (19, Carol I Bd.):
 - I.1, I.2, I.3, I.4 (1st floor): Parallel sessions

REGISTRATION DESK

Our colleagues will be happy to register you on Friday, 17 May, starting from 9:00 AM at the **EURINT Registration Desk (clearly indicated)** situated in the *Hall of the lost steps* of the *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University*. You will be provided with a **conference package**, which will include the final programme, the list of speakers and participants and other related materials. We kindly ask you **to wear your badge at all times**. Access to the conference room will only be permitted to those wearing their badges.

PRESENTATION

The panels will be chaired by external scholars. Each participant will have 15 minutes for their presentation. Chairpersons will be strict in respecting the speaking time. Paper discussions will take place after each presentation. We strongly encourage you to prepare a PowerPoint for your presentation (we recommend you to have a *.pdf* version of your presentation). Computers will be available in each panel room. Presentations will be uploaded on the computers before the start of the session. Our staff will provide you with technical support.

LOGISTICS

If you have any queries about the conference or you need other practical information (taxis, restaurants, tourist information), the team is there to assist you.

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INTERNET

Computers with internet connection will be available in Room **3** (Ground floor, I Building). In the same location you will have the possibility to print and copy documents (if necessary).

Alternatively, you can have a wireless connection through the following connections:

A Building **UAIC-GUEST** **password:** card within the conference package

I Building **NETGEAR58** & **NETGEAR58-5-5G-1**, **password:** **idem**

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SOCIAL PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Lunch

Lunch on Friday will take place in the *Senate Hall* and lunch on Saturday will take place in the *I Building*.

Conference dinners

Dinner on Friday (17 May), will take place at the Botanical Garden. Departure from I Building, 18.30 (on foot or by bus).


Dinner on Saturday (18 May), will take place at the Casa Vânătorului Restaurant (Str. Gen.Toma Dumitrescu, Nr. 4, Iași, aprox. 2 km away from the I Building). Departure from I Building, 19.30 (on foot or by bus).

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

17 May

09:00

Registration of participants

 Hall of the lost steps - A Building

10:00-11:30

Opening Ceremony of the European Week at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași

 Aula Magna 'Mihai Eminescu' - A Building

▪ Welcoming Remarks:

- prof.univ.dr. **Henri LUCHIAN**, Vice-Rector, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași
- prof.univ.dr. **Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU**, Director of the Centre for European Studies, Faculty of Law, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași

Lectures

- **J.H.H. WEILER**, Jean Monnet Centre for International and Regional Economic Law & Justice, New York University, USA (EUFIRE conference keynote speaker)
- **Cristian NITOIU**, Lecturer in Diplomacy and International Governance, Loughborough University London, United Kingdom (EURINT conference keynote speaker)

MODERATOR: prof.univ.dr. **Mihaela TOFAN**, Jean Monnet Chair Holder, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași

11:30-12:00

Registration of participants & Welcome coffee

 Senate Hall - A Building

12:00-13:30

PANEL Europe of Convergence


 Senate Hall - A Building

13:30-15:00

Cocktail buffet - *Senate Hall A* Building

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15:00-16:30 | **PANEL** Growth, competitiveness, connectivity. Challenges and prospects at European level
 Senate Hall - A Building

17:00-18:00 | **PANEL** Russian coercive strategies in cyber age
 Senate Hall - A Building

15:00-18:00 | **Parallel sessions** - I Building

16:00-16:15 | Coffee break I Building

19:00 | **Dinner**

18 May

09:00 | **Registration of participants**
 I Building

10:00-16:00 | **Parallel sessions**
 I Building

13:00-14:00 | **Lunch**
 I Building

20:00 | **Dinner**

PANEL: Europe of Convergence*

🕒 Friday, 17 May | 12.00 – 13.30 | Senate Hall - A Building

- **Corneliu IAȚU**, PhD Professor, Vice-Rector of the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași
- **Melania-Gabriela CIOT**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Octav-Dan PAXINO**, Secretary of State, Ministry of European Funds
- **Gilles ROUET**, PhD Professor, University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France
- **Karima KOURTIT**, Researcher, Jheronimus Academy of Data Science (JADS), 's-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands
- **Peter NIJKAMP**, PhD Professor, Centre for European Studies, Faculty of Law, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University, Iași
- **Valentina VASILE**, PhD Professor, Scientific Director of the Institute of National Economy, Romanian Academy

Moderator: **Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU**, PhD, Director of the Centre for European Studies, Faculty of Law, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University, Iași

PANEL: Growth, competitiveness, connectivity. Challenges and prospects at European level*

🕒 Friday, 17 May | 15.00 – 16.30 | Senate Hall - A Building

- **Gabriel FRIPTU**, Deputy Director General, Directorate General Programming and System Coordination, Ministry of European Funds
- **Daniela-Luminița CONSTANTIN**, PhD Professor, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, President of the Romanian Association of Regional Sciences
- **Gabriela MACOVEIU**, Director, Directorate for Communication, Innovation and External Cooperation, North-East Regional Development Agency
- **Cezar GROZAVU**, Executive Director, Regional Office for Cross Border Cooperation Romania-Ukraine
- **Cătălin PLOAE**, PhD Lecturer, Faculty of International Business and Economics, Bucharest University of Economic Studies
- **Nicu POPESCU**, European Council on Foreign Relations
- **Liviu George MAHA**, PhD Professor, Centre for European Studies, Faculty of Law, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University, Iași

Moderator: **Gabriela DRĂGAN**, PhD Professor, Director-General of the European Institute of Romania

*Events organised with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Institute of Romania

PANEL: Russian coercive strategies in cyber age*

🕒 Friday, 17 May | 17.00 – 18.00 | Senate Hall - A Building

- **Nicu POPESCU**, Director, Wider Europe programme, Senior Policy Fellow European Council on Foreign Relations Paris, France
- **Piret PERNIK**, Research Fellow, International Centre for Defence and Security, Tallinn, Estonia
- **Stanislav SECRIERU**, Senior Analyst, European Union Institute for Security Studies, Paris, France

Moderator: **Masoud Imani KALESAR**, Journalist, Euronews, France

The current panel was shaped on the assertion that Russia's aggressive use of cyber tools has led the US and many European states to adopt more defensive cyber strategies, and that as a result Russia may have lost the strategic advantage it has hitherto enjoyed in what is becoming an ever-more contested domain. Subsequently, during the event there will be addressed and discussed a series of vital questions revolving around Russia's coercive strategies in our current cyber age, as follows: What is the relationship between cyber activities conducted by Russia at home and abroad? What role do cyber operations play as an instrument of Russia's coercive diplomacy? How different is Russia from other cyber powers, and how do we know for sure if the Kremlin is behind certain cyberattacks that have been attributed to it?

The invited experts will thereby examine these and other key questions as the panel intends to explore how Russia's increasingly assertive behaviour in cyberspace has lent new urgency to the debate about cybersecurity in the West. It focuses on what lessons EU member states have learned from recent events, and on how the EU and NATO have responded to these cyber challenges on the diplomatic, political and security fronts.

*Event organised with the support of the European Union Institute for Security Studies, Paris, France

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SESSION 1:

EU's major role in the world economy and its economic incentives

Friday, 17 May | 15.00-18:00 | Room I.1, I Building

SESSION 2:

Romania as EU member state: opportunities, responsibilities, challenges

Friday, 17 May | 15.00-18:00 | Room I.2, I Building

SESSION 3:

European regional growth and sustainable development

Friday, 17 May | 15.00-18:00 | Room I.3, I Building

SESSION 4:

Future of EU's external actions

Saturday, 18 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.4, I Building

SESSION 5:

EU governance and public administration

Saturday, 18 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.3, I Building

SESSION 6:

Challenges to EU law and governance in the member states

Saturday, 18 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.2, I Building

SESSION 7:

Cross border cooperation and peripheral areas in Europe

Saturday, 18 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.1, I Building

SESSION 8:

Resilient Europe: challenges, strategies, policies

Friday, 17 May | 16.30-18:30 | Room I.4, I Building

SESSION 1:**EU's major role in the world economy and its economic incentives**

Moderators: Adelaide DUARTE (University of Coimbra, Portugal), Ramona ȚIGĂNAȘU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania)

🕒 Friday, 17 May | 15.00-18:00 | Room I.1, I Building

- 📖 Tudor Mugurel AURSULESEI, Liviu George MAHA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Price stability, a monetary policy of the European Central Bank*
- 📖 Ioana BUHAC (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *The Euro area - between optimism and skepticism*
- 📖 Marta SIMÕES, Adelaide DUARTE, João ANDRADE (University of Coimbra, Portugal) - *Recent trends in Employees' Earnings Inequality in Portugal. A quantitative analysis between 1985 and 2012*
- 📖 Alexandru FOTIA, Cezar TECLEAN (The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *The innovation efficiency in Central and European Union – an input-output comparative analysis between Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Romania*
- 📖 Dencho GEORGIEV (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium) - *The next Multiannual Financial Framework and the strategic challenges and risks to the European Union's fundamental objectives and values*
- 📖 Alexandra HUȚANU, Patricea-Elena BERTEA, Dumitrița IFTODE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Generation Z is going to work. What are its expectations?*
- 📖 Adina MIHĂESCU (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania) - *A safe and stable business environment through competitive intelligence*
- 📖 Victor NICOLAESCU (Petre Andrei University, Iași, Romania) - *Flows of migration in the European Union – the local challenges and opportunities*
- 📖 Adriana PETRE, Valentin COJANU (The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *Methodological options for analysing shared value during cluster life cycle*
- 📖 Bogdan - Lucian CUMPĂNAȘU (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) - *China's linkages and leverages in Central and Eastern Europe - a new challenge for European Union*
- 📖 Mihaela Brindusa TUDOSE, Silvia AVASILCĂI (Gheorghe Asachi Technical University, Iași, Romania), Radu GOLBAN (Titu Maiorescu University, Bucharest, Romania) - *Assessing financial performance of companies manufacturing industrial goods. Evidence on performance dynamics in the period before and after the crisis*
- 📖 Liudmyla PRYKHODCHENKO, Olena LESYK (Odessa Regional Institute for Public Administration of National Academy for Public Administration, the President of Ukraine, Odessa, Ukraine) - *Cross Border Cooperation as an instrument for the competitiveness of Ukraine increasing*

SESSION 2:**Romania as EU member state: opportunities, responsibilities, challenges**

Moderators: Marcela SLUSARCIUC (Ștefan cel Mare University, Suceava, Romania),
Laura DIACONU MAXIM (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania)

🕒 Friday, 17 May | 15.00-18:00 | Room I.2, I Building

- 📄 Daniela Gabriela COZMA, Margareta BOCANCIA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *The trend of the Romanian migration flow explained by means of statistical models*
- 📄 Raluca-Elena CAUNIC (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Limits of the performance evaluation system for the Romanian public hospitals*
- 📄 Cezara Ionela DULCE, Simona - Andreea DUMITRIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Changes in the social and economic structure of Romania after the European Union integration*
- 📄 Lorena-Florentina DUMITRAȘCIUC, Loredana JITARU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Romania as EU member state: opportunities, responsibilities, challenges in entrepreneurial activity*
- 📄 Mihail EVA, Alexandru BĂNICĂ, Alexandra CEHAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Urban shrinkage in Romania: determinants and declining pathways*
- 📄 Andreea-Daniela FEDOR, Corneliu IAȚU, Marinela ISTRATE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Women's empowerment and recognition in politics: a challenge for the European Romania*
- 📄 Andreea IACOB, Valentin Gheorghe DIMON, Constantin Ciprian IACOB (The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *Europe's soft power - a key to regaining European integration model's strength*
- 📄 Mihaela TOMAZIU - TODOSIA, Iuliana- Claudia MIHALACHE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania), Felicia- Catalina APETROI (University of Seville, Spain) - *Financial management of sanitary institutions - an important aspect of increasing the performance of the healthcare sector in Romania*
- 📄 Marcela SLUSARCIUC (Ștefan cel Mare University, Suceava, Romania) - *Cross-border cooperation elements along Romanian-Ukrainian border – empirical data*
- 📄 Olesia MIHAI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Interplay between convention and practice in literature reviews in EU-focused articles*
- 📄 Laura DIACONU MAXIM, Andrei MAXIM (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Is human capital a major determinant for the foreign investors? Comparative study between India and Romania*

SESSION 3:**European regional growth and sustainable development?**

Moderators: Mihai TALMACIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania), Andreea IACOBUȚĂ-MIHĂIȚĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania)

🕒 Friday, 17 May | 15.00-18:00 | Room I.3, I Building

- 📄 Cristian CARAMAN, Liviu George MAHA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Foreign trade and the prospects of regional integration of the Republic of Moldova*
- 📄 Andreea IACOBUȚĂ-MIHĂIȚĂ, Elena CIORTESCU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Cultural factors related to youth unemployment in the European Union*
- 📄 Larisa GERASIMOVA (Moscow State University of Civil Engineering, Russia), Natalya PARASOTSKAYA (Institute of Economics and Business, Russia) - *Environmental cost management*
- 📄 Diana-Manuela LINA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *The Role of Universities in Regional Innovation Systems. One step further in assuming the third mission?*
- 📄 Larisa PANTEA (International Institute of Management "IMI-NOVA", Chișinău, Republic of Moldova) - *Human capital issues in relation to firm's competitiveness*
- 📄 Florin OPREA, Bogdan FIRTESCU, Lenuța COJOCARIU, Paula TERINTE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *The impact of local budgetary spending on regional development*
- 📄 Irina Teodora MANOLESCU, Mihai TALMACIU, Stanislav PERCIC (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Declarative vs. Operational in the orientation of the non-reimbursable Financing Programs of Investments towards Sustainability*
- 📄 Maria TATARUSANU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Community involvement in tourism destination management for an European sustainable tourism*
- 📄 Cristian G. TERZA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Can economic convergence be explained by the level of social capital? An analysis of regional capitals*

SESSION 4:**Future of EU's external actions**

Moderators: Adrian Daniel STAN (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania), Oleh KOZACHUK (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine)

🕒 Saturday, 18 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.4, I Building

- 📄 Bianca BOSOANĂ (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania) - *Juncker's resilient discourse regarding to European security challenges*
- 📄 Andrey KOSHKIN, Natalya DENISENKOVA, Andrey NOVIKOV (Plekhanov Russian University of Economics, Moscow, Russia), Loredana Maria SIMIONOV (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Analysis of European and Russian structural approaches to mitigation of extremism and terrorism risks*
- 📄 Iulia Anamaria GHIDIU (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania) - *Contemporary patterns of transatlantic trade cooperation in a post-Brexit European Union (dis)order*
- 📄 Oleh KOZACHUK (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine) - *National question in Ukraine as a structural challenge*
- 📄 Brindușa-Nicoleta PINCU (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania) - *China and the EU - Going Beyond a mere Trade Partnership*
- 📄 Adrian Daniel STAN (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania) - *The governance of European Security, between resilience and paradigm shift*
- 📄 Tudor ȘALANȚIU, Iulia MUREȘAN (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania) - *The normative framework of regional organizations and asymmetric events in time of globalized threats*
- 📄 Aram TERZIAN (Brusov State University of Languages and Social Sciences, Yerevan, Armenia) - *The implications of the 'velvet revolution' for Armenia's relations with the European Union: opportunities and challenges in the comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement implementation*
- 📄 Asha WAGWARE, Priya Vijaykumar POOJARY (Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, India) - *Re-assessing EU's Western Balkan enlargement: Ethno-political challenges and the Russian Revisionism*
- 📄 Nadiia BUREIKO (Foreign Policy Council 'Ukrainian Prism', Ukraine) - *'Are you indifferent?' Testing 'national indifference' category in the analysis of the Ukrainian-Romanian borderland*
- 📄 Monica RADU (Maison de l'Europe de Paris, Paris, France), Dorin DUSCIAC (Association for Integration of Migrants (AIM) Paris, France) - *The European diplomatic action in the context of novel challenges related to climate migrations*

SESSION 5:**EU governance and public administration**

Moderators: Lucian Dumitru DÎRDALĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania), Silviu-Petru GRECU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania)

🕒 Saturday, 18 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.3, I Building

- 📄 Gabriela CIOLPAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Evaluating the quality of health care by assessing patient satisfaction*
- 📄 Claudiu CLEMENT (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Statistical and intelligent techniques in bankruptcy prediction*
- 📄 Vladimir-Adrian COSTEA (University of Bucharest, Romania) - *Quo Vadis, European Union?*
- 📄 Lucian Dumitru DÎRDALĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *New parties in the 2019 elections for the European Parliament: an analytical framework*
- 📄 Silviu-Petru GRECU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Affects, perception and European Citizenship. Regards in political psychology*
- 📄 Claudia IONESCU (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) - *Multilevel governance and 'good governance' in the EU*
- 📄 Ionuț-Daniel MOLDOVAN (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania) - *Improving security governance through cohesive prevention policies in the European Union*
- 📄 Constantin Marius PROFIROIU, Alina Georgiana PROFIROIU, Corina Cristiana NASTACA (The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *The effectiveness of the Regional Operational Programme and its impact on the resilience of the Romanian regions*
- 📄 Gabriela Cristina ȘPAIUC (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) - *European institutional mechanism for political response to cross-border crises - efficiency in ensuring European security against terrorist attacks and migration crises*
- 📄 Florin ȘUHAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Critical study on defence expenditure and its financing*
- 📄 Diana VICOL (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Financing higher education. A current debate*
- 📄 Elena IONAȘCU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *The dynamic relationship between the residential real estate markets, macro economy and institutional development: Evidence from EU countries*
- 📄 Raluca LUȚAI (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania) - *Intelligence cooperation within the European Union*

- Constantin-Marius APOSTOAI, Irina BILAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Best practices in sustainable finance - A case study approach on EU financial institutions*

SESSION 6:

Challenges to EU law and governance in the member states

Moderators: Alina GENTIMIR (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania), Emanoil Corneliu MOGÎRZAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania)

🕒 Saturday, 18 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.2, I Building

- Marius BALAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Reflexions on Constitution of Europe*
- Bogdan CĂPRARU, Iulian IHNATOV, Nicoleta PINTILIE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Bank competition and business models. Empirical evidence from European banking sector*
- Tudor CHIUARIU (Titu Maiorescu University, București, Romania) - *Building the Union' rule of law. The EU legality as a ground of judicial review at Union and national level*
- Alina GENTIMIR (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Reconfiguration of the European Union - NATO Partnership. Interdisciplinary approaches*
- Andra IFTIMIEI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Some reflexions on Rule of law in European Union*
- Mihai LUPU (Gheorghe Zane Institute, Romanian Academy, Iași Branch, Romania) - *European Union's judicial decisions. Their integrative impact*
- Emanoil Corneliu MOGÎRZAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *The obligation of consultation of the European Union institutions by national authorities*
- Carmen MOLDOVAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Dilemmas on freedom of expression in Europe – fake news, hate speech and illegal speech*
- George Claudiu PUPĂZAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Current challenges of EU institutions in the context of European Administrative Law*
- Alina Ioana SZABÓ (George Bacovia University of Bacău, Romania) - *The European investigation order - an instrument of cooperation for a stronger European Union*

SESSION 7:**Cross border cooperation and peripheral areas in Europe**

Moderators: Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania), Ramona ȚIGĂNAȘU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania)

🕒 Saturday, 18 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.1, I Building

- 📄 Olga BRUSYLOVSKA (Odessa I. I. Mechnikov National University, Odesa, Ukraine) - *Soft Power strategies of Russia and the EU towards Ukraine*
- 📄 Roxana-Mihaela CHIRIAC, Anotolie CĂRBUNE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Identity politics in the Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation and its further implications for the diplomatic relations with the European Union*
- 📄 Ștefan Marian DUMITRU (The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *The European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood and the incorporation of the geopolitical dimension*
- 📄 Cristian ÎNCALȚĂRĂU, Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Migration and resilience in the Eastern European Neighbourhood: remittances as a mechanism for boosting recovery after shocks*
- 📄 Liviu-George MAHA, Oana-Ramona SOCOLIUC (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Development profiles of the countries from the Eastern Neighbourhood - challenges and perspectives*
- 📄 Teodor Lucian MOGA, Lucian Dumitru DIRDALA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *The EU's new neighbourhood policy*
- 📄 Mihai MOGILDEA, Kerry LONGHURST (Collegium Civitas, Warsaw, Poland) - *Mobilising the nation of resilience - the case of Moldova*
- 📄 Cristin MURAFĂ, Liviu George MAHA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Analysis of the dynamics of FDI flows attracted by the Republic of Moldova during the period 1991-2018*
- 📄 Ion MUȘCHEI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *The effects of DCFTA on trade creation and trade diversion between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova*
- 📄 Mihaela ONOFREI, Florin OPREA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Comparative approaches of public governance and local self-government in EaP countries*
- 📄 Carmen PINTILESCU, Daniela VIORICĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Empirical study on the economic resilience of the EaP countries*
- 📄 Ramona ȚIGĂNAȘU, Loredana Maria SIMIONOV (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Institutional resilience in the eastern neighbourhood of the EU. The case of Republic of Moldova and Ukraine*

SESSION 8:**Resilient Europe: challenges, strategies, policies**

Moderators: Peter NIJKAMP (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania), Karima Kourtit (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherland)

🕒 Thursday, 16 May | 14.00-15:30 & Friday, 17 May | 16.30-18:30 | Room I.4, I Building

- 📄 Diana Elena ABALAȘEI, Liviu George MAHA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Analysis of the factors influencing the absorption rates of EU Funds - comparative approach*
- 📄 Bianca ANDRIANU (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania) - *Resilient organizational culture in Cluj-Napoca's public institutions*
- 📄 Tomaz DENTINHO (University of Azores, Portugal / The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *Spatial justice in Romania, a ZIPF's curve approach*
- 📄 Zizi GOSCHIN (The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *Resilient entrepreneurship. A spatial analysis for Romania*
- 📄 Silvia Elena IACOB (The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania), Mihaela Loredana BĂDINA (RĂDULESCU) (University Valahia of Târgoviște, Romania) - *Resilience and development in globalising world*
- 📄 Adriana REVEIU-DÂRDALĂ (The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *Mapping and assessing spatial diversity of urban system for underpinning urban resilience analysis*
- 📄 Cristina ȘERBĂNICĂ (Constantin Brancoveanu University, Pitești, Romania / The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania), Daniela Luminița CONSTANTIN (The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *Building resilience to environmental shocks and stresses. A critical review of recent dynamics across Europe*
- 📄 Alexandru BĂNICĂ, Mihai EVA, Ema CORODESCU-ROSCA, Bogdan-Constantin IBANESCU, Ana-Maria OPRIA, Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania) - *Smarter and (more) resilient cities in Romania*

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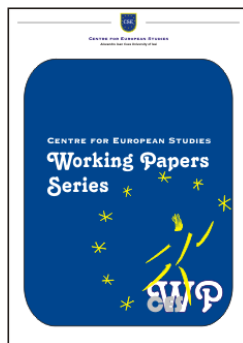
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