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## CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PROSPECTS FOR A RESILIENT EUROPE

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## **CONFERENCE RATIONALE**

Crises affect people and the societies in which they live. Thus, in the light of the current multidimensional challenges at the European Union level, there is a need to expand the debates about finding solutions to combat crises, in order to generate a more inclusive, sustainable and resilient Union. Strengthening the resilience capacity of European economies depends on the ability of governments to respond to different types of shocks through appropriate policies, adapted to the context. Answers to crises are found more easily through discussions at all levels (multi-level approach), involving both the representatives of decision-making institutions and civil society.

By organising this conference, the aim is to create a favourable framework for dialogue and analysis on the issues facing the European Union, as well as other relevant related topics.

The event is addressed to all those interested in the broad spectrum of aspects that the European Union incorporates.

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Friday, 19 May	
09:00 CET 08:00	Registration Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi
09:30 CET 08:30	OPENING CEREMONY   Ferdinand Room - A Building Welcoming remarks Lectures Plenary round table
12:30	Lunch – I Building
14:00 CET 13:00	Workshop  aligned I Building PARALLEL SESSIONS aligned I Building

#### Saturday, 20 May

10:00   CET 09:00	Workshop 🚔 I Building
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11:30	About Europe: Young Researchers in European Studies

## DETAILED PROGRAMME

#### Friday, 19 May

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#### Welcoming remarks

- Corneliu IAŢU, Vice-Rector, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania
- Ioana Maria COSTEA, Dean, Faculty of Law, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania
- Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU, Director, Centre for European Studies, Faculty of Law, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania

#### Lectures

 Sebastian SCHAEFFER (Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe, Vienna, Austria)

Regional perspectives and future scenarios on the war in Ukraine: towards a Greater European Council

 Fernando RUBIERA MOROLLON (Universidad de Oviedo, President of the Asociación Española de Ciencia Regional - AECR, Spain)

R&D and territorial cohesion EU policies: a new version of the myth of the Penelope tapestry?

#### Friday, 19 May

## Plenary round table: A new agenda for a wider and resilient Union: Challenges for the next EU enlargements

Priday, 19 May | 11.00 / CET 10.00 | Ferdinand Room | A Building
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#### Chairs:

- Tomaz DENTINHO (PhD Professor, University of Azores, Portugal)
- Peter NIJKAMP (PhD Professor, Open University, The Netherlands)

#### Participants:

- Karima KOURTIT (PhD Professor, Open University, The Netherlands)
- Teodor Lucian MOGA (PhD Lecturer, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)
- Maria PORCHUK (President of the NGO Center Business from Cernauti, Ukraine)
- Oksana HOLOVKO-HAVRYSHEVA (PhD Professor, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ukraine)
- Mihai ŢURCANU (Researcher, Institute for Development and Social Initiatives, Republic of Moldova)
- Yulia HRYTSKU-ANDRIIESH (Councillor, Regional Council Chernivtsi, cofounder HelpUkraine)

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#### **WORKSHOPS & ROUND TABLES**

INDI-DeR workshop: Institutions, digitalitization and regional development in the European Union

<sup>(1)</sup> Saturday, 20 May | 10.00 / CET: 9:00 | ROOM I1 (onsite)

**Moderator:** Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)

- Fernando RUBIERA MOROLLON (Universidad de Oviedo, Spain) The effect of the pandemic and digitalisation on the urban sprawl and urban sustainability
- Peter NIJKAMP (Open University, The Netherlands) Urbanometrics: Data-Analytics for the Study of Cityphilia and Cityphobia
- Karima KOURTIT (Open University, The Netherlands) Mind Map for Data-Analytics of Local Corona Patterns
- Bogdan-Constantin IBĂNESCU, Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU, Alexandru BĂNICĂ, Ioana BEJENARU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - The fascination of smart tourism for Romanian urban areas
- Alexandru BĂNICĂ, Ramona ȚIGĂNAȘU, Peter NIJKAMP, Karima KOURTIT (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) Digitalization and Green Transition in EU through National Recovery and Resilience Plans
- Aura Elena AMIRONESEI, Carmen Tamara UNGUREANU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - Legal Issues Concerning Generative AI Technologies

## PARALLEL SESSIONS Friday, 19 May

Special session: Open Science Opportunities and Practices in Social Sciences (RDA)

**Moderators:** Geta MITREA (Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Romania), Monica MARIN (Research Institute for Quality of Life, Bucharest)

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<sup>(2)</sup> Friday, 19 May | 14.00 / CET 13.00 (online)

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- Irina BALAUR, Reinhard SCHNEIDER, Venkata SATAGOPAM (University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg), Dagmar WALTEMATH (Greifswald University of Medicine, Germany) - Lessons learnt from the communitylevel project on "Fostering the uptake of RDA indicators in Systems Biomedicine as a measure for model quality and FAIRness within the COMBINE community"
- Florent DIVERCHY (European Communication School in Brussels, Belgium), Geta MITREA (Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Romania) - Facilitating the Use of New Data Sources for Official Statistics (B2G4S)
- Beth KNAZOOK (Digital Repository of Ireland) Supporting Open Science Across the Disciplines: What is the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)?
- Monica MARIN, Eugen GLAVAN (Research Institute for Quality of Life), Bogdan CORAD (Romanian Centre for Economic Modelling, Romania), Alin CHIS (Independent Expert) - Open Science Practices in Cross-Disciplinary Projects in Romania: the case of EU-FAR
- Luminita IOSIF (Dunarea de Jos University of Galati, Romania) Open science and qualitative research the reuse of qualitative data
- Geta MITREA (Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Romania) Open access publications through the eyes of social sciences researchers. Advantages and disadvantages

#### Session: European multidimensional issues (I)

**Moderators:** Lucian-Dumitru DÎRDALĂ, Ion MUȘCHEI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania)

- <sup>(2)</sup> Friday, 19 May | 14.00 / CET 13:00 | **ROOM I.2 (onsite)**
- Ana Maria ALBULESCU (University of Bucharest) Romanian Foreign Policy, the Republic of Moldova and the conflict in Transnistria 1990-2008
- Dzenita SILJAK, Kristian I. NIELSEN (Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary) - How readiness for integration impacts future performance: the cases of Slovenia and Croatia
- Cristina-Georgiana BALTAG (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - Exploring the link between decentralisation and development: lessons from the Dutch experience
- Alexandru BĂNICĂ, Manuel FOŞALĂU, Lucian ROŞU, Ionel MUNTELE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - Is 15-minute city a way towards sustainable, smart, resilient and liveable urban areas? Evidence from Iaşi municipality
- Ioana BEJENARU, Bogdan-Constantin IBĂNESCU, Corneliu IAŢU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania). - How are smart initiatives affecting the citizens' quality of life? Case study on Iasi, Romania
- Şerban GRIGORAŞ-STĂNESCU (Carol I National Defence University, Romania) - A real game changer at the Black Sea: Istanbul Kanal
- Raluca-Maria IRIMIA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) -EU-ASEAN relations amid strategic partnership and principled pragmatism
- Florin PROCA (Free International University, Republic of Moldova) Prison visit for those behind bars in Europe, an essential element for reintegration into society
- George Claudiu PUPĂZAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - The reform of the specialized bodies of the central public administration in Romania in a European context
- Ion MUŞCHEI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi, Romania) The evolution of the institutional convergence process between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova. The relationship between European formal institutions and Moldovan informal institutions
- Ancuța Elena FRANŢ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) -The role of forensic sciences in creating a safer Europe
- Lucian-Dumitru DÎRDALĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)
   The return of the Spitzenkandidat: institutional and party politics ahead of the 2024 European elections

Session: Economic dynamics, entrepreneurship and resilience

Moderator: Marcela SLUSARCIUC (Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava)

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- Elena BIZIM (SURDU) (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) -Public-private partnership. A solution for the development of local communities in Vaslui county, Romania
- Andreea CIMPOEŞU (National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania) - The impact of the cohesion policy on Romania. The capacity to absorb funds
- Gabriela PRELIPCEAN, Diana Georgiana PÎŢU (Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava) - Risk factors for a resilient economic growth post COVID-19
- Lela JAMAGIDZE (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia) -Structural transformation, trade and development: Georgia in comparative perspective
- Gentian PICARI (Center of Albanian Development Fund), Aseda BANUSHAJ (University of Tirana, Albania) - The relationship between innovation and exporting behaviour. Case of Albania
- Olha BRAHINA, Mariia BONDARCHUK (Odessa National Polytechnic University, Ukraine) - Current state and priorities of post-war entrepreneurship development in Ukraine
- Maryna SHEPEL, Oleksandr BALAN, Olena LYPYNSKA (Odessa National Polytechnic University, Ukraine) - The ways of Ukraine's small businesses development in the post-war Period
- Olena KOVALOVA, Svitlana FILYPPOVA, Oleksandr MALIN (Odessa National Polytechnic University) - Bond market in Ukraine under wartime conditions
- Anis BENABED (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania), Fernando VARGA (Babes Boyal University of Cluj, Romania) - Globalization and the global trending dimensions of the labor market in a challenging context
- Raluca-Andreea SOLEA (University of Bucharest, Romania) Enhancing EU's resilience against terrorism: a legal approach
- Marcela SLUSARCIUC (Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Romania) - Patterns of cooperation in times of crisis – empirical evidence from the cross-border projects in the Romania-Ukraine border area

## PARALLEL SESSIONS Saturday, 20 May

#### Session: European multidimensional issues (II)

**Moderators:** Laura DIACONU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania), Oana-Ramona SOCOLIUC (GURIȚĂ) (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania),

- ③ Saturday, 20 May | 10.00 | Room I.2 (onsite)
- Iuliana CHITAC (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) Is it the same boat? Sailing the interdisciplinarity of entrepreneur(ship) and leader(ship) nexus on board of Romanian migrant entrepreneur(ship) in London
- Mihaela CLINCU, Alexandru BĂNICĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - Cultural premises for sustainable development at the European Union level
- Oana-Maria COZMA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) -Modern slavery and the European labour market dynamics
- Andrei-Ionuț PRICOP, Beniamin-Petru RUSANU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) How can the development of e-Government in the European Union increase? Building an explanatory statistical model
- Ioana-Maria URSACHE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) -The Romanian smart city: experts' perception and vision
- Laura DIACONU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) -Employees' productivity in the context of the remote work
- Oana-Ramona SOCOLIUC (GURIŢĂ) (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania), Nicoleta SÎRGHI (West University of Timisoara, Romania) -Health security in Romania at the crossroads of Covid challenge and ageing population

### Session: Societal challenges and response policies

Moderator: Felicia Cătălina APETROI (University of Seville, Spain)

## <sup>(2)</sup> Saturday, 20 May | 10.00 / CET: 9.00 (online)

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- Doru BOTEZAT (University of Medicine and Pharmacy "Grigore T. Popa" laşi, Romania) - Medical Space Between Progress, Epidemiological Transitions and Economic Challenges
- Carmen Elena COCA (Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava, Romania), Daniel DANECI-PATRAU (Maritime University of Constanta, Romania), Romeo BOSNEAGU (Mircea Cel Batran Naval Academy of Constanta, Romania) - The integrated model of the factors which influence the human resources management within the rail transport companies
- Ditjona KULE (University of Tirana, Albania) Albanian and Western Balkan higher education challenges in the context of European integration
- Edina Lilla MESZAROS, Constantin Vasile TOCA (University of Oradea, Romania) - Strengthening societal resilience to disinformation coming from the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood
- Ewa OSUCH-RAK, Magdalena PROCZEK (Warsaw School of Economics, Poland) Social innovations in European Union
- Anca BEJENARU (Universitatea Lucian Blaga din Sibiu, Romania), Sergiu RAIU (Universitatea Lucian Blaga din Sibiu, Universitatea Stefan cel Mare din Suceava, Romania), Mihai IOVU (Universitatea Lucian Blaga din Sibiu; Universitatea Babes-Bolyai din Cluj-Napoca, Romania) - Supporting families who adopt hard-to-place children in Romania
- Anjeza XHAFERAJ (European University of Tirana, Albania) *The paradox* of external assistance in establishing civil society: a case study of Albania
- Valentina CORNEA (Dunărea de Jos University of Galați, Romania) -Universal basic income as instrument to address inequalities
- Felicia Cătălina APETROI (University of Seville, Spain) The evolution of health financing models

#### Session: A changing world: towards a sustainable and smart Europe

Moderator: Ionuț STOICA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)

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- Ana Maria ANDRONACHE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - Opportunities and challenges of AI technologies in the design and application of public policies
- Aseda BANUSHAJ (University of Tirana, Albania), Gentian PICARI (Center of Albanian Development Fund, Albania) - Green Agenda for Western Balkans: PESTEL analysis
- Iris BELERAJ, Ditjona KULE (University of Tirana, Albania) Green Public Procurement and possible consequences in Albania and Western Balkan countries
- Aida GJIKA, Etis JORGJI (University of Tirana, Albania) Green growth in Western Balkans: real opportunities and future challenges
- Etis JORGJI, Aida GJIKA (University of Tirana, Albania) Green innovations in Western Balkans: Lessons learned from SWOT analysis
- Boglarka VAJDA (University of Bucharest, Romania) Accelerating green transition in Central and Eastern Europe, a systematic literature review
- Guy WAIZEL (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) The potential effects of NIS2 and DORA, EU data privacy regulations on EU cybersecurity resilience and cloud adoption
- Iryna ZLATOVA (Odessa National Polytechnic University; Ukraine) SEO trends in digital marketing during the war in Ukraine
- Iryna BASHYNSKA, Liubov NIEKRASOVA (Odessa National Polytechnic University, Ukraine) - The relevance of an eco-industrial cluster in promoting Ukraine's post-war reconstruction and sustainable development
- Georgiana CICEO (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) The battle for post-crisis Europe. Is there a plan for moving forward?
- Armand SADOVSCHI (National School of Political and Administrative Studies Bucharest, Romania) - EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement. A realist constructivist perspective
- Ionuț STOICA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) EU International Partnerships – Global Europe as tool for a more resilient Europe

### Session: Geopolitical challenges in times of crisis

Moderator: Loredana Maria SIMIONOV (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi)

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- Reina ZENELAJ SHEHI, Ingrit MELANI (Epoka University, Albania) The logic of EU normative power in Western Balkans
- Anatolii DIRUN, Valentina THEOSA (Moldova State University, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova) - The problem of developing a model for the settlement of the Transnistrian conflict in the context of European integration of the Republic of Moldova
- David ABRAHAM (National School of Political and Administrative Studies Bucharest, Romania) - Foreign Policy trends in Russia: the impact of the Ukraine invasion on Africa
- Cristina EJOVA (Moldova State University, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova) -International cooperation for countering terrorism within the United Nations: theoretical-empirical aspects
- Yevheniy HAYDANKA (Trnava University, Slovak Republic) The Russian-Ukrainian war in the European Union's political narrative: the Slovak Republic case
- Madalina IACOB (West University, Timisoara, Romania) Cultural theory. A possible answer for conflict resolution
- Alban RELI (European University of Tirana, Albania) Beyond the ballot box: the Meaning and substance of democracy
- Natalia ROTARI (Moldova State University, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova) -Cyber-terrorism – threat to European security
- Selena STEJARU (Moldova State University, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova)
   The European Union's multilateral diplomacy: partnerships for promoting democracy
- George Mihael MANEA (University of Bucharest, Romania) Modus vivendi and modus operandi of civil society organisations in reaching societal resilience: from capacity building to network building
- Jubjana VILA (EPOKA University, Albania) Regional dynamics in the EU integration path of Western Balkans
- Loredana Maria SIMIONOV (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - Dynamics of Moldovan identity: current shifts in attitudes and geopolitical choices

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