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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 2018 international conference hosted and organised by the Centre for European Studies of the University of Iasi.*

*During the last years, the European Union has faced unprecedented challenges (Brexit, the devaluation of EU-USA relations, the rise of populism and the threat of illiberal democracies) which have represented both a test and an alarm sign for future threats. All these challenges have shifted the ordinary paradigms and have created a new state of affairs for the EU, as well as for its partners.*

*Therefore, new policies and new approaches are required in order to address the urgent economic, political and social challenges. Current strategies are being questioned while new perspectives of the European and global economy are emerging. An imperative necessity to re-evaluate the aspects of European policies is observed all across the EU, while, at the same time, this observation process has to take place in relation to the national and international dynamics, both political and economic.*

*The 2018 EURINT international conference aims at drawing some 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. 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.*

*In this regard, we are delighted to host during this year's conference a panel dedicated to the implications of the latest political events in the Eastern Europe and analyses whether the reviewed neighbourhood instruments are able to bring added value and enhance regional cooperation.*

*The debate is organized with the contribution of key research staff members of the ENACTED project -"European Union and its neighbourhood. Network for enhancing EU's actorness in the eastern borderlands", which associates research, teaching, debate and dissemination activities in the area of European Neighbourhood Policy and Eastern Partnership. Our distinguished invited experts will engage with the debate on the EU's capacity of creating cross border cooperation with EaP countries.*

*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 Iași 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. Iași 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 2018 CONFERENCE RATIONALE

During the last years, the European Union has faced unprecedented challenges (Brexit, the rise of populism, the devaluation of EU-USA relations) which have represented both a test and an alarm sign for future threats. These challenges have shifted the ordinary political and economic paradigms and have created a new state of affairs for the EU, as well as for its partners. Therefore, new policies are required to help address the urgent economic, political and social challenges. Current strategies are being questioned while new perspectives of the European and global economy are emerging. During his State of the Union Address on 13 September 2017, President Jean-Claude Juncker signalled the opportunity for broader reforms in the European Union, in order to reach a More United, Stronger and More Democratic Union. An imperative necessity to re-evaluate the aspects of European policies is observed all across the EU, while, at the same time, this observation process has to take place in relation to the national and international economic dynamics. While the importance of academic research is well recognised, the transposition of the results from the academia to the regional, national, or European policies requires involvement and mutual cooperation. The organisers of EURINT 2018 believe that bringing together a wide and diversified audience from the academia, policy makers, and practitioners will engage the participants in fruitful debate and facilitate mutual understanding. As such, the aim of the EURINT 2018 Conference is to bring additional insights and also to come up with valuable ideas which could contribute to a reassessment of the European policies. By providing updates on the state-of-the-art methodological approaches, the conference will offer the opportunity to rethink and define new strategic directions for the European Union. While covering the European Union as a whole, the conference will particularly focus on the Central and Eastern European space (including the Eastern Partnership states and Russia) and will allow hands-on exchange of ideas and experiences. The conference will comprise lectures delivered by international academic experts, followed by round tables with stakeholders who are not necessarily involved in the academic field - policy-makers, civil society activists, and professionals – which will address specific topics on Cross-Border Cooperation.

## 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)* 1<sup>st</sup> floor: Registration,
  - *Senate Hall* - 1<sup>st</sup> floor: Opening ceremony, Panel, Public debate,
- **I Building** (19, Carol I Bd.):
  - I.1, I.2, I.3, I.4 (1<sup>st</sup> floor): Parallel sessions

### REGISTRATION DESK

Our colleagues will be happy to register you on Friday, 18 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.

### CONTACT PERSON:

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

### University library

You are warmly welcome to explore the [„Gh. Asachi” Library Tour](#). The Library has been selected among the most beautiful 25 libraries in the world, according to an online international survey.

The tour will be organised on Friday, 13.30-14.00. The starting point of the tour will be clearly signposted in the *A Building (Hall of the lost steps)*.

### 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, 19 May (Saturday), departure point: *I Building*.

### Lunch

Lunch on Friday will take place in the *Hall of the lost steps / Sala pașilor pierduți* and lunch on Saturday will take place in the *I Building*.

### Conference dinners

*Dinner on Friday* (18 May), will take place at 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).


*Dinner on Saturday* (19 May), will take place at the **Golden Stone Restaurant** (Circ Area). Departure from the *A Building*, 19.30 (by Bus).

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### 18 May

09:00


**Registration of participants & social networking**

 Hall of the lost steps - A Building

10:00-10:50

**Opening Ceremony**

(in Romanian language, simultaneous translation available in English / Russian)

 Senate Hall\* - A Building

- Corneliu IAȚU, *Vice Rector, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași*
- Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU, *PhD professor, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași*
- Victor NEGRESCU, *Minister delegate for European affairs/Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
- Vasile ASANDEI, *General Director of North-East Regional Development Agency*

11:00-12:30

**PANEL** Regional development. From cohesion to competitiveness

 Senate Hall - A Building

12:30-13:30

**Lunch** - *Hall of the lost steps* A Building

14:00-18:00

**Parallel sessions** - I Building

14:00-18:00

**PUBLIC DEBATE:** University in Society: increasing universities' participation in the local and regional societal challenges

 Senate Hall\* - A Building

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- 16:00-16:15** | Coffee break | Building
- 20:00** | **Dinner - Casa Vânătorului Restaurant**  
Departure from I Building, 19.30

## 19 May

- 09:00** | **Registration of participants**  
I Building
- 10:00-16:00** | **Parallel sessions**  
I Building
- 13:00-14:00** | **Lunch**  
I Building
- 16:00-18:30** | **Sightseeing tour of Iasi**  
Departure from I Building (walking tour)
- 20:00** | **Dinner - Golden Stone Restaurant** (Circic Area)  
Departure from A Building, 19.30 (by bus)



## **PANEL** Regional development. From cohesion to competitiveness

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🕒 Friday, 18 May | 11.00 – 12.30 | Senate Hall - A Building

- **Małgorzata CHEŃKO**, Head of Unit East in the Territorial Cooperation Department, Ministry of Investment and Development of Poland
- **Sergii TATUSIAK**, Chairman, Euroregion Dniester, Ukraine
- **Vasile ASANDEI**, General Director of North-East Regional Development Agency
- **Corneliu IAȚU**, Vice Rector, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași
- **Cezar GROZAVU**, Executive Director, Regional Office for Cross-border Cooperation Suceava
- **Tudor JIJIE**, Executive Director, Siret-Prut-Nistru Euroregion Association

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

## **PUBLIC DEBATE:** University in Society: increasing universities' participation in the local and regional societal challenges

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🕒 Friday, 18 May | 14.00 – 18.00 | Senate Hall - A Building

- **Alin ANDRIEȘ**, PhD, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași
- **Gheorghe CIOCANU**, PhD, Rector, Moldova State University, Rep. of Moldova
- **Beatrice Gabriela IOAN**, PhD, Vicerecator, University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Iași
- **Cătălin IVAN**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Florin GRIGORAȘ**, PhD, Vice Rector, "George Enescu" National University of Arts, Iași
- **Ioan HORGA**, PhD, University of Oradea
- **Liviu George MAHA**, PhD, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași
- **Viktor MAZUR**, Rector, PhD, Vinnytsia National Agrarian University, Ukraine
- **Florentin PALADI**, PhD, Vice-Rector, Moldova State University, Rep. of Moldova
- **Alina PLOAE**, PhD, Expert, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration
- **Marcela ȘLUSARCIUC**, PhD, Ștefan cel Mare University, Suceava
- **Yuri TEMIROV**, PhD, Dean, Vasyli' Stus Donetsk National University, Ukraine

*Moderator:* **Ioana-Agatha FILIMON**, Expert, North-East Regional Development Agency

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

### SESSION 1:

**Civil society at the heart of the Eastern Partnership**

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

### SESSION 2:

**The security commitments of the EU beyond its borders**

Friday, 18 May | 14.00-18:00 | Room I.4, I Building

### SESSION 3:

**The European Economy after the crisis: an enthusiastic comeback or a deceiving take-off?**

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

### SESSION 4:

**Law compliance in the European Union: challenges and answers**

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

### SESSION 5:

**Dilemmas and perspectives on the EU's future**

Saturday, 19 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.3, I Building

### SESSION 6:

**Societal and structural challenges for the European Union**

Saturday, 19 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.2, I Building

### SESSION 7:

**Rethinking the European Neighbourhood Policy and the Eastern Partnership – the best way forward?**

Saturday, 19 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.1, I Building

**SESSION 1:**

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**Civil society at the heart of the Eastern Partnership**

**Moderators:** Nadiia BUREIKO (Foreign Policy Council 'Ukrainian Prism', Ukraine), Teodor Lucian MOGA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania)

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

- 📄 Oleksiy KANDYUK (Yuriy Fedkovych National University, Chernivtsi, Ukraine) – *Eastern policy of European Union – Way to rethink*
- 📄 Dorin DUSCIAC (French Atomic Energy Commission, Paris, France), Roman URSU (Sorbonne University, Paris, France), Clément BALOGÉ\* (Paris 8 University, France) – *No Lands' People: Identities and Attitudes of Migrants Originating from Post-Soviet "Frozen Conflict" Areas*
- 📄 Mircea-Cristian GHENGHEA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Transnistria - the improbable solution*
- 📄 Cristian CARAMAN\*, Liviu-George MAHA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Moldova's Energy Security: Challenges and Perspectives*
- 📄 Oleh KOZACHUK (Yuriy Fedkovych National University, Chernivtsi, Ukraine) – *Rethinking Central and Eastern Europe's Identity: Cultural Pluralism and Multiculturalism versus the Rise of Nationalism*
- 📄 Nadiia BUREIKO\* (Foreign Policy Council 'Ukrainian Prism', Ukraine), Teodor Lucian MOGA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Make contacts, not conflicts. Questioning individual perceptions and loyalties in the EU'S Eastern borderlands (Case study: Bukovina)*
- 📄 Serhii BOSTAN (Yuriy Fedkovych National University, Chernivtsi, Ukraine) – *Features of the establishment of decentralization processes in Ukraine with the support of EU funds and International Technical Assistance programs*
- 📄 Ion MUȘCHEI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Gravity model of Moldovan trade after Association Agreement entered into force*

\*Presenting author

## SESSION 2:

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### The security commitments of the EU beyond its borders

**Moderators** Ioana CONSTANTIN-BERCEAN (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Cornelia Alexandra LINCAN (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania)

🕒 Friday, 18 May | 14.00-18:00 | Room I.4, I Building

- 📄 Alexandru APETROE (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) – *The post-Brexit European Union: security, stability and the future of the European Union's Relationship with the United States*
- 📄 Ioana CONSTANTIN-BERCEAN (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) – *Global Europe between values and interests: The benefits of soft power. Challenges to the EU-US relations over the Iranian nuclear file*
- 📄 Elena Adina VOICILA (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) – *The EU as a global actor and the role of development cooperation: EU's ODA policy in South Asia*
- 📄 Ana-Maria ANGHELESCU (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) – *European Union and Central Asia - lessons for the future*
- 📄 Hak Je YU\* (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania), Cornelia Alexandra LINCAN (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania), Adina Elena VOICILA (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) – *EU – a stronger global actor: a new context for EU-Korea relations*
- 📄 Cornelia Alexandra LINCAN (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) – *Reassessing EU-Japan strategic partnership: EU's engagement in Asian security and Japan's proactive pacifism*
- 📄 Alina-Gabriela URSU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *European defence and security-superior level of integration and cohesion*

\*Presenting author

**SESSION 3:****The European Economy after the crisis: an enthusiastic comeback or a deceiving take-off?**

**Moderators:** Cristian ÎNCALȚĂRĂU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania), Margareta ILIE (Ovidius University of Constanța, Romania)

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

- 📄 Margareta ILIE (Ovidius University of Constanța, Romania) – *Analysis of sentiment indicator for the Euro area (19 countries) under the influence of four indicators using graphical representation*
- 📄 Paula Ingrid HARABAGIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași) – *An empirical analysis of the determinants of financial behaviour of the Romanian entrepreneurs*
- 📄 Valentina Diana RUSU\* (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania), Mihaela Brîndușa TUDOSE (Gheorghe Asachi Technical University, Iași, Romania) – *The role of entrepreneurship in promoting international competitiveness of countries. A panel data approach*
- 📄 Constantin ILIE (Ovidius University of Constanța, Romania) – *Simulation using artificial neural network for future prediction of sentiment indicator for Euro area (19 countries)*
- 📄 Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU\* (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania), Gabriela DRĂGAN (University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania); Oana Anuța STĂNGACIU (Vasile Alecsandri University, Bacau, Romania) – *EU Eastern enlargement. A core-periphery approach of the trade specialization dynamics*
- 📄 Cristina DUHNEA\*, Silvia GHITA-MITRESCU, Andreea-Daniela MORARU (Ovidius University of Constanța, Romania) – *The future of European Economic and Monetary Union: challenges and solutions for a solid construction*
- 📄 Ion POHOAȚĂ, Delia-Elena DIACONAȘU\*, Oana-Ramona SOCOLIUC (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Emerging markets inside or outside the European Union capacity of resilience*
- 📄 Ramona ȚIGĂNAȘU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) - *EU under pressure: a multidimensional analysis of the vulnerabilities and improving paths*
- 📄 Adriana MANOLICĂ\*, Teodora Cristina ROMAN, Nicolae PĂDURARU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Country of origin, animosity and brand perception*
- 📄 Teodora Cristina ROMAN\*, Adriana MANOLICĂ, Ionela MANOLE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *The country of origin: a brake or an accelerator when buying a car*
- 📄 George Marian AEVOAE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *How can we create value from enterprise concentrations? A meta-analysis of the scientific literature on M&As in the European Union*
- 📄 Tudor Mugurel AURSULESEI\*, Liviu-George MAHA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Dysfunctions of the European Monetary Union*

- 📄 Costică MIHAI, Constantin-Marius APOSTOAI, Alexandru MAXIM\* (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania) - *Voice of the Students: addressing environmental issues that affect our everyday lives*
- 📄 Mihaela ONOFREI, Elena CIGU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania) - *The Perspective of Decentralization in the EU*

## SESSION 4:

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### Law compliance in the European Union: challenges and answers

**Moderators:** Carmen Tamara UNGUREANU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania), Alina GENTIMIR (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania)

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

- 📄 Carmen Tamara UNGUREANU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Legal remedies for personal data protection in European Union*
- 📄 Emanoil Corneliiu MOGÎRZAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *The languages of the European Union: a challenge for its future*
- 📄 Carmen MOLDOVAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Brexit and the international law on treaty withdrawal*
- 📄 Codrin CODREA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Nemo potest venire contra factum proprium. The coherence principle in european contract law*
- 📄 Alina GENTIMIR (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Resize of the European Union Human Rights' Standard in the Case Law of the Court of Justice*
- 📄 Despina-Martha ILUCA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Crowd Litigation Funding (Crowdfunding for Litigation)*
- 📄 Olesia PLOTNIC\*, Elena CIOCHINA (Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Chișinău) – *Member states' regulatory autonomy in health services within the internal market: the impact of the European law*
- 📄 Andreea ȘERBAN\*, Ștefan Răzvan TATARU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *The impact of general data protection regulation on patient engagement*
- 📄 Andra IFTIMIEI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) - *Comparative Law in European Court of Justice Jurisprudence*
- 📄 Oana-Roxana PAVEL (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *The ethics of punishment in Europe – Justice between luxury houses of detention and overcrowded prisons*
- 📄 Cristian NISTOR (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Social media and GDPR – is EU ready for the change?*

\*Presenting author

**SESSION 5:****Dilemmas and perspectives on the EU's future**

**Moderators:** Lucian Dumitru DÎRDALĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania), Radosław FIEDLER (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland)

🕒 Saturday, 19 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.3, I Building

- 📄 Beata PRZYBYLSKA-MASZNER (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland) – *European Council in the process of shaping its informal powers within the scope of EU external actions*
- 📄 Radosław FIEDLER (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland) – *Iran and European Union after Nuclear Deal*
- 📄 Lucian Dumitru DÎRDALĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *The pros and cons of the 'Spitzenkandidat' system in the elections for the European Parliament*
- 📄 Georgeta GHEBREA (University of Bucharest, Romania) – *The Universal Basic Income as a potential innovative tool for reforming the social dimension of the European Union. Pros and cons*
- 📄 Bogdan STEFANACHI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *European Union – A Multi-dimensional Crisis Time*
- 📄 Alba GERDECI (University of Tirana, Albania) - *The Responsibility to Protect: What role for the European Union?*
- 📄 Piotr KOLCZYŃSKI (University of Lodz, Poland) – *The new European Union space policy in order to maintain Europe's position among space leaders*
- 📄 R.M. Ammar ZAHID\* (Izmir University of Economics, Turkey), Aurelia ILIES (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *The impact of Eastern European Culture on the International trade*
- 📄 Maurice GUYADER (University of Paris III: Sorbonne Nouvelle, France) – *1938/2018 Clouds on Europe?*
- 📄 Elda ZOTAJ (Aleksander Moisiu University, Durres, Albania) – *Reflecting on the future path of the European Union!*
- 📄 Mihály Egon BUDAI (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary) – *Victims' rights: A case study of compliance with EU law*
- 📄 Coculiana ACĂR (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *The statement of spiritual values in a European context*
- 📄 Olesia MIHAI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Meta-analysis of literature review practices in EU studies*
- 📄 Anca Elena AFLOAREI NUCU\*, Angela ROMAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Banking stability in the EU countries: the role of macroeconomic performance and institutional quality*

\*Presenting author

**SESSION 6:****Societal and structural challenges for the European Union**

**Moderators:** Alexandru BĂNICĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania), Bogdan-Constantin IBANESCU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania)

🕒 Saturday, 19 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.2, I Building

- 📄 Alexandru BĂNICĂ\*, Mihail EVA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Are regional resilience and smart specialization compatible goals for the European Union? The case of three South-Eastern EU countries*
- 📄 Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Resilience as a new paradigm in the regional development theories. The State of the Art*
- 📄 Anna POTYRALA (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland) – *In favour and against. Evolution of Poland's position towards the EU relocation system*
- 📄 Valeriu DECIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *EU citizenship and identity*
- 📄 Irena VRNAKOVA (University of Westbohemia, Plzen, Czech Republic) – *The level of governance in the EU*
- 📄 Oana-Ramona SOCOLIUC\*, Bogdan-Mihai AFRĂSINEI (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Institutional fragility of EU emerging countries– source of disorder in a two speed Europe*
- 📄 Marinela ISTRATE, Raluca Ioana HOREA SERBAN\* (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *The dynamics of poverty and its consequences on regional inequalities in Romania*
- 📄 Ionel MUNTELE, Raluca HOREA-SERBAN\*, Marinela ISTRATE (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Young Romanians' transition from school to work in a path dependence context*
- 📄 Nevila ÇINAJ (Aleksander Moisiu University, Durres, Albania) – *The impact of the cross-border regional cooperation policy on sustainable tourism development in the Balkans. Case study: Albania*
- 📄 Bogdan-Constantin IBĂNESCU\*, Alexandra GHEORGHIU, Oana-Mihaela STOLERIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Gender differences in tourism behaviour in European Union*
- 📄 Ioana Antoaneta DODI, Ioana Roxana MELENCIUC (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania) – *Posted workers on the route to a European Labour Market*
- 📄 Cristian ÎNCALȚĂRĂU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *Enhancing efficiency of Cohesion Policy implementation in Central and Eastern European Countries. What role for administrative capacity?*
- 📄 Cristian TERZA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) – *The role of social capital in economic convergence: A cross-national analysis in Central and Eastern Europe*



- 📄 Alfredo RIZZO (National Institute for Public Policy Analysis, Rome, Italy) – *Intertwines between the internal and the external dimensions of EU migration and asylum policies: recent cases and alternative paths.*
  
- 📄 Ioana-Sorina MIHUȚ (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) – *The new economic governance framework of the European Union*

**SESSION 7:****Rethinking the European Neighbourhood Policy and the Eastern Partnership – the best way forward?**

**Moderators:** Ion HORGA (University of Oradea, Romania), Grigore VASILESCU (Moldova State University, Rep. of Moldova)

🕒 Saturday, 19 May | 10.00-16:00 | Room I.1, I Building

- 📄 Ioan HORGA (University of Oradea, Romania) - *Re-thinking the Cross-Border Cooperation for the future of ENP*
- 📄 Florentina CHIRODEA (University of Oradea, Romania) - *The Role of Cross-Border Cooperation in the Creation of European Cultural Networks.*
- 📄 Constantin Vasile ȚOCA, Edina Lilla MESZAROS (University of Oradea, Romania) - *Illegal trafficking at the external border of EU. Case study: Romania – Ukraine – Republic of Moldova*
- 📄 Valeriu SAINSUS (Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova) -| *The cross border migration in the context of cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova*
- 📄 Cornel MUNTEANU (Association for Ethnic and Regional Studies, Rep. of Moldova) - *Evaluation of the level of Moldova's economic security in the process of European Association*
- 📄 Grigore VASILESCU, Cristina MORARI (Moldova State University, Rep. of Moldova) - *Rethinking European Neighbourhood Policy: challenges and opportunities for the Republic of Moldova*
- 📄 Alla KOBLYANSKA (Phd. Associate Professor, International Humanitarian University, Odessa, Ukraine) - *Economic cooperation and economic convergence in eastern neighbourhood countries: history, perspectives and influence of FTAs*
- 📄 Oksana DOBRZHANSKA (Yuriy Fedcovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine) - *Ukraine's Current Challenges and Future Prospects in ENP and Eastern Partnership*
- 📄 Igor DUKHAN (Belarusian State University, Belarus) - *An argument of contemporaneity and synchrony in European borderland studies (towards new methodological perspectives)*
- 📄 Ewelina SZCZECZ-PIETKIEWICZ (Warsaw School of Economics, Poland) - *Municipal and local cooperation within Eastern Partnership – challenge or opportunity to push forward the initiative?*
- 📄 Klára CZIMRE, Erzsébet JÁSZ\* (University of Debrecen, Hungary) *Eastern Partnership along the external border of Hungary: sharing values and opportunities*
- 📄 Nadiia BUREIKO (Quadrivium, Ukraine) - *Rethinking the 'idea of Europe' in Ukraine – ways to enhance Europeanisation via the instruments of EaP*
- 📄 Loredana Maria SIMIONOV (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași) - *Beyond EU's immediate Eastern borders: the need to avoid new dividing lines in Europe*

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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.



**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.



**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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