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–22 -23 November 2018 –

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CONFERENCE DAY 1 – PLENARY SESSIONS

Thursday, 22 November 2018



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10.00 – 10.30: *Participants' registration & Coffee*

Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)

10.30 – 11.00: *Welcome and Opening Remarks*

Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)

- **Mugur ISĂRESCU**, Governor of The National Bank of Romania
- **Nicolae ISTUDOR**, Rector of The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania
- **Gheorghe HURDUZEU**, Dean of the Faculty of International Business and Economics, Romania

11.00– 13.30: *The future of the European Union: a socio-economic & cultural perspective*

Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)

- **Lavinia STAN**, Professor, Jules Leger Research Chair and Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Francis Xavier University, Canada
"Boom or Bust: The Future of the European Union"
- **Marek KOSNY**, Professor, Wroclaw University of Economics, Department of Econometrics, Poland
"Family Pension System and the Economic Security of Families"



- **Ionela BĂLUȚĂ**, Professor, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Political Science, Romania
"L'avenir de l'Europe par le prisme de l'égalité de genre: défis politiques et enjeux économiques"
- **Vicenzo BASSI**, Professor, Università di Roma LUMSA, Italy
"Family and tax justice: an European perspective"
- **Adina CIUGUREANU**, Professor, Ovidius University of Constanța, Romania
"Cross- and Interdisciplinary Approaches to Cityspace: from the Modern to the Global City"

Moderator: **Laura-Mihaela Mureșan**, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies & QUEST Romania

Moderator: **Octavian-Dragomir Jora**, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies

13:30– 14:00 *Conference Lunch*

Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Alexandru Ottulescu Hall)

14:00– 15:30 *Priorities and goals of the Romanian EU Presidency 2019 and recommendations – Plenary Debate*

Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)

- **Jaap de ZWAAN**, Secretary General of Trans-European Policy Studies Association
- **Lucia MOKRA**, Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Slovakia
- **George CIAMBA**, Minister Delegate for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator: **Bianca TOMA**, Romanian Center for European Policies, Romania

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee break*

Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Alexandru Ottulescu Hall)

Parallel Sessions A

15:45 – 17:00 **Parallel Session A1: The future of the Multi-annual Financial Framework - post 2020**

Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)

- **Jakša PULJIZ**, Institute for Development and International Relations, Croatia
- **Gabriela DRĂGAN**, Director of the European Institute of Romania, Romania
- **Andreea PAUL**, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

Moderator: **Guido Tiemann**, Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria

15:45 - 17:00: **Parallel Session A2: Connecting a disconnected (and more divided) Europe – Energy, Transport, Security**

Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Anton Carp Hall)

- **Werner-Wilhelm WOLFF**, General Director TAROM
- **Alessio MENEGAZZO**, Head of Sustainability and Institutional Affairs, ENEL, Romania
- **Nicoletta PIROZZI**, Head of EU Politics and Institutions, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy
- **Juha JOKELA**, Director of the European Union Research Programme, Finish Institute for International Affairs, Finland

Moderator: **Clara VOLINTIRU**, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania



Parallel Sessions B

17:00 - 18:00: Parallel Session B1: Brexit - Ambiguity or clarity on the future partnership?
Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)

- **Andrew NOBLE**, British Ambassador to Romania, United Kingdom
- **Jaap de ZWAAN**, TEPSA Secretary General, United Kingdom
- **Brendan DONNELLY**, Federal Trust for Education and Research, London, United Kingdom

Moderator: **Andreas STAMATE**, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies
The Market for Ideas

17:00 – 18:00: Parallel Session B2: Eastern challenges - where regional interests and extensive expertise could provide a new narrative for multi-speed Europe
Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Anton Carp Hall)

- **Maria LIGOR**, Member of the Executive Committee, European Endowment for Democracy
- **Liutauras GUDZINSKAS**, Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences, Vilnius University, Lithuania
- **Victor ZAMIATIN**, Leading expert, Political and legal programmes, Razumkov Centre, Ukraine

Moderator: **Frank SCHIMMELFENNIG**, ETH Zurich, Switzerland



18:30 – 20:00: TEPSA General Assembly

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Eminescu Building, Google Room, 2nd Floor



CONFERENCE GALA DINNER – Thursday, 22 November, 2018

19.30: Conference Gala Dinner (Venue: Marshal Garden Hotel’s Restaurant)





CONFERENCE DAY 2 – FRIDAY, 23 November 2018



Parallel session for students

Parallel Session A

10:00 – 10:30 Welcome coffee and registration of participants

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Grigore Moisil Hall, Virgil Madgearu Building, 2nd Floor

10:30 - 12:00 Dealing with the democratic challenges for the future of Europe

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Grigore Moisil Hall, Virgil Madgearu Building, 2nd Floor

Bart Scheffers, Open Society Foundation
Representative, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin
Representative, OccupyGuguță, Republic of Moldova
Representative, K Monitor, Hungary (TBC)

Civic activists from Poland, Germany and Hungary
Moderator: **Bianca Toma**, Romanian Center for European Policies

12:00 – 12:30 Q&A session and dialogue with the audience

12:30 - 13:30 Romania's pro-European unrest: a contribution to the future of Europe

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Grigore Moisil Hall, Virgil Madgearu Building, 2nd Floor

Cătălin Teniță, Geeks for Democracy
Representative, Comunitatea Declic
Mihai Polițeanu, Inițiativa România
Mihai N. Tudorică, Asociația pentru Relații Comunitare
Q&A session

Conclusions and recommendations

Parallel Session B

09:30 – 11:30: European Elections 2019 and the Future of Europe

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Robert Schuman Room, Ion Angelescu Building, 2nd Floor

- **Michael Kaeding**, University of Duisburg-Essen
- **Paul Schmidt**, Austrian Society for European Politics
- **Maja Bučar**, Center of International Relations at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- **Ilke Bucar**, Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute, Spain

11:30 – 12:00: Closing and concluding remarks by organizers

Moderator: **Radu Mușetescu**, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies



ACADEMIC PANELS OF THE CONFERENCE

PANEL 1: BUSINESS ACROSS EUROPE

Friday, 23 November 2018, 10.30 – 13.30, Room 1206

Chairs: Ramona TARTAVULEA (DIEACONESCU) & Clara VOLINTIRU

Nițu Maria, Stefanescu Iulia-Oana	Tax havens and offshore centers- a reality of 21 century
Radu-Cezar Cojocariu; Andrei-Relu Ciucă	The perspectives of natural gas market
Nana Shonia, Tamila Khurtsidze; Sorina Chiper; Miranda Betchvaia;	Legal regulation of non-state pension insurance and its improvement ways in Georgia
Zavera Coralia Ioana	Prosperity and education – two sets that intersect continuously
Andreea Paul, Anca Tamaș	The future jobs in Europe and the Romanian challenges
Stelian Stancu, Alexandru Daia	Introducing a New Technical Indicator Based on Octav Onicescu Informational Energy and Compare it with Bollinger Bands for S&P 500 Movement Predictions
Guțu Corneliu	The future of Europe: challenges and opportunities

PANEL 2: THE NEW CHALLENGES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S GOVERNANCE

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Eminescu Building, Room 1203

Friday, 23 November 2018, 10.30 – 13.30, Sala 1206

Chairs: Gabriela DRĂGAN & Mirela DIACONESCU

Mirela Diaconescu, Mihai Diaconescu	Romania's Competitiveness under "Magnifying Glass" Ten Years after the European Integration
Alina Alexoaei, Valentin Cojanu	Trade and environmental footprint: trade policy controversies
Raluca Robu	Structural convergence in the European Union: theoretical and empirical perspectives on structural similarity
Cezar Teclean, Alexandru Fotia	Transport Infrastructures and Regional Geopolitical Stakes in the European Union
Irina Ion, Radu Lupu, Ela Nicolae	Academic Achievement and Professional Aspirations: Between the Impacts of School and Family Background
Gheorghe Hurduzeu, Maria Popescu	The Common Agricultural Policy: Digging into Farm Economics and Food Trade in the European Union
Dumitru Miron, Ioan Alexandru Gherasim	Conceptual Flaws and Incoherent Implementation of the European Neighborhood Policy



PANEL 3: FINANCE & BANKING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Cihoski Building, Room 6405
Friday, 23 November 2018, 10.30 – 13.30

Chairs: Emil DINGA & Alexandra HOROBET

Emil Dinga	An assessment of the fiscal sustainability in Romania
Latfe Alhuseinawi	Contractual budget a tool for development under scarcity of economic resource
Gabriela Mariana Ionescu	Conceptual Aspects of an Automatic Stabilizer Concerning Social Justice
Iulia Oana Florea	Money Laundering: Case Studies and Countermeasures
Mihai Chisu	An incursion into capital markets from frontier markets to developed ones
Gabriela Mariana Ionescu	The assessment of Romania's economic convergence in the European Union
Emil Dinga	Switching the European Budget Expenditures Towards the European Public Goods

PANEL 4: SURVIVAL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Eminescu Building, Room 1212
Friday, 23 November 2018, 10.30 – 13.00,

Chairs: Octavian-Dragomir JORA & Mihai-Vladimir TOPAN

Narciz Balasoiu	Populism remains one of the greatest challenges to the future of the EU
Delia-Raluca Sancariuc	The Long Quest for Regional Convergence in the EU: Do Structural Funds Help?
Antonela Milotte	The European strategy in front of its citizens
Delia-Raluca Sancariuc, Dan-Alex Ceașescu-Constantinescu	The Rise of Technology-Driven Sharing Economy in Europe: The Case of Taxify
Radu Musetescu, Cristian Paun	Nationality and International Business: the Quest for Objective Standards
Holobiuc Ana-Maria, Bogdan Mihai	Real convergence in the European Union: Myth or reality?



PANEL 5: DIASPORAS: TRANSNATIONAL FAMILIES

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Eminescu Building, Room 1504
Friday, 23 November 2018, 10.30 - 13.00

Chairs: Iulia RĂȘCANU & Sonia di VITO

Iulia Rascanu	Preamble: Introduction in Transnational Families and Migration - A Challenging Reality
Shruti Amar	"Family" in Jhumpa Lahiri's The Namesake: A Gendered Perspective
Sonia di Vito	Filling the gap: the role of linguistic mediators during interactions between personal services staff and immigrants.
Iulia Rascanu	Hybridity and Transnational Family in Night of Henna (2005), by Hassan Zee
Iulia Rascanu	Interracial Relationships in Bicycle Bride (2010)

PANEL 6: FAMILY AS ECONOMIC RESOURCE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Venue: Google Room, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Eminescu Building, 2nd Floor
Friday, 23 November 2018, 10.00 - 13.00

Chair: Vittorio BASSI

Dalila da Rosa	Standing together: Family ties and Multidimensional Wellbeing
Balasz Molnar	Visible and in-visible Work. What is the value of Domestic Work?
Sebastian Fitzek	New indicators need for measurement of Family contribution to the GDP of an EU country
Irina Ion, Radu Lupu, Ela Nicolae	Academic Achievement and Professional Aspirations: Between the Impacts of School and Family Background

Debates

Q & A Session