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## WELCOMING REMARKS

**Tudorel TOADER**

RECTOR OF THE ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA UNIVERSITY of IAȘI

*Distinguished guests,*

*It is a great pleasure and honour to welcome you at the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi to the EURINT International Conference 2016 “**The Eastern Partnership under strain - time for a rethink?**”. The University of Iasi is known throughout Romania and Eastern Europe for its research expertise and outstanding scientists and its constant interest in dealing with the countries from the Eastern neighbourhood of the European Union. Thanks to generous internationally-funded projects in European excellence networks, since 2000 we have managed to create a platform under the umbrella of the Centre for European Studies which fosters discussions and provides analytical research on the most up-to-date policy issues relating to the EU.*

*Due to our university unique geographic position, this platform gives us the opportunity to invite renowned international experts for discussing and finding solutions to some of the most pressing challenges the EU is facing, among others, the future of the countries positioned in the Eastern proximity of the European Union.*

*Since 2013, the EURINT conference series has established itself as one of the most visible academic events in the 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. We are also glad that we have among us such distinguished guests (Mr. Radek Sikorski, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland, honourable professors, experts, young professionals, researchers and students) from over 20 countries, ready to challenge traditional lines of thought and, hopefully, seek to create in long term a network of young researchers and specialists in European Studies who will not only collaborate on future academic and civic projects, but also contribute to the spreading of European values and ideas in the neighbouring region. In this sense, the EURINT organising team will be more than happy to invite you to participate in various projects and initiatives meant*

*to further keep you in close contact, because last, but not least, EURINT is about you, about the community you create and the indispensable role you play in shaping the European lines of thought and policies. As already members of this community, we encourage you to actively contribute to the debates, ask challenging questions and reflect on the future of the region.*

*I am confident that this two-day conference will create great impact and (re)shape the European and neighbouring policies. These include challenges such as the pressing security concerns from the Eastern Partnership region, the Ukrainian crisis, the ongoing tensions between the Euro-Atlantic community and Russia, the future of the EU's transformative power in the neighbourhood and the economic conundrum faced by the Eastern Partnership states.*

*I am sure that Iasi is the “place” that receives, arms wide open, the creative energies and ideas. “The city on the seven hills”, “just like Rome”, as an old local poem depicts, it will serve – especially now in the month of May – as the perfect background and host for flourishing discussions.*

*Distinguished guests, it is with great excitement that I welcome you to the EURINT 2016 international conference. Welcome to our university, welcome to Iasi and to its wonderful surroundings.*

**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 2016 international conference **“The Eastern Partnership under strain - time for a rethink?”** hosted and organised by the Centre for European Studies of the University of Iași. This event is generously supported by Erasmus+ Programme within the frame of Jean Monnet Project “The Eastern Partnership under strain - time for a rethink?” (EaPpeal) the Centre for European Studies has been awarded with.*

*The 2016 EURINT international conference series reaches an important milestone, its 5<sup>th</sup> edition. In this regard, this anniversary edition aims at drawing some of most relevant scholars, researchers, experts and civil society activists into a constructive exchange of views on whether we can still speak of the effectiveness of EU's normative power in the region and the efficiency of the Eastern Partnership in the light of the events in Ukraine.*

*The heart of the EURINT 2016 international conference consists of both interactive panels moderated and attended by our distinguished guests and of presentation sessions dedicated exclusively to our young researchers and professionals. Moreover, we are delighted to host during this year's conference Mr. Radek Sikorski, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland from 2007-2014. We could not thought of a better choice for our annual keynote speech. Mr. Sikorski, together with Carl Bildt, initiated the EU's Eastern Partnership.*

*The conference aims at transmitting knowledge about the EU's role in Eastern neighbourhood, a region of vital importance for all of us, which is currently under huge scrutiny, taking into account the Ukrainian crisis and latest tensions between the Euro-Atlantic community and Russia. Hence, we believe time is ripe for a detailed (re)consideration of the EU's neighbourhood instruments. In our view, a lack of in-depth inquiry into the factors at play might irreversibly sap the EU's role in the region. EURINT 2016 tries to fill a visible gap in the current debate and, thus, provide novel answers and raise awareness of the intrinsic and extrinsic challenges the EU faces when conceptualizing its strategy towards the Eastern proximity.*

*Taking into account Romania's experience gained in pre-accession period, we consider that regional cooperation between the specialists from universities/research institutes located in the border area is one of the key methods of creating interdependencies, promoting connections between public*

*and private environment, institutions, attitudes and behaviours. I also believe the region where our conference takes place is significant, considering that 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.*

*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 future of the countries situated in the Eastern neighbourhood of the European Union. I also do hope that these days spent in our charming city will give you enough inspiration to build momentum for future projects and initiatives.*

*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 use this opportunity to thank our distinguished experts and participants for attending our event.*



## ABOUT EURINT CONFERENCE SERIES

Our annual conference series was re-branded in 2013 by the Centre for European Studies (CES) under the EURINT (EUROpean INTEgration) acronym in the frame of the Jean Monnet Life Long Learning Programme, following a long tradition of more than 11 international annual conferences dedicated to European Studies which started in 2005 at CES. Our annual conferences have established themselves as some of the most visible academic events in field of European Studies from Central and Eastern Europe. The 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 academic programme has always been rich and diverse and the results of our efforts have been equally rewarding. For instance, according to the feedback received from our previous editions,

*“EURINT 2014 has been an invaluable experience which helped me gather useful comments for my work and also come across many international experts dealing with the eastern neighbourhood of the EU”* (Nadiia Bureiko, Bukovina State University, Chernivtsi, Ukraine, participant in EURINT 2014).

Or, *“EURINT 2013 was my first experience in Romania. The students were very keen during the conference sessions and vivid while visiting Iasi city. Fruitful open debates and their friendships were what I brought back. The staff kept in academic touch, in my case via evaluating a paper for publication. I wish them good luck for strengthening the backbone of a daring and exemplifying union of mankind ever, EU, via dialogue and exchange of ideas”* (Masoud Imani Kalesar, Euronews, Lyon, France, participant in EURINT 2013).

*“I attended Eurint Conference in 2013 and I was positively surprised by the great interest of the students about the event. In addition to the relevant presentations of the Iasi University's students, there was also a significant contribution of the international and foreign researchers, who analysed specific issues concerning EU, Eastern Europe and international relations”* (Fabio INDEO, University of Camerino, Italy, participant in EURINT 2013)

## EURINT 2016 CONFERENCE RATIONALE

EURINT 2016 seeks to be one of the most visible and relevant international events in the academic year 2015-2016, dealing with the EaP region. The conceptual framework of EURINT 2016 is centred on the EU ‘actress’ topic. The ongoing turmoil from Ukraine is seriously testing the EU’s capacity to effectively stand up to these regional challenges. Perhaps it is not surprising that in some circles the EU’s approach towards the EaP region is perceived

today as being not entirely comprehensive. The EU seems not fully capable of delivering meaningful results which could negatively impact, on the long-run, the EU's credentials in the region. Concurrently, in post-Soviet Eastern Europe, the EU has still not been able to fully accommodate the large spectrum of expectations stemming from the EaP states, instead vacillating in its discourse between exclusion and inclusion, between limited vs. potential full integration, move which has puzzled many of its observers. Last but not least, the pressing security concerns from the EaP region having the Ukrainian crisis as centrepiece are still unsettled which could damage the EU's presence in the neighbourhood as an important player for the near future. Hence, we believe time is ripe for a detailed reconsideration of the EU's neighbourhood instruments which could, ultimately, contribute to a readjustment of the EaP to the present challenges.

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## EURINT 2016 TOPICS

*...touch upon the following themes:*

### ***Explaining the effectiveness and relevance of the EaP***

Some relevant questions: Is it really possible to have a detailed reconsideration of the EU's neighbourhood instruments in relation to its Eastern neighbours? Adjusting the nonadjustable: has the EU perhaps miscalculated its strategy in the region from its very first steps? Has the conceptualization/design of the ENP/EaP been flawed from the very beginning? What about the EaP's institutional set-up? Will the implementation of the ENP review really make a difference?

### ***Testing EU international 'actorness'***

Some relevant questions: The perception that the EU is lacking a comprehensive approach towards the EaP region exists. Could this negatively impact, on the long-run, the EU's credentials in the region? Could we still speak of an European 'transformative power' in its near abroad? Could the EU still reach out to the EaP countries? Has the current Ukrainian crisis irreversibly affected EU's 'actorness'? What new theoretical propositions could be envisaged for framing the EaP?

### ***Regional geopolitics and the implications of the Ukrainian debacle***

Some relevant questions: The pressing security concerns from the EaP region, the tensions between the Euro-Atlantic community are still unsettled. Could we witness future regional spill-over effects? Is the EU's 'soft power' approach still valid today when confronted with a revival of Realist consideration and Cold War type-rivalries? How can we explain Russia's role in the region? Under which conditions an agreement between the Euro-Atlantic community and Russia can be reached?

### ***The economic 'gamble' of the Eastern neighbourhood***

Some relevant questions: How realistic are the prospects of economic growth for the EaP states which signed the AA? What about the ones who have been left outside the AA framework? Does the DCFTA bring added value? Is the full implementation of the DCFTAs achievable? In economic terms, are the diplomatic rows between Russia and the EU over the DCFTA justifiable? Is the DCFTA between EU and Ukraine negatively impacting Russia's economy?

### ***Societal implications of the cooperation between the EU and EaP states***

Some relevant questions: Did cooperation between EU-EaP countries visibly increase the role of the civil society? What about perceptions vis-à-vis the EU in the EaP societies? What are the attitudes towards European integration? Under which conditions can the EU hold sway over political elites and societal actors? How can the EU further increase its appeal to the wider population?

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

### University library & museum tour

You are warmly welcome to explore [„Gh. Asachi” Library Tour](#). The Library has been selected among the most beautiful 25 libraries in the world, according to an online international survey. Afterwards you are welcome to explore more about our University in a short tour of the University premises and museum.

The tour will be organised Friday, 13.30-14.30.or 13.45-14.45. The starting point of the tour will be clearly signposted in the *Hall of the lost steps*, near the main stairway. Please register at the registration desk.

### Sightseeing tour of Iași (walking tour)

You are all warmly welcome to explore the historical centre of Iasi on a guided sightseeing tour which will start at 16.00, 21 May (Saturday), from the „I” Building. The tour will include the Historical City Centre and the Palace of Culture.

### Lunch

Lunches on Friday – 20 May and Saturday – 21 May, will take place in the *Hall of the lost steps* (A Building).



### Conference dinners

*Dinner on Friday – 20 May*, will take place at **Traian Restaurant** (1 Unirii Square, Iasi). Departure from I Building 19.30 (on foot).



*Official closing dinner on Saturday – 21 May*, will take place at **Golden Stone Ciric Restaurant (near Iași)**. Transportation will be available for participants. Departure from I Building at 19.45 and from the Palace of Culture at 20.00 (by bus). The participants will have the possibility to leave the restaurant's premises at 23.00 or 01.00 (by bus).



## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### 19 May 2016

- Arrival of participants to Iași

### 20 May 2016

08:00-09:20	<b>Registration of participants</b> Hall of the lost steps - A Building
09:30-10:00	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> Aula Magna - A Building  <b>Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Tudorel TOADER</b>, Rector of the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași</li> <li>○ <b>Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU</b>, Head of the Centre for European Studies - Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași</li> </ul>
10:00-11:00	<b>EURINT Keynote lecture</b> Aula Magna - A Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Radek SIKORSKI</b> (Senior Fellow Ia Harvard University, Foreign Minister of Poland during 2007-2014, initiator of the Eastern Partnership)  <b><i>The Eastern Partnership under strain – time for a rethink?</i></b>  Moderator: <b>Alexandru LĂZESCU</b> (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași) </li> </ul>
11:00-11:15	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Refreshments / Networking opportunities</b> Hall of the lost steps - A Building

<b>11:15-12:45</b>	<b>EURINT Talks</b> “Geopolitics of the ‘shared neighbourhood’: the EaP region between the Euro-Atlantic community and Russia” Aula Magna - A Building
<b>12:45-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b> Hall of the lost steps - A Building
<b>14:00-18:00</b>	<b>WORKSHOP:</b> Building resilience in the EU's neighbourhood countries. New approaches for a more effective Eastern Partnership I Building
<b>14:00-18:00</b>	<b>Parallel sessions</b> A & I Buildings
<b>16:00-16:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b> A & I Buildings
<b>20:00</b>	<b>Dinner</b> - <i>TRAIAN Restaurant</i> Departure from <i>I Building</i> ,19.30

## 21 May 2016

<b>09:00-10:45</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION: “The effectiveness of the EaP in the light of recent events”</b> Senate Hall - A Building
<b>10:45-11.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b> I Building
<b>11:00-13:00</b>	<b>Parallel sessions</b> I Building
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b> Hall of the lost steps - A Building

<b>14.00-16:00</b>	<b>Parallel sessions</b> A & I Buildings
<b>16:00-18:30</b>	<b>Sightseeing tour of Iasi</b> Departure from I Building (walking tour)
<b>20:00</b>	<b>Official closing dinner - <i>Golden Stone Restaurant</i></b> Departure from I Building at 19.45 and from the Palace of Culture at 20.00

## EURINT TALKS:

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### **The geopolitics of the ‘shared’ neighbourhood: the EaP region between the Euro-Atlantic community and Russia**

🕒 Friday, 20 May | 11.15 – 12.45 | Aula Magna - A Building

- ❑ Matthew RHODES (George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany)
- ❑ Richard SAKWA (University of Kent, United Kingdom)
- ❑ Ralf ROLOFF (George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany)
- ❑ Armand GOȘU (University of Bucharest, Romania)

**Moderator:** Masoud Kalesar IMANI (Euronews, Lyon, France)

## PLENARY SESSION

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### **The effectiveness of the EaP in the light of recent events**

🕒 Saturday, 21 May | 9.00 – 10.45 | Senate Hall - A Building

- ❑ Elena KOROSTELEVA (University of Kent, United Kingdom)
- ❑ Hanna SHELEST (Ukraine Analytica, Ukraine)
- ❑ Lucian DÎRDALĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)
- ❑ Vsevolod SAMOKHVALOV (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom)

**Moderator:** Teodor Lucian MOGA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)



## WORKSHOP

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### Building resilience in the EU's neighbourhood countries. New approaches for a more effective EaP

🕒 Friday, 20 May | 14.00 – 18.00 | Room I.4, I Building

- ❑ Grigorios ZAROTIADIS (Aristotle University Of Thessaloniki, Greece) - *The historic acquis on socioeconomic cooperation in Eastern Europe and the Black Sea as a cornerstone for a progressive-European integration*
- ❑ Eleni KARAVELI (Athens University of Economics and Business, Athens, Greece) - *The EU's Eastern Partnership (EaP) and its prospects: implications for EU's international position and internal cohesion*
- ❑ Sergiy GERASYMCHUK (Strategic and Security Studies Group, Kyiv, Ukraine) - *The Eastern Partnership: Rethinking the idea of Europeisation in the age of hybrid challenges*
- ❑ Angelantonio ROSATO (CeSPI - Centro Studi Politica Internazionale, Roma, Italy) - *EU's geostrategic challenges in the Eastern Neighbourhood*
- ❑ Yuval WEBER (National Research University, Moscow, Russia) - *From One Cold War to Another? Structural Challenges to the International Political Order and Consequences for the Eastern Partnership Area*
- ❑ Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU, Ramona ȚIGĂNAȘU, Carmen PINTILESCU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Why the concept of resilience could guide the action of the EU in its Eastern neighbourhood?*
- ❑ Michael-Detlef BOLLE, Oliver FLAESCHNER (Free University, Berlin, Germany) - *Resilience of the EU and Leverage of the ENP: Some Good and Some Bad News*
- ❑ Gilles ROUET (Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines University, France) - *Resilience of organizations and European construction*
- ❑ Adrian John HEALY (Cardiff University, United Kingdom) - *The role of agency in promoting regional economic resilience*
- ❑ Dariusz Wojciech WOJAKOWSKI (University of Rzeszów, Poland) - *Multiculturalism in opinions and practices of local elites. Cases from the Polish- Ukrainian Borderland*

**Moderators:** Gilles ROUET (Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines University, France), Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania), Ramona ȚIGĂNAȘU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

### SESSION 1:

**Cooperation or confrontation? Insights into current EU-Russia relations and their impact on the wider neighbourhood** | Building,  
Friday, 20 May | 14.00-18:00 | Room I.1, I Building

### SESSION 2:

**The economic 'gamble' of the eastern neighbourhood**  
Friday, 20 May | 14.00-18:00 | Room Ferdinand, A Building

### SESSION 3:

**Testing EU international 'actorness'**  
Friday, 20 May | 14.00-18:00 | Room I.2, I Building

### SESSION 4:

**The Ukrainian crisis – domestic and external implications**  
Friday, 20 May | 14.00-18:00 | Room I.3, I Building

### SESSION 5:

**The implications of the civil society and media in the Eastern neighbourhood**  
Saturday, 21 May | 11.00-16:00 | Room I.4, I Building

### SESSION 6:

**Moldova – Still an EaP success story?**  
Saturday, 21 May | 11.00-16:00 | Room I.2, I Building

### SESSION 7:

**Explaining the effectiveness and relevance of the EaP**  
Saturday, 21 May | 11.00-16:00 | Room I.3, I Building

### SESSION 8:

**The EU: current challenges and future prospects**  
Saturday, 21 May | 11.00-16:00 | Room I.1, I Building

## SESSION 1:

### Cooperation or confrontation? Insights into current EU-Russia relations and their impact on the wider neighbourhood

**Moderators:** Lucian DÎRDALĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania), Denis ALEKSEEV (Saratov University, Russia)

🕒 Friday, 20 May | 14.00-18:00 | Room I.1, I Building

- 📄 Adrian POP (National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) - *From Cooperation to Confrontation: The Impact of the Bilateral Negative Perceptions and Interaction in the Shared Neighbourhood on the EU- Russia Relations*
- 📄 Vasif HUSEYNOV (University of Göttingen, Germany) - *Why Does Russia Fail to Stop Eu-zation in The Former Soviet Union: The Case of the Soft Power-Neoclassical Realism Nexus*
- 📄 Ani GRIGORYAN (National Academy of Sciences, Yerevan, Armenia) - *Armenia and EU: security agenda as a fresh start for engagement*
- 📄 Fabio INDEO (University of Camerino, Italy) - *Post soviet space between EaP and Eurasian Union: the case of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan*
- 📄 Fabienne BOSSUYT (Ghent University, Belgium) - *Central and Eastern European perceptions of the Eurasian Economic Union: fears of renewed Russian hegemony?*
- 📄 Roxana HÎNCU, Giselle BOSSE (Maastricht University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Netherlands) - *'Hard security' vs. 'big business'? Explaining Bulgaria's and Romania's responses to the war in Ukraine*
- 📄 Dorin DUSCIAC (Minister of Environment, Republic of Moldova), Nicu POPESCU (EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris, France) - *EU-Russia and the energy dimension of the EaP*
- 📄 Alexandru MAXIM (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *The European Energy Security Strategy: reshaping the EU-Russia interdependence*
- 📄 Oana-Ancuța POIANĂ (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) - *Natural resources as power increasing capabilities affecting the polarity of the Black Sea regional system*
- 📄 Angela GRĂMADĂ, Mihaela-Adriana PĂDUREANU, Bogdan POPESCU (National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) - *How are the EaP countries prepared to respond to the civilian security aspects?*
- 📄 Loredana SIMIONOV (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) – *"Putin fixation" versus Putin's fixation*

**SESSION 2:****The economic 'gamble' of the Eastern neighbourhood**

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**Moderators:** Loredana SIMIONOV (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania), Joanna STRYJEK (Warsaw School of Economics, Poland)

🕒 Friday, 20 May | 14.00-18:00 | Room Ferdinand, A Building

- 📄 Ganna KHARLAMOVA, Maksim SITNITSKIY (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine) - *Growing regional interdependence: the EU and the EaP*
- 📄 Krzysztof FALKOWSKI, Joanna STRYJEK (Warsaw School of Economics, Poland) - *ENP and FDI: the Eastern dimension*
- 📄 Cristina REUL (Romanian Centre for European Policies, Chisinau, Moldova) - *DCFTAs in focus: How the EaP steps into the Common Market*
- 📄 Inna POLIAKOVA (Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Kharkiv, Ukraine) - *The EaP and free trade: benefits and difficulties*
- 📄 Maryna RABINOVYCH (I.I. Mechnikov National University, Odessa, Ukraine) - *The transformative power of the EU-Ukraine DCFTA: Evidence from the ongoing deregulation reform in Ukraine*
- 📄 Maksym MYKHAYLENKO (Newssky Magazine, Kyiv, Ukraine) - *Ukraine's challenge of a new 'after post-soviet' transit: between illiberal democracy and EU-driven modernization*
- 📄 Ion POHOATĂ, Aida-Loredana BACIU, Paula Alexandra ROIBU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Is the DCFTA between UE and Ukraine negatively impact Russia's economy?*
- 📄 Veronika CHALA, Alexander KLIMCHUK (Pridniprovsk State Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture, Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine) - *Analysis of Ukrainian companies business-models potential in terms of shift to European creative economy*
- 📄 Dragoș Ovidiu TOFAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Business intelligence applications – possible instruments for economic integration within the eastern partnership*
- 📄 David OBOLADZE (Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia) - *Getting closer to EU standards - Georgia fiscal governance adjustment and implication*
- 📄 Marta SIMÕES, João Sousa ANDRADE, Adelaide DUARTE (University of Coimbra, Portugal) - *Differences in human capital and openness to trade as barriers to growth and convergence in the EU*
- 📄 Liviu-George MAHA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *The impact of the AA/DCFTAs on the foreign trade of EU's Eastern European partners*
- 📄 Brankica TODOROVIĆ (School of Economics, Uzice, Serbia) - *Possible impact reconceptualization of the EaP on further integration within the EU*
- 📄 Ilkhom SHARIPOV (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Economic growth in the EU's EaP countries: determinants and prospects*
- 📄 Sergey LISNYAK (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *The relevance of EaP with regard to regional economic resilience capacity building*

**SESSION 3:****Testing EU international 'actorness'**

**Moderators:** Igor MERHEIM-EYRE (University of Kent, United Kingdom), Sophia PETRASHVILI (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia)

🕒 Friday, 20 May | 14.00-18:00 | Room I.2, I Building

- 📄 Armen GRIGORYAN (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary) - *The attitudes towards European integration in EaP states: Elites' role and further engagement*
- 📄 Igor MERHEIM-EYRE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Exploring the EU's security governmentality: The case of visa diplomacy in the EaP*
- 📄 Sebastian RELITZ (Institute for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg, Germany) - *Separatism and de facto states as a key challenges for European Integration – the case Abkhazia*
- 📄 Eske VAN GILS (University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom) - *Differentiation and Othering in negotiations over the Association Agreement between the EU and Azerbaijan*
- 📄 Sabina STRÎMBOVSCHI (National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) - *The influence of energy resources in developing "pragmatic" relations between Azerbaijan and the West*
- 📄 Vasco BATISTA (College of Europe, Natolin, Poland) - *The current shape of EU-Belarus: a new round of engagement in the new geopolitical situation?*
- 📄 Lucian Ștefan DUMITRESCU (Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations, The Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania) - *EaP and the Question of EU's Political Identity. The Case of Belarus*
- 📄 Ewa ZUKOWSKA (College of Europe, Natolin, Poland) - *The EU double-standard democracy promotion in the neighborhood. The case of Belarus and Azerbaijan*
- 📄 Sophia PETRIASHVILI (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia) - *EaP in the time of refugee crisis*

**SESSION 4:****The Ukrainian crisis – domestic and external implications**

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**Moderators:** Miruna TRONCOTĂ (National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania), Vsevolod SAMOKHVALOV (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom)

🕒 Friday, 20 May | 14.00-18:00 | Room I.3, I Building

- 📄 Ana Maria COSTEA (National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) - *The Ukrainian Crisis - an unpredictable event?*
- 📄 Miruna TRONCOTĂ (National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) - *The EU and the 'Insecurity Belt' from its Eastern borders. Re-assessing the 'New War' paradigm after the annexation of Crimea*
- 📄 Alina GENTIMIR (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Current International Criminal Law Implications of Ukrainian Conflict*
- 📄 Nadiia BUREIKO (New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania), Teodor Lucian MOGA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *'Bounded' Europeanisation: Case of Ukraine*
- 📄 Vasile ROTARU (National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) - *Russia's post-Crimea legitimization discourse and its challenges for the EaP countries*
- 📄 David MATSABERIDZE (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia) - *The Russian revisionist challenges and changing international security (the fate of the ENP - Georgia and Ukraine)*
- 📄 Halil ERDEMİR (Celal Bayar University, Manisa, Turkey) - *The EU's imbroglio on Russian aggressive policy on Ukraine and Syria*
- 📄 Dmytro PANCHUK (Ghent University, Belgium) - *Effectiveness of EU transgovernmental cooperation in the Eastern Neighbourhood: The case of twinning in Ukraine*
- 📄 Vadym ZHELTOVSKYY (Pultusk Academy of Humanities, Pultusk, Poland) - *The EaP and its Impact on Self-governance Reform in Ukraine*

**SESSION 5:****The implications of the civil society and media in the Eastern neighbourhood**

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**Moderators:** Masoud Kalesar IMANI (Euronews, Lyon, France), Artsiom NAZARANKA (Belarusian State University, Minsk, Belarus)

🕒 Saturday, 21 May | 11.00-16:00 | Room I.4, I Building

- 📄 Olha ZHORNOVA, Lena ZHORNOVA (Academy for monitoring and expertise, Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine) - *The psychological well-being as an important aspect of the expectations of the EaP and the EU*
- 📄 Lăcrămioara MAFTEI, Raluca ONUFREICIUC (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Societal implications between E.U. and EaP states-a comparative approach*
- 📄 Elena-Alexandra GORGOS, Elena-Mădălina VĂȚĂMĂNESCU, Andreia-Gabriela ANDREI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Europeanization through the students' lens. Is there a collective identity?*
- 📄 Ioan HORGA, Luminița ȘOPRONI (University of Oradea) - *The EU communication with the countries from the EaP region*
- 📄 Masoud IMANI KALESAR (Euronews, Lyon, France) - *Media Impact on the Conflict in Ukraine*
- 📄 Nikita LOBANOV (University of Bologna, Forli, Italy) - *EU Strategic Narrative towards the EaP countries and the Russian Federation's escalation: top, slow or go?*
- 📄 Carolina STARCIUC (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Life beyond EU sanctions. Russia case*
- 📄 Loredana MAVRICHI (JITARU) (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *The implications of the civil society in the EaP*
- 📄 Artsiom NAZARANKA, Stepan ZAKHARKEVICH (Belarusian State University, Minsk, Belarus) - *Belarus-EU relations: academic & social perception*
- 📄 Natalia LESKINA (Ural Federal University, Ekaterinburg, Russia) - *EU Actorness and Higher Education Regionalism*

**SESSION 6:****Moldova – Still an EaP success story?**

**Moderators:** Kerry LONGHURST (Collegium Civitas, Warsaw and College of Europe), Octavian MILEWSKI (Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw, Poland)

🕒 Saturday, 21 May | 11.00-16:00 | Room I.2, I Building

- 📄 Ionela Maria CIOLAN (National University of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) - *EU-Moldova bilateral relations from Vilnius Summit to the political crisis*
- 📄 Cristina MORARI (Moldova State University, Chisinau, Moldova) - *EU role in the Republic of Moldova European integration within EaP*
- 📄 Radu CIOBANU, Ilie CIORCHINĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *How successful is the “success story” of EaP? Some lessons from Moldova’s experience within EaP*
- 📄 Bartłomiej ZDANIUK (University of Warsaw, Poland) - *Is the Republic of Moldova a consolidated state?*
- 📄 Octavian MILEWSKI (Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw, Poland) - *Effects and counter-effects of EU external governance in Moldova. Between EU’s power of presence and forces of (dis-)integration*
- 📄 Miruna Ioana Raluca BELDIMAN (University of Kent, Canterbury, United Kingdom) - *Economic diplomacy within the EaP: room for meaningful improvements?*
- 📄 Kerry LONGHURST (Collegium Civitas, Warsaw and College of Europe) - *Time for Implementation: SMEs as key stakeholders in the EaP*
- 📄 Vladislav ȘARAN (Institute of Legal and Political Research of Academy of Sciences of Moldova, Chisinau, Moldova) - *Psychological war and media manipulation in Ukraine and Republic of Moldova*
- 📄 Magdalena DĂNILEȚ, Anca Maria CLIPA, Olesia MIHAI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *What is the Metaphorical Representation of the EU in the Economic Press of Moldova?*
- 📄 Bogdan-Constantin IBANESCU, Mihail EVA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Initiatives for promoting and developing land bridges between Europe and Asia: What opportunities for Romania and Moldova?*
- 📄 Cătălin CLIPA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *The convergence of Strategic Human Resource Management Practices: Republic of Moldova and EU*



**SESSION 7:****Explaining the effectiveness and relevance of the EaP**

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**Moderators:** Hanna SHELEST (Ukraine Analytica, Odessa, Ukraine), Teodor Lucian MOGA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania),

🕒 Saturday, 21 May | 11.00-16:00 | Room I.3, I Building

- 📄 Maurice GUYADER (Sorbonne Nouvelle University Paris 3, France) - *Some remarks on the difficulties of the EU at a time of a possible push towards the EaP*
- 📄 Gheorghe CIASCAI (Christian University Dimitrie Cantemir, Bucharest, Romania) - *The EaP: the beginning of the ebb for the EU enlargement?*
- 📄 Nona TATIASHVILI (Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia) - *The EaP: a failure of the ENP or sharing a power balance in the neighborhood?*
- 📄 Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) – *The ENP – lessons learnt from EU's Eastern Enlargement*
- 📄 Ivanna MACHITIDZE (International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia) - *Saving the EaP: moral duty or burden for Poland's new government?*
- 📄 Galyna FESENKO (A.N.Beketov Kharkiv National University of Urban Economy, Ukraine), Tetiana FESENKO (Odessa State Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture, Ukraine) - *Evaluation of cultural segment of the EaP*
- 📄 Oleksiy KANDYUK (Yurii Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine) - *Foreign Policy of EU: Eurasian Agenda*
- 📄 Oksana DOBRZHANSKA (Yurii Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine) - *The EU Security Issue in Terms of the EaP*
- 📄 Oana Mihaela VLADU (Carol I National Defence University, Romania), Bogdan-Constantin IBANESCU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *How are NATO strategies of international conflict prevention affecting the Eastern Partnership countries?*
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- 📄 Vladlen MAKOUKH (Odessa National University, Ukraine), Irina APARINA (National University Odessa Academy of Law, Ukraine) - *Fundamental values of EaP and their implementation in Ukraine: problems and perspectives*

**SESSION 8:****The EU: current challenges and future prospects**

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**Moderators:** Laura DIACONU (MAXIM) (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania), Martin MENDELSKI (University of Trier, Germany)

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- 📄 Ramona ȚIGĂNAȘU, Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *The core-periphery pattern: a plurivalent insight on the European economies*
- 📄 Gilles ROUET (Matej Bel University, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia & Versailles St Quentin University, France) - *Europe from chosen and suffered flows*
- 📄 Cristian INCĂLȚĂRĂU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Is Eastern Europe following the same transition model as the South? A regional assessment of attractiveness according to the main migration transition drivers*
- 📄 Irina Teodora MANOLESCU, Carmen ARUȘTEI, Adriana PRODAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Horizontal objectives of EU programs adaptation considering the socio-cultural context for EaP members*
- 📄 Costică MIHAI, Constantin-Marius APOSTOAIIE, Alexandru MAXIM (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Voice of the Students: How can the EU take the global lead on tackling climate change?*
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- 📄 Ada-Iuliana POPESCU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Transnational collaboration against corruption in Eastern Europe*
- 📄 Alin-Marius ANDRIEȘ, Bogdan CĂPRARU, Florentina IEȘAN – MUNTEAN, Iulian IHNATOV (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *The impact of international financial crisis on bank performance in Eastern and Central European countries*
- 📄 Ana-Maria BERCU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Challenges of Youth Employment in European Eastern Countries*
- 📄 Raluca Emilia CHIRCULESCU (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) - *Consumers willingness to adopt ecological food consumption behaviours*
- 📄 Laura DIACONU (MAXIM) (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Is human capital a major determinant of the FDI inflows? Empirical evidences from the EU states*
- 📄 Oana-Ramona SOCOLIUC, Ion POHOAȚĂ, Delia-Elena DIACONAȘU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Romania's adaptive capacity to the EU requirements - an economic competitiveness outlook*

- 📄 Gabriela BODEA (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Aurelian-Petruș PLOPEANU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Romania - to have or not to have its own development path?*
- 📄 Florin OPREA, Irina BILA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *National Fiscal Rules Frameworks in EU member states-recent changes and challenges*
- 📄 Elena CIGU, Mihaela ONOFREI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Local financial autonomy and implications on sustainable development*
- 📄 Igor ROTARU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *Assessment of the clusters and potential clusters in Romania*
- 📄 Carmen MOLDOVAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania) - *The notion of Refugee. Definition and distinctions*
- 📄 Nicoleta VASILCOVSCHI (Jiangsu Xishan, Wuxi, China) - *Why EU needs a strong economics diplomacy with new business strategies?*

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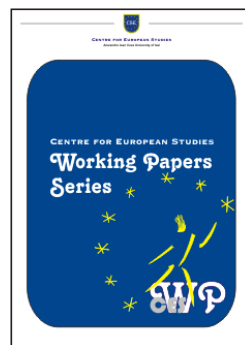
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## ABOUT IASI CITY

Iasi City is one of the oldest and one of the most important sites of the country, where there has always been strongly pulsated authentic Romanian life. The City, which is the Moldavian Capital, gave inestimable material and spiritual values to national patrimony, and has drawn glorious pages in the history of the country, lasting remained in people conscience.

Situated closely to the East bounds of Romania, Iasi will be after the integration, a main development pole of the East part of European Union. Important University Centre, with over 60.000 students annually in 5 public Universities and 3 private Universities (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University being one of the oldest from the country). Representative Cultural Centre ("Cultural Capital of Romania" - saying frequently used) and Historical Centre (in 2008 will be celebrated 600 years of Iasi documentary attestation).

City with an impressive cultural and religious patrimony - over 50 churches, e.g. The "Three Hierarchies" Church, symbol of the City (Nicolae Iorga said that: "Iasi is first of all, a church - The churches Church of our past"). Multicultural City, where numerous Foreign Cultural Centres activates (French Centre, German Centre, Centre of Latin America, British Council) and also there can be found the Italian Community and Jewish Community.

### Tourism

The Cultural Capital of Romania is presenting you its jewels: memorial houses, cultural centres, theatres, opera, philharmonic, museums, monuments, libraries and mass-media, all of them sketching an activity of international level. Iasi is a strong mass-media pole which includes all kinds of media from this century. Through its deep cultural characteristic, Iasi recognizes its impressive past and it looks for a favourable development direction.

**Philharmonics:** on *October the 9<sup>th</sup>, 1942* Institution with permanent artistically activity, the public "Moldova" Philharmonics from Iasi had the inauguration concert, under George Enescu baguette. The building belonged to Alecu Bals treasurer, had been raised up around 1815's, and it was built in a neo-classical style specific to the end of XVIII<sup>th</sup> century and the beginning of XIX<sup>th</sup> century.



**National Theatre:** built up in Iasi, between 1894 and 1896, on the place of the old City Hall, the building of National Theatre is considered to be the oldest and the most beautiful bezel of this kind from the whole country. The building plans belong to the famous Viennese architects Fellner and Helmer, who designed similar buildings in Vienna, Prague, Odessa, Zurich. Inaugurated once with the theatre, the electrical factory of this theatre marked the beginning of the electrical lighting in Iasi.



**OPERA:** started to function from the beginning of XIX<sup>th</sup> century. In December 1833 took place the first performance tour "La Dame Blanche" by Francois Adrien Boieldieu, play from French Theatre, in staging Baptiste and Joseph Fourreaux brothers. On February the 20<sup>th</sup>, 1838 took place the premiere in Romanian, with V.Bellini's "Norma" only after 7 years from the absolute first-night.

**Cultural Palace:** Even it is not build over the ancient basements, as it was supposed to be at the beginning of the XX<sup>th</sup> century, the Palace's documentary mentioned in 1434, is raised in part, over the medieval ruins of lordly courts. There were also partially used the old palace basements, from the ruler Alexandru Moruzi (1806-1812) time, restored by Mihail Sturza (1841-1843). From the beginnings, the Palace inherited the legend of those 365 rooms, corresponding to the days of the year. The Edifice raised between 1906 and 1925 represents the most significant creation of the Romanian architect I.D. Berindei, trained up at Parisian school. From decorative point of view, it is remarked in the central hall a figurative mosaic, where are concentrically disposed different gothic best arum representations: the two-headed, the eagle, the dragon, the griffin, the lion. It was founded a skylight over the hall, where it was initially arranged a glass house. The building inauguration was realized on 1925.



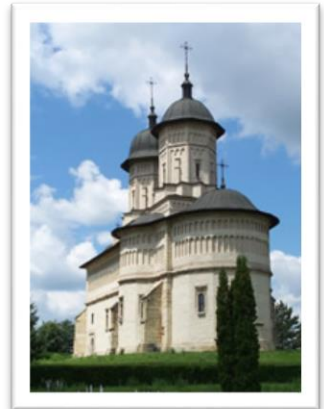
**Barboi Church:** built between 1841-1844 on the foundation of an old church dating back to 1615. The Byzantine interior was built from rock and brick. The portico, held by Doric columns, is created in Classical style, while the spire presents neo-Gothic Roman elements. Because of its form and dimensions, Barboi Church is the Moldavian replica of some similar buildings on Mount Athos.



**The Metropolitan Cathedral:** the plan for this church was designed by the architects Johann Freywald and Bucher. The works took place first between 1833-1839 and then between 1880-1887, this time following the plans of the Romanian architect, Alexandru Orascu. The painting of the cathedral was done by Gheorghe Tattarescu. It was inaugurated on April, 23<sup>rd</sup> 1887, at this event also taking part King Carol I and Bishop Iosif Naniescu. In 1889 the relics of Saint Paraschiva were brought from Three Hierarchs Church to the new cathedral.



**Golia Monastery:** old foundation from the 16<sup>th</sup> century of chancellor Ioan Golia, the church was restored at other dimensions by sovereign Vasile Lupu between 1650-1653 and finished by his son. The monastery is surrounded by a high wall, with spires at the corners raised in 1667 and a steeple tower restored in 1900. The tower of Golia is 30 m height. The visitor who wants to have a panorama of the city has to climb 120 stairs. The tower is one of city's symbols. During 1943-1947 restoration works took place at Golia, the monastery's church being reopened after that. In 1955, in two rooms on the Eastern part of the precinct, "Creanga" Museum was inaugurated, with documentary materials regarding the life of the great writer which was curate of monastery's church.



**Cetatuia Monastery:** was built by sovereign Gheorghe Duca between 1669-1672. At the beginning, the church was surrounded by high rock walls, with bulwarks and a guard road, entrance and corner towers. What makes Cetatuia unique is that it has maintained the whole ensemble of monastic architecture. On the Southern part of the precinct stands the Gothic Room "Doamna Anastasia". The royal palace is a fortified building from the 17<sup>th</sup> century. The steeple tower and the massiveness of the walls are proving the fact that the monastery was conceived also as a refuge place, being in case of need, a real fortress. The monastery's church is specific for the religious Moldavian architecture of the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

**“Three Hierarchs” Monastery:** the most beautiful foundation of sovereign of Vasile Lupu, prince of Moldavia, built between 1637-1639. During 1882-1904 restoration works took place under the supervision of the French architect Lecomte de Nouy. The exterior decorations completely covering the building were gilded at the beginning, and combine Turkish, Arab, Georgian, Armenian and Persian elements with Romanian architectural motives in a wonderful rock lace. Over 30 registers of decorative motifs can be noticed.



**Galata Monastery:** built between 1579-1584 by prince Petre Schiopul. The first church of the monastery was ruined after a short time, this fact determining the founder to build a second church on the hill dominating Nicolina river valley, in 1583. As regards the name of the monastery, some historians believe that it comes from the name of Galata neighbourhood in Constantinople. The interior painting was destroyed in 1762 during a blaze and it was repainted in 1811 by Vasile Dubrovski.



**“Saint Sava” Church:** the first information dates from 1583, when a little church was built. In 1625, boyar Enache Caragea built the present “Saint Sava” church, in Oriental style. Between 1676-1678 the wall surrounding the monastery was built. Destroyed by time, the church was restored in two important steps: in 1820, when it was completely rebuilt and in 1844, when it was renewed. However, the monastery preserved its original Byzantine character of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, unique in the Moldavian architecture.

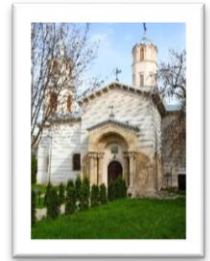
**“Saint Nicholas” Church:** It was built at the initiative of sovereign Stefan cel Mare between June 1491 and August 1492. It is considered to be the oldest religious edifice preserved in Iasi until now. The today's church is that of 1904. The restoration works were led by the French architect Lecomte du Nouy.

**The Catholic Cathedral:** first built from wood in 1753, on the place of an older church. Between 1782-1789, the church was rebuilt from brick and it remained so until these days. In time, it has suffered some restoration works, especially after the 1802's earthquake and the blaze in 1827. In 1861, at the initiative of bishop Iosif Salandri, some new works of restoration and



extension were made and the interior of the church was painted by Giuseppe Carta from Palermo.

**The Armenian Church:** testifies the existence of an important Armenian community in these parts of Romania. Restored in 1803, this halidom lodges an array of rocks with inscriptions, one of them certifying the beginnings of the building in 1385 by Macar. In 1451 the church was endowed with a Gospel written and illustrated in Caffa from Crimeea, 100 years before.



**The Great Synagogue:** It was built between 1659-1670, it is the oldest of Jewish praying houses in Romania. If in exterior it is very simple, without any decorations, the interior is as sophisticated as possible, decorated and gifted with valuable objects: chandeliers, candlesticks.

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