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FROM THE PRESIDENT



During these past months our Society for Romanian Studies (SRS) has seen a flurry of activity meant to strengthen our existing programs and prepare for the work ahead of us. Indeed, 2015 will be a busy year. The Society will call new elections for selected officer and board positions in accordance with its by-laws, give out a scholarly book award and a graduate student essay prize to recognize outstanding scholarship in the field of Romanian Studies, and organize an international congress only

three years after we met in Sibiu.

Since spring, most of our work has been directed toward setting the scene for the Seventh International Congress, which will have “Linking Past, Present and Future: The 25th Anniversary of Regime Change in Romania and Moldova (1989/1991)” as its general theme and will take place on June 17-19, 2015 in Bucharest. Led by Monica Ciobanu, the conference organizing committee has included Oana Suci, as the representative of our host, *Facultatea de Științe Politice* at the University of Bucharest, Margaret Beissinger, as our liaison with the Romanian Studies Association of America, Roxana Cazan, as our student representative, as well as Igor Casu, Valentina Glajar, Jill Massino, and Cristian Romocea. Together we worked tirelessly to distribute the call for papers as widely as possible, received applications for papers, panels, roundtables, and book presentations, vetted proposals and notify applicants, put papers together in panels, and identified possible sources of funding and support. I thank my colleagues for their indefatigable effort, which resulted in the acceptance of as many as 47 panels, over 90 additional individual papers, and 17 roundtables, book and movie discussions, exhibits, and art installations. Applications from young and established scholars working in a wide range of disciplines came from Romania, Moldova, the United States, the United Kingdom, Austria,

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Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland.

We are happy to report that Roxana Cazan is the winner of the 2014 Graduate Student Essay Prize for her outstanding “Jewish Motherhood, Heritage, and Post-memory in Anca Vlasopolos’s *No Return Address* and Haya Leah Molnar’s *Under a Red Sky*,” a chapter from her dissertation on *Contested Motherhood: The Politics of Gender, Ethnicity, and Identity in Contemporary Romanian-American Literature and Culture*, which she has been completing at Indiana University at Bloomington. As members of the prize committee, Margaret Beissinger, Ashby Crowder, Delia Popescu, and James Koranyi recognized Roxana’s essay as giving “a truly transnational, comparative, and global edge to Romanian Studies.” After defending her PhD, Roxana accepted a Visiting Assistant Professorship at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania. Congratulations, Roxana, and all best wishes for your future academic career!

This year we have continued to accept new organizational members as sponsors and/or patrons of the SRS, as part of a renewed drive to reach new groups of scholars and students who are interested and/or working in the field of Romanian Studies, broadly conceived. We have welcomed *Facultatea de Științe Politice* (Faculty of Political Science, FSPUB) at the University of Bucharest and *Academia de Studii Economice* (Academy of Economic Studies, ASE) also of Bucharest as our newest sponsors. These two higher education establishments have been recognized as centers of excellence in teaching and research. Both include many students and faculty members dedicated to exploring themes related to Romanian Studies. We hope to see many FSPUB and ASE members at our International Congress next summer!

Last, let me remind you that the SRS will have its annual general meeting at the Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) conference in San Antonio, Texas. We are booked for Friday, November 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in Conference Room 15 of the Marriott Riverside. Our graduate student essay prize will be officially conferred there. We will also have updates from SRS officers and committee chairs on their recent work, and an open discussion of ideas about new or ongoing activities. Hope to see you at that time!

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ORGANIZATIONAL SPONSORS: CEPOS

The SRS is proud to have the **Center of Post-Communist Political Studies (CEPOS)** at the University of Craiova as an organizational sponsor. [CEPOS](#) was established in November 2012. Its mission is to foster and enable research and public events series: conferences, workshops, public lectures, round tables, internships, expo photos, discourse contents and debates in interdisciplinary issues such as: political studies and transitional justice, economies in transition, multiculturalism and political history.

CEPOS research is achieved through working groups on (i) State, society and political reform, (ii) Public policies, institutions and administrative reform, and (iii) Rights, liberties and justice reform. The Center also publishes [Revista de Științe Politice / Revue des Sciences Politiques](#). For more information please email: cepos2013@yahoo.com, cepos2013@gmail.com.

SRS GRADUATE STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE



Roxana Lucia Cazan is this year's winner of the Graduate Student Essay Prize with her essay entitled 'Jewish Motherhood, Heritage, and Post-memory in Anca Vlasopolos's *No Return Address* and Haya Leah Molnar's *Under a Red Sky*.' The winning piece is a chapter from her dissertation on *Contested Motherhood: The Politics of Gender, Ethnicity, and Identity in Contemporary Romanian-American Literature and Culture*, which she has been completing at Indiana University Bloomington. Oscillating between disciplines and geographical scales, Cazan's essay gave a truly transnational, comparative, and global edge to Romanian Studies. In her thoughtful piece, Cazan examined the meaning of motherhood in a complex prism of Romanian state communism, Jewish identity, the Shoah, communist pro-natalism and post-memory. Cazan managed to explain this complexity, however, in a reflective and absorbing manner.

The essay was impressive both for its conceptual approach and its contents. We learn about fascinating books by Anca Vlasopolos (*No Return to Address: Memoir of a Displacement*) and Haya Leah Molnar (*Under a Red Sky: Memoir of A Childhood in Communist Romania*), which, in turn, entices the reader to discover and read these books independently. Dealing with two periods of repression – the fascist period (1920s-1940s) and the early communist period (1950s-1960s) – Cazan reflects on issues surrounding identity, gender, and memory. Here she offers some fascinating insights into the relationship between memory/memories and heritage. What does a memoir by a Romanian Jewish émigré tell us about modern Romanian history, society, and debates about the past?

Quite a lot, as we learn, but also much more, and this should be welcomed by the Society for Romanian Studies: Cazan's piece challenges more comfortable boundaries of what constitutes Romanian Studies. Not only is her work interdisciplinary, but the subject matter under investigation highlights that 'Romanian Studies' has a global, transnational dimension to it, and thus forces us to re-examine what and where the boundaries of Romanian Studies lie. The author and protagonist of the first novel under investigation (Vlasopolos) is a case in point: a Romanian Jew of Greek origin who leaves Romania with her mother in the early communist period having lived through the interwar period. They end up in Detroit, via Western Europe, where Vlasopolos marries a German-American and starts a family. In this intricate web of travel, exile, and memory, Vlasopolos writes her memoir reflecting on a ruptured twentieth century.

Such stories and Cazan's masterful analysis compel us to think of Romanian Studies not as an isolated field, but one that is marked by war, exile, movement, cross-border experience and multifaceted identity. Interdisciplinary and very 'fuzzy round the edges,' Cazan's work reminds the Society for Romanian Studies how exciting, diverse, and multifarious research in and around Romanian Studies is. Long may it continue.

Many congratulations to Roxana Cazan for a captivating and attentive essay!

The 2014 Committee: James Koranyi, Durham University (chair), Margaret Beissinger, Princeton University, Ashby Crowder, U.S. National Archives, and Delia Popescu, LeMoyne College.

FROM THE SECRETARY



Obviously the next big thing on the agenda of the Society for Romanian Studies following our annual get-together at the ASEES meeting in San Antonio this November, is our Seventh International Congress on Romanian Studies, June 17-19, 2015. Hosted by the Faculty of

Political Science at the University of Bucharest, the conference theme focusses on “Linking Past, Present and Future: The 25th Anniversary of Regime Change in Romania and Moldova (1989/1991).”

This theme seems highly apposite for Romanian studies, since we are perpetually looking backward, sideways, and forward. I used to find the Romanian preoccupation with anniversaries somewhat amusing—when not trite and boring—and once suggested that “anniversaromania” might be impeding Romanian scholarship, but this conference surely highlights the usefulness of “linking past, present, and future” in Romanian studies.

Romanian culture is imbued with what Alexandru Zub has labelled “historism” (not to be confused with historicism), a concern for the past that often borders on a fetish, but which makes the past an integral part of Romanian society and, hence, an essential component of the work of all those who study it. Two of William Faulkner’s observations seem to me to summarize this in striking fashion. In *Intruder in the Dust* (1948) he wrote “Yesterday won’t be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago,” while in *Requiem for a Nun* (1950) Faulkner noted that “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.” So it is for Romanian studies. We hope many of you have or will make plans to

join us next year as we celebrate, rigorously analyze, and critically examine the past, present, and future of Romania, its people, its civilization, and its contributions to European civilization and the wider world. Dennis Deletant (Georgetown University and the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at the University College, London) and Mihaela Miroiu (Școala Națională de Studii Politice și Administrative, Bucharest) will be our keynote presenters. Monica Ciobanu (SUNY Plattsburgh) has been ably organizing the conference.

Our awards program continues to move forward with the selection of Roxana Cazan (St. Francis University) as the winner of our Sixth Graduate Student Essay prize for 2014. Her excellent piece is described on our website and in this Newsletter. This award will be presented at the November ASEES meeting in San Antonio. Our third Biennial Book prize is coming up in 2015 as is our Seventh Graduate Student Prize. Nominations are in order – give it some thought. Following our June meeting in Bucharest, we will also be coming up very soon on the election of officers for 2016-2017 (didn’t we just elect officers?). A nominating committee will be announced in the next few months and suggestions will be welcomed.

Lastly, our new H-Romania site seems to be functioning well, as are our Facebook and web pages. You are encouraged to contribute to all three. Romanian Studies continue to bloom, but your volunteer collaboration is needed to make them work, to make them worthwhile, and to make them prosper. The old socialist injunction “*Spre orizont*” might appear attractive here, except, as some Romanian wag noted, the dictionary defines a horizon is an imaginary line where Heaven and Earth appear to meet but never do, so let’s just settle for a sincere vote of thanks to all those who have

contributed to Romanian Studies in the past, who are instrumental in Romanian scholarship in the present, and who will have a hand in the future in promoting the professional study, criticism, and research on all aspects of Romanian culture and civilization, particularly in Romania and Moldova, especially using new social media.

Though I won't be able to join you in San Antonio, I look forward to hearing about what transpires there, principally in connection with our 2015 congress, which I will be attending. See you in 2015.

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SEESA NEWS

The South East European Studies Association (SEESA) is a scholarly, non-profit, non-political organization devoted to the exchange of knowledge amongst scholars interested in the area of Southeastern Europe. It is affiliated with the Society for Romanian Studies and offers the option of joint membership in both organizations at a discounted membership rate. Information about SEESA can be found at its [website](#) and [blog](#).

At the beginning of April 2014 SEESA elected a new leadership with a mandate until 2018:

- President **Catherine Rudin** (Wayne State College)
- Vice-President **Bavjola Shatro** (Aleksandër Moisiu University)
- Secretary-Treasurer **Ashby Crowder** (US National Archives and Records Administration)
- Board Member/Editor of *Balkanistica* **Donald Dyer** (University of Mississippi)
- Board Member/Website Editor **Alexander Murzaku** (College of Saint Elizabeth)
- Board Member/President of the US Committee for AIESEE **Victor Friedman** (University of Chicago)
- Board Member/Former President **Olga Mladenova** (University of Calgary)
- Board Member **Virginia Hill** (University of New Brunswick, Saint John)
- Board Member **Christina Stojanova** (University of Regina)
- Board Member **Bojan Belić** (University of Washington)
- Student Board Member **Antje Postema** (University of Chicago)

Aspects of the Romanian language, culture and history fall within the research areas of six out of the eleven SEESA executives on the newly elected SEESA Board.



SEESA is happy to announce the publication of volume 27 of *Balkanistica*. The updated index of its volumes issued from 1974 to 2014 is available [here](#). SEESA members automatically receive *Balkanistica*, non-members can order [online](#) the volumes that are still in print.

2015 CONFERENCE IN BUCHAREST

The 2015 SRS conference will be hosted by the Faculty of Political Science, the University of Bucharest.

Linking Past, Present and Future: The 25th Anniversary of Regime Change in Romania and Moldova (1989/1991)

Anniversaries represent opportunities to reflect on past events, re-assess their impact on the present, and draw lessons for the future. Together with other twentieth century historical events – including World War I, World War II, and the communist take-over – the overthrow of the communist regime represented a watershed event for Romania and Moldova. It is seen as having led to the end of the communist dictatorship, democratization of the political system, the introduction of market economy, cultural liberalization, the opening of borders, and a re-alignment with the West. At the same time, given Romania's and Moldova's persistent problems with political instability, pervasive corruption, slow economic growth, populism, and nationalism, the significance of the 1989/1991 regime change and its outcomes remains a source of contestation.

The aim of this conference is to take a fresh look at the transformative events of a quarter century ago. We wish to examine their significance for the two countries' post-communist trajectories, past, present, and future both domestically and in the wider European and Eurasian contexts with the help of broad historical, political, literary, and cultural disciplinary and interdisciplinary inquiries.

Keynote Speakers:



Dennis Deletant

Georgetown University and the School of Slavonic and East European Studies at the University College, London



Mihaela Miroiu

National School of Political Science and Administration, Bucharest

We received 47 proposals for panels, 17 proposals for roundtables and book panels and 91 proposals for individual papers. These submissions reflect a broad range of disciplines including religion, transitional justice, history, political science literature, gender and feminism, film studies, health care, education. We have 319 participants (excluding authors).

ORGANIZATIONAL SPONSORS: BALKANALYSIS

The Society for Romanian Studies is proud to have **Balkananalysis.com** as an organizational sponsor. Balkananalysis.com is a leading independent website that provides analytical coverage of South Eastern Europe, with input from journalists, academics, researchers and others who are professionally involved with the region.

Recent publications included a review of the [Romanian-Hungarian political situation](#) by Elena Dragomir, an analysis of the [Cypriot economy](#), and a discussion of [business development](#) in Turkey.

ORGANIZATIONAL PATRONS: FSPUB

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www.fspub.eu, www.fspub.unibuc.ro

Multilingual and highly interdisciplinary in focus, the Faculty of Political Sciences at the University of Bucharest (FSPUB) was the first Romanian higher education institution created in direct opposition with the communist regime. Although relatively small in size, the FSPUB has been since its establishment in 1991 the leading Romanian social science hub for quality teaching and research at top international standards. It currently has a community of over 1300 students, cca. 10 000 alumni, 46 tenured professors and 50 guest professors, four research centers, two scientific journals indexed in international databases, a doctoral school and the largest Romanian network of national and international partners in both academia and the professional milieu.

Programs: BA in Political Science (in English), BA in Political Science (in French), BA in Political Science (in Romanian), BA in Security Studies (in Romanian), MA in Comparative Politics (in English, joint program with the University of Wroclaw, Poland), MA Politics in Europe: States, societies, borders (in French, joint program with the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris), MA Policies of Equal Opportunity (partly in French, program completely integrated to the European Master EGALES), MA in International Relations (in Romanian), MA in European Studies (in Romanian), MA European and Romanian Politics (in Romanian), PhD in Political Science (in Romanian, with the possibility to write the thesis in a foreign language and external co-supervision)

Admission 2014-2015: July 2014 (BA programs), September 2014 (MA & PhD programs).

H-ROMANIA

H-Romania was successfully launched earlier this spring. At present, we have over 160 subscribers to the network. We have also published two reviews, including Marius Turda's review of Keith Hitchins's *A Concise History of Romania* (Cambridge, 2014) and Lavinia Stan's review of Igor Cașu's *Dușmanul de clasă: Represiuni politice, violență și rezistență în R(A)SS Moldovenească, 1924-1956* (Chișinău, 2014), with several more expected by year's end. While we are happy with our progress thus far, we still have room to grow and improve. We want to encourage SRS members to join H-Romania and publicize the network across the broad field of Romanian Studies. Please feel free to contribute postings and announcements, notify us of any recently published books and calls for papers/applications in your field, and volunteer to review books and report on conferences.



For anyone still unfamiliar with the network, H-Romania is an H-Net discussion network for scholars, students, and professionals interested in Romanian Studies (broadly conceived). H-Romania is an international interdisciplinary academic network promoting the professional study, criticism, and research of all aspects of Romanian history, politics, culture and society. It focuses primarily on the countries of Romania and Moldova but also attends to numerous other past and present political, ethnic and social groups, including minorities and diasporas, in terms of their significant connections to present-day Romanian territory.

H-Romania is also affiliated with the Society for Romanian Studies (SRS).

To join H-Romania (and set up an H-Net account), following these steps:

1. Go to <https://networks.h-net.org/>, click on "Sign up to subscribe & contribute" atop the right-hand column of the webpage.
2. On the Sign up page, enter your First Name, Last Name, and E-mail address. Then click the box labeled "Accept Terms & Conditions of Use." You will also be asked to enter a series of numbers or letters into a Spam Protection tool, in order to verify that you're an actual person attempting to register. Finally, click "Create new account'."
3. Once you've created an H-Net account and profile, you can then go to the H-Romania page <https://networks.h-net.org/h-romania>.
4. In the righthand column, next to an icon of an envelope, click "Subscribe to this network to join the discussion." You can then complete your H-Net profile, indicating institutional affiliation, degrees, short bio and areas of interest, by clicking on the accounts icon in the upper right, then selecting the "Profile" option from the drop-down menu.

For more information, or if you experience trouble signing up or logging in, please contact the H-Romania editorial team at editorial-romania@mail.h-net.msu.edu.

Thanks, and please spread the word to colleagues and students.

R. Chris Davis and Valentin Săndulescu, Editors

SOUNDBITES ON ROMANIA

Third Time's the Charm? Social Democrats Have High Hopes to Win the Presidency Again, Ten Years after Iliescu*

Claudiu D. Tufiș, University of Bucharest

The elections for the European Parliament in May 2014 confirmed the strong position of the Social Democrats, who won 38 percent of the votes and half of the seats, the runners-ups being the National Liberals, with 15 percent of the votes and six seats, and the Democrat Liberals, with 12 percent of the votes and five seats. The oddity in this round of elections was Mircea Diaconu, artist turned politician, who was dropped from the PNL list after being accused of incompatibility. Heavily supported by Antena 3, who used him as yet another example of president Traian Băsescu controlling the justice system, Diaconu won almost 7 percent of the votes, more than twice the number required to win a seat. Six months later, the balance of power among the key political actors did not change very much. The latest pre-election polls credit Victor Ponta, the Social Democrat candidate, with about 40 percent of the voting intention, followed by Klaus Iohannis, the candidate of the National Liberals and Democrat Liberals, with about 30 percent of the voting intention. Four additional candidates compete for the third place, with about 5 to 10 percent of the voting intention, depending on the poll: Elena Udrea (PMP), Monica Macovei (Independent), Călin Popescu Tăriceanu (Independent, technically, but supported by the Reformist Liberal Party), and Teodor Meleșcanu (Independent). Of the remaining eight candidates, no one has managed to gather more than 3 percent of the voting intention.

Going into the first round of the presidential elections, Victor Ponta does seem to have the highest chances of becoming the next president of Romania. The experience of the last two elections teaches us that it is quite possible that the front-runner in the first round will end up losing the elections, as both Adrian Năstase and Mircea Geoană can attest but perhaps third time's the charm. The most serious threat to Victor Ponta's victory comes from within his own party, which is confronted with numerous accusations of corruption, leading to key members of PSD's leadership being under investigation. The electoral campaign was mostly uneventful by Romanian standards, but some key moments are worth mentioning. First, once again the requirement that candidates be supported by at least 200,000 voters has proven a weak barrier to joining the race: the 14 candidates managed to collect more than eight million signatures, half of these for Ponta and Iohannis. Second, President Băsescu campaigned quite openly for Elena Udrea, opening himself, again, to accusations of not following the constitution. Third, President Băsescu accused Prime Minister Ponta of being an undercover agent for SIE (the Foreign Intelligence Office) while he was also a prosecutor, an accusation that failed to damage Ponta's chances of winning the elections.

Finally, students of electoral campaigns in Romania should watch closely the campaign of Monica Macovei. Running as an independent and without a strong organization and funds to support her, Monica Macovei was forced to adopt unconventional (for the Romanian context) campaign tactics. Her campaign was the first one since 1989 that was volunteer-based, that was financed by individual donations, and that focused almost exclusively on face-to-face and online interactions. While the message of the campaign does not seem to have won many followers, the way the message was delivered caught the eye of supporters, opponents, and bystanders alike.

* This contribution was received on October 27, 2014, five days before the first round of voting for the presidential elections.

Romania's Economic Outlook – October 2014

Narcis Tulbure, Bucharest University of Economic Studies

Macroeconomic indicators show that output increased from last year but the rhythm of growth slowed during 2014. The Romanian economy has entered a technical recession as the GDP declined during the first two quarters of 2014 in comparison with the previous quarters. Government supporters argue that this is the effect of an unexpectedly good end of the year in 2013 (caused by the record agricultural output) in comparison to which the economic results of 2014 look like a slowdown. Critics argue that the situation is caused by declining government investments and that it signals a change in economic dynamics that could be difficult to reverse. Everybody seems to be looking for the news that November will bring. That is not only when the new president will be elected but also when macroeconomic indicators for the third quarter of 2014 will be published.

The social security contributions (CAS) paid by employers were reduced by 5 percent in October. While this might encourage private investments as the government hopes, some worry that the increased deficit of the public pension fund generated by this stimulus might be covered through further reductions in public investments or by the increase of other taxes. The dispute between the main political actors occasioned by this measure raised important questions about the secrecy surrounding public policies and the disclosure of information regarding the budgetary impact of fiscal measures.

One sector seems to fare well during election years in Romania: “clerical economics.” Judged by the number of recently built churches and by the transfers received from the Government Emergency Fund (a source of *bani albi pentru zile negre* in the Prime Minister's hands), democratic elections seem to be a blessing for the Romanian Orthodox Church.

ORGANIZATIONAL PATRONS: ASE



The Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE) is the most prestigious Romanian higher education institution in the fields of Economics, Business Administration and Public Administration. Established by Royal Decree on April 6, 1913, the University has educated numerous generations of graduates who have become leading figures in their fields. With over 23 000 students enrolled in the 11 faculties, ASE Bucharest is one of the largest universities in Romania, and one of the largest specialized universities in Central and Eastern Europe.

Faculties – BA, MA, MSc and PhD programs: Accounting and Management Information Systems (in English or Romanian), Agrifood and Environmental Economics (in Romanian), Business Administration in foreign languages (in English, French or German), Business and Tourism (in English or Romanian), Cybernetics, Statistics and Economic Informatics (in English or Romanian), Finance, Insurance, Banking and Stock Exchange (in English or Romanian), International Economics and Business (in English or Romanian), Public Administration and Management (in Romanian), Management (in English or Romanian), Marketing (in English or Romanian), Theoretical and Applied Economics (in Romanian).

International MBA Programs: Romanian – Canadian MBA (in cooperation with the University of Ottawa), Romanian – French MBA (in cooperation with CNAM Paris), Romanian-German MBA (in cooperation with the University of Applied Sciences of Westphalia).

Moldova again at the crossroads in the wake of the fall 2014 parliamentary elections

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Moldova is again in a very unclear situation, as it was in the spring 2009. After two subsequent parliamentary elections, one held in July 2009 and another one in November 2010, a pro-European coalition has been created and the Party of Communists, hegemonic in two consecutive mandates between 2001 and 2009, lost its hold on power. Now with the next elections scheduled for November 30 2014, Moldova is once again at the crossroads between East and West. The developments in the last several months complicated the economic and socio-political situation. It is true that European Union offered a lot of assistance to the Chișinău authorities in the form of numerous grants and assistance in several key domains, the most visible and efficient being road construction. The EU signed the Association Agreement with Moldova on June 27, 2014, three to four months sooner than had initially been planned. This was intended to help the government to strengthen its position well before the elections and to demonstrate to the electorate that the EU is offering a real alternative to the Russian market for Moldovan agricultural products. At the same time, the EU's preferential treatment of Moldova aims to show the Ukrainians what they can get if they will embark on a pro-European policy. Now with the preliminary results of the Ukrainian parliamentary elections made public – no Communists and members of the former Yanukovich Party of Regions entered in the new legislature – it sends in turn a good message to the Moldovan electorate.

But the Party of Communists in Moldova is still the strongest, with at least 25 percent of the vote according to the last opinion polls. In the meantime, the former electorate of the Communists is not willing to vote pro-European parties, like the Liberal Democrats or Democrats. Instead, it prefers to vote with other aggressively pro-Russian populist parties, like the Party of Socialists (led by Igor Dodon) and Patria Party (animated by Renato Usatyi), both credited with about 8 to 10 percent in the opinion polls. If these opinion polls will have real impact on the electoral process, then Moldova might return to its pre-2009 situation, i.e. a deadlock. With the likely consequences of Russia trying to destabilize further the region and being tempted to expand territorially in the lower Danube area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Romanian Film Festival 'Breaking New Ground'** will travel to Liverpool, UK, on November 21 and to Edinburgh, UK, on December 16, 2014. For details see <http://vimeo.com/109852889>

The annual **Romanian Film Festival 'Making Waves'** will be held in New York on December 4-10 at the Lincoln Center and the Jacob Burns Film Center. For details see <http://www.filmetc.org/projects.html>

The annual **American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages (AATSEEL)** conference will be held in Vancouver, BC, on January 8-11, 2015. For details see http://www.aatseel.org/cfp_program_2015

A conference on **The Pleasures of Backwardness: Consumer Desire and Modernity in Eastern Europe**

will be held at the University of California, Berkeley, on April 23-25, 2015. For details see <https://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=216359>

The **20th Annual World Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)** will be held at Columbia University, New York, on April 23-25, 2015. For details see <http://nationalities.org/conventions/world/2015/>

Birkbeck College, University of London, will host a conference on **Landscapes of Health: The Black Sea in the Socialist World** on February 6-7, 2015. For details see <http://www.bbk.ac.uk/reluctantinternationalists/blog/cfp-black-sea-socialist-world/>

OBITUARY: RADU R. FLORESCU (1925-2014)



Scion of an old, distinguished Romanian boyar family that traced its roots back to the fifteenth century of Vlad Dracula and beyond, Radu R. Florescu will be greatly missed. Radu was born in Bucharest on October 23, 1925, and educated mostly by tutors. His father was a lawyer who served in the Romanian diplomatic service, being stationed in Berlin, Washington and London during the interwar era. As war loomed, Radu's father, the acting Romanian ambassador to the UK during the early phase of World War II, ordered the young Radu, just 13, to come to London immediately, which Radu did, boarding one of the last Orient Express trains out of Romania at the time. It marked not only the end of the halcyon

days of the legendary Orient Express but also the Romanian boyhood of Radu. Now living in exile in London, Radu would be awarded a scholarship to Christ Church, University of Oxford, where he would study under the historians A.J.P. Taylor and William Deakin. After receiving his B.A. and M.A. from Oxford, Radu continued his studies at the University of Texas and received his doctoral degree from Indiana University. In 1953 he accepted a teaching position in the History Department of Boston College, where, almost a half century later, he would retire Professor Emeritus.

During his long, prolific academic career he wrote thirteen books and co-authored six with Raymond T. McNally, many of them dealing with the life and times of Vlad Dracula, or Vlad the Impaler, as he was also known. Although it was the books about Dracula that would receive the most publicity, becoming best sellers, translated into numerous foreign languages, along with both authors becoming television talk-show guests, both historians emphasized the serious side of their studies of the real Vlad Dracula while showing how the historical Vlad Dracula inspired the creation of the mythical Count Dracula by Bram Stoker in his Gothic vampire novel. Both authors spent decades researching Vlad Dracula in archives and museums all over Europe so as to unearth this historically significant, influential (he served as role model for Tsar Ivan the Terrible), and gruesome late medieval Romanian prince. In his final book, written shortly before his death, Radu traces the genealogy of the Florescu family back to the Middle Ages, when one of his ancestors married Radu the Handsome, a brother of Vlad Dracula. Radu also published numerous academic articles about Romania and the Balkans, and his work was the subject of documentaries on BBC, Discovery Channel, History Channel, and ABC. He frequently presented papers and chaired panels at scholarly conferences and was the founder and director of the East European Research Center at Boston College. Radu won a Fulbright Scholarship, an American Philosophical Grant, a Ford Foundation Grant, and an IREX Grant. In 2000, he was awarded a Diploma Honoris Causa by the Romanian Academy.

Despite his years abroad as an émigré and the conduct of the Romanian Communist regime, his great love for his homeland never diminished. Over the years, Radu introduced Romania and the Balkans to countless Boston College students, including the supervision of doctoral theses, among them this writer. He also acted as an advisor or go between on Romanian affairs to the U.S. State Department and American politicians such as the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy. In recognition of this role, President Clinton invited him to the White House ceremony upon Romania's membership into NATO. In 1996 Radu was named honorary Consul for New England by the Romanian government. Radu was also able to get Boston College to provide teaching scholarships to well-known Romanian scholars that enabled them to spend a semester or two at Boston College during the Communist era. Despite what to me seemed like a Herculean daily schedule, Radu always found time to help people, both high and low. Often when I visited Radu at his home there was a Romanian encamped there, be it an émigré or a Romanian who had fallen on hard times. But Radu was Radu! A life-long driven historian, he was a humanitarian by nature, likable, at times charming, who rarely let his emotions get the best of him, a person with a very strong sense of family, and with a unique way of calmly judging events as if he was standing in front of a class of students lecturing about something that took place centuries ago. Perhaps his training as a historian had much to do with this. But there was more. Radu was a true, old world gentleman, with old school values that unfortunately have all but died out today. Radu, in a way, also had what you might call a Romanian sense of noblesse oblige, in the best sense of the phrase. He is survived by his wife, Nicole, whom he married in 1950, three sons and a daughter.

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RESEARCH COLLABORATION

During the summer of 2014, we formed a research collaboration of scholars from Romania and North America to create a research agenda around the topic of Academic Dishonesty (AD) in Romania. Our goals are to 1) publish scholarly work on AD in peer-reviewed journals, and 2) share findings that may inform academic policy and practice. We will be presenting a roundtable on this topic at the SRS conference in the summer of 2015.

Proposed research projects in Romania include surveys of students to answer the following questions about AD:

- What is the prevalence of AD?
- What are student perceptions of the seriousness of AD?
- How often students get caught committing acts of AD?
- What are the consequences of getting caught?
- What students know about the AD behaviors of other students?
- What are students' reasons for engaging in AD behaviors?
- How well do students know the AD policies of their universities?
- What do students believe about the AD of instructors?

We are also discussing other topics related to AD for additional research proposals, including:

- A comparison of AD policies and how those policies are implemented across universities.
- A review of the training provided to students, and instructors, about AD.
- Instructor involvement in AD in their own work.
- AD reflected in grant applications to Unitatea Executiva pentru Finantarea Invatamantului Superior, a Cercetarii, Dezvoltarii si Inovarii (UEFISCDI).

If you interested in joining us or learning more, please contact Bob Ives: rives@unr.edu

SUMMER RESEARCH IN ROMANIA

In May and June of each year university students from the USA spend four weeks in Romania earning graduate credits in quantitative and qualitative research methods. The Research in Romania (RIR) program is based at the University of Nevada, Reno, USA, and has been running for ten years. Students gain applied research field experience at the same time that they participate in more traditional class activities. In addition, weekend trips give students the opportunity to explore the country. Past trips have included Cluj, Iasi, Bucuresti, Timisoara, Brasov, Suceava, Sighisoara, Constanta, and more.

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ASEEES CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies will hold its 18th world convention in San Antonio, Texas, at the Marriott Rivercenter on November 20–23, 2014.

Panels and papers relating to Romania and Moldova include:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

SESSION I: 1-2:45 PM

PANEL 13: *Politics of Scale: Economic Federations in Interwar Eastern and South Eastern Europe* (Conference Room 15) with a paper by **Mate Rigo** (Cornell U) *From Mitteleuropa to Francophonie? Debates on the Economic Viability of East-Central Europe (1916-1926)* and **Anca Maria Mandru** (U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) as chair.

PANEL 14: *Building Stalinism from Within: The Local Origins of Socialist Culture in Eastern Europe* (Conference Room 14) with a paper by **Andru Chiorean** (U of Nottingham (UK)) *Model and Instrument in Cultural Construction: Agitprop and the Imposition of a New Cultural Order in Postwar Romania*.

PANEL 19: *Web Archiving in Eastern Europe and the FSU* (Conference Room 19) with **Grant Harris** (Library of Congress) as chair.

SESSION II: 3-4:45 PM

PANEL 1: *Identity, Technology and Mass Mobilization in the Soviet Union and Contemporary Eurasia* (Conference Room 1) with a paper by **Scott Grant Feinstein** (U of Florida) *Learning to Work Together: Educational Variation and Group Mobilization in Russia, Ukraine, and Moldova*.

PANEL 10: *Actually Existing Europeanization & Eurasianism I* (Conference Room 10) with **Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creanga** (World Bank) as discussant.

PANEL 13: *Antisemitism in Eastern Europe: From Empire and Nation-State to Holocaust and post-War Society* (Conference Room 13) with papers by **Irina Marin**, (U of Leicester (UK)) *Rumour and Antisemitism across the Border between Austria-Hungary, Romania and Tsarist Russia (1905-1907)* and **Stefan Cristian Ionescu** (Chapman U) *Economic Antisemitism as a Nation Building Tool: Romanianization Theories in 1930s and 1940s Romania*. **Michael Benjamin Thorne** (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College) will be the discussant.

SESSION III: 5-6:45 PM

PANEL 16: *Roundtable on From Stalinism to Pepsi Cola: Teaching the Cultural History of State Socialism* (Conference Room 16) with **Jill Marie Massino** (UNC at Charlotte) as a participant.

PANEL 19: *Critical Junctures: Material Practices of Memory-making and Value-assessing in Romania and Poland* (Conference Room 19) with papers by **Emanuela Grama** (Carnegie Mellon U) *Politics of Memorialization in Socialism: Archaeology, History and Architecture in Bucharest (1953-1971)* and **Narcis Sorin Tulbure** (U of Pittsburgh) *Ownership in Question: Material Practices and Financial Action in Romanian Mutual Funds*. **Lavinia Stan** (St. Francis Xavier U (Canada)) will be the discussant.

PANEL 27: Roundtable on Expectations, Surprises, Disappointments: Past Editors of EEPS Reflect on the post-1989 Developments in the Region (Grand Ballroom Salon D) with **Daniel Chirot** (U of Washington) and **Vladimir Tismaneanu** (U of Maryland) as participants.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

SESSION IV: 8-9:45 AM

PANEL 6: *The Libidinal Economy of Socialist Realism: Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Socialist Cultures* (Conference Room 6) with a paper by **Alex Boican** (U College London (UK)) *Money, Sex and the Revolutionary Subject: A Comparative Study of Libidinal Structures in the Soviet and Romanian Socialist Realist Novel.*

PANEL 14: *Organizations Supported by the Free Europe Committee and Their Ties to US intelligence* (Conference Room 14) with a paper by **Marius Iulian Petraru** (California State U, Sacramento) *The National Committee for Free Europe and the Assistance of the Romanian Refugees (1948-1960).*

PANEL 24: *Liberating or Laying Waste? The Red Army in Poland, Yugoslavia and Romania, 1944-1945* (Grand Ballroom Salon A) with a paper by **Grant Thomas Harward** (Texas A&M U) *Simpletons or Supermen? The Contradictory Image and Memory of Red Army Soldiers in Romania.* **Kenneth Slepian** (Transylvania U) will be the discussant.

SESSION VI: 1:45-3:30 PM

PANEL 15: *Religion and Magic in Socialist and post-Socialist Contexts* (Conference Room 15) with papers by **Monica Maria Greco** (U of Nevada, Reno) *The Troubles of Female Virtue: Divination with Coffee Grounds in post-Socialist Romania, 1996-2006* and **Sebastian Schulman** (Indiana U) *Subversive Morality and Practical Magic: Khayim-Zanvl Abramovitsh and the Religious 'Second Economy' of Soviet Moldova.*

PANEL 26: *Rountable on Being There: Budapest--Warsaw—Bucharest—Sofia in 1989* (Grand Ballroom Salon C) with **Maria Bucur-Deckard** (Indiana U) as a participant.

SESSION VII: 3:45-5:30 PM

PANEL 14: *Roundtable on People Without History? Why Studying Roma is Important* (Conference Room 14) with **Michael Benjamin Thorne** (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College) as a participant.

The Society for Romanian Studies will hold its Annual General Meeting in Conference Room 15 of the Marriott Riverside on Friday, November 21, from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

SESSION VIII: 8-9:45 AM

PANEL 13: *Consumption, Identity, and Agency in Socialist Romania and Hungary* (Conference Room 13) with papers by **Diana Georgescu** (U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) *Pleasure or Purposeful Tourism? Children Playing at Patriotism, Science, and Camaraderie on Summer Expeditions in late Socialist Romania* and **Jill Marie Massino** (UNC at Charlotte) *I Wonder How Many Hours the Comrades' Wives Have Spent in a Queue?': Responses to Shortage in Ceausescu's Romania.*

PANEL 28: *The Changing Boundaries of Female Work in Central and South-East Europe (20th-21st Century)* (Grand Ballroom Salon G) with a paper by **Mihaela Wood** (Allegany College of Maryland) '*Cranking out Comanecis': Romanian Elite Women's Gymnastics before and after 1989.*

SESSION IX: 10-11:45 AM

PANEL 23: *Vestiges of History and State Interventions: Historic Districts, Monuments, and Changing Representations of the Past* (Conference Suite 544) with a paper by **Damiana Gabriela Otoiu** (U of Bucharest (Romania)) '*The Nomenklatura District' in Bucharest, Romania: Metamorphosis of Historical Narratives and of Vestiges of History.*

SESSION X: 1:30-3:15 PM

PANEL 1: *Journalists after the Fall of Communism* (Conference Room 1) with a paper by **Peter Gross** (U of Tennessee – Knoxville) '*Romania: The Importance of Political & Media Culture.*

PANEL 10: *Actually Existing Europeanization & Eurasianism II* (Conference Room 10) with **Rebecca A. Chamberlain-Creanga** (World Bank) as chair.

PANEL 15: *Property Rights, Wrongs, and Fixes in Postwar Eastern Europe* (Conference Room 15) with a paper by **Maria Bucur-Deckard** (Indiana U) '*Gender, Citizenship, and Property Regimes in Twentieth Century Romania.*

SESSION X: 1:30-3:15 PM

PANEL 29: *The Roma in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union* (Grand Ballroom Salon H) with a paper by **Delia Popescu** (LeMoyne College) '*The Historic Other: The Roma in the Writings of Romanian Intellectuals who Opposed Communism.*

PANEL 35: *Representing Transylvania: Maps and Cultural Construction of Space throughout 18th-20th Centuries* (Hospitality Suite 1) with papers by **Madalina Valeria Veres** (U of Pittsburgh) '*Transforming 'Natural Frontiers' into Imperial Borders: Habsburg Cartography and the Control of Transylvanian Mountain Passes,* **James Koranyi** (U of Durham (UK)) '*The Rural World of Transylvania: British Travellers and Local Voices, 1860-1914,* and **Adelina Oana Stefan** (U of Pittsburgh) '*On the Route of Dracula: Promoting Transylvania as a Tourism Destination during the Socialist 1960s-1980s.* **Emanuela Grama** (Carnegie Mellon U) will be the chair.

PANEL 37: *Neglected Themes in Transitional Justice* (Hospitality Suite 3) with a paper by **Lavinia Stan** (St. Xavier U (Canada)) '*Neglected Topics in Transitional Justice: Perceptions of Women as Securitate Agents and Victims.*

SESSION XI: 3:30-5:15 PM

PANEL 11: *From Memory to Mending: Lessons for post-Soviet Eastern Europe from Germany's Reconciliation Policy* (Conference Room 19) with a paper by **William H. Hill** (National War College) '*Reconciling Romanian and Russian Aspirations in the Black Sea Basin.*

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

SESSION XII: 8-9:45 AM

PANEL 15: The March of Folly: The Balkans in 1989 (Conference Room 15) with papers by **Marius Stan** (U of Bucharest (Romania)) *The Kaleidoscopic Pattern of Evil: The Cases of Serbia and Romania*, **Bogdan Cristian Iacob** (Center of Advanced Studies in Sofia (Bulgaria)) *The Deadlock of Upheaval: Southeast European Cooperation and Ethnocentrism*, and **Constantin Iordachi** (Central European U (Hungary)) *Charismatic Authority and Communist Leader Cults: Comparative Perspectives on the Balkans*. **Dennis Deletant** (Georgetown U) will be the chair and **Vladimir Tismaneanu** (U of Maryland) will be the discussant.

PANEL 27: Social Emergences, Cultural Formations: A Study of Marginalization and Identity Politics in post-Communist Southeastern Europe (Grand Ballroom Salon D) with a paper by **Inis Shkreli** (Babes-Bolyai U (Romania)) *Social Mobility and Identity Politics: A Focus on Nationalist Programs of Greece and Romania as Powerful Mechanisms for the Assimilation of Albanian Aromanians of Voskopoja*.

PANEL 35: Internationalism for National Purposes: Eastern European Intellectuals in Transnational Organizations (Hospitality Suite 1) with a paper by **Anca Maria Mandru** (U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) *The 'Socialist Intellectual Brotherhood' Across Borders: Geographical and Ideological Mobility in the Early Romanian Left*. **Irina Livezeanu** (U of Pittsburgh) will be the discussant.

SESSION XIII: 10-11:45 AM

PANEL 10: Through Believers' Eyes: Samizdat, Religion, and Persecution in Eastern Europe (Conference Room 10) with a paper by **Mariana-Alina Urs** (Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and Memory of the Romanian Exile (Romania)) *Orthodox Clerics between their Church and the Political Police*.

PANEL 25: Memory Culture and Historical Politics in the Baltic States (Grand Ballroom Salon B) with a paper by **Martins Kaprans** (U of Tartu (Estonia)) *Relations with the Soviet Past in Fractured Societies: A Comparative Analysis of Baltic States, Ukraine and Moldova*.

PANEL 29: Eastern European Identities (Grand Ballroom Salon H) with a paper by **Ellie Knott** (London School of Economics (UK)) *Analysing the Meanings of Kin Identification in Moldova and Crimea from Below*.

PANEL 31: Protest and Dissent in Rural Romania 1918 to the Present (Grand Ballroom Salon J) with papers by **Nicholas Sveholm** (Indiana U) *Motives for Dissent and Collaboration within the Interwar Transylvanian Saxon Minority*, **Daniel Brett** (Indiana U) *Exit, Voice, Loyalty? The Consequences of Local Tensions for the Romanian Peasant Party after World War II* and **Amy Samuelson** (Independent Scholar) *Fracking and the Reemergence of Rural Protest in Contemporary Romania*. **Irina Marin** (U of Leicester) will be the chair and **Dennis Deletant** (Georgetown U) will be the discussant.

SESSION XIII: 10-11:45 AM

PANEL 36: Women Writing Women: How Female Authors and Filmmakers Portray Heroines in Today's with a paper by **Ana Carolina Bento Ribeiro** (U Paris Ouest, Nanterre La Defense (France)) *Some Women's Land: Women Filmmakers in Contemporary Romanian Cinema*.

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Location: Lexington, KY

Deadline for submissions: December 1, 2015

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Deadline for submissions: December 1, 2015

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Date: September 18-19, 2015

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Deadline for submissions: December 1, 2015

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Date: March 5-7, 2015

Location: Portland, OR

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Date: February 5, 2015

Location: Wellington, New Zealand

Deadline for submissions: December 5, 2015

Details: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/hppi/centres/antipodean/our-activities>

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Deadline for submissions: December 7, 2014

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Conference: Southern Conference on Slavic Studies

Date: March 5-7, 2015

Location: Lexington, KY

Deadline for submissions: January 15, 2015.

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Conference: ASEES annual convention

Date: November 22-25, 2015

Location: Philadelphia, PA

Deadline for submissions: January 15, 2015

Details: <http://aseees.org/convention/future-aseees-conventions>

Journal: Region

Theme: Impact of World War One of East European societies

Deadline: February 10, 2015

Contact: Joonseo Song at songjoo1@gmail.com

Journal: *Archiva Moldaviae*

Deadline: April 15, 2015

Language: English or Romanian

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The Council for European Studies (CES) invites eligible graduate students in the humanities to apply for the **2015 Mellon-CES Dissertation Completion Fellowships in European Studies**. The deadline for applications is January 26, 2015. For more information, please visit <http://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/grants-and-awards/dissertation-completion>

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The **Summer Research Laboratory (SRL) on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia** is open to all scholars with research interests in the Russian, East European and Eurasian region for eight weeks during the summer months from mid-June through the first week of August. The SRL provides scholars access to the resources of the University of Illinois Slavic collection within a flexible time frame where scholars have the opportunity to seek advice and research support from the librarians of the Slavic Reference Service (SRS). The deadline for applications is April 15, 2015. For more details see <http://www.reec.illinois.edu/srl/>

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