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CONFERENCE DAY 1 – PLENARY SESSIONS Thursday, 31st of October 2019

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9.30 – 10.00: **Participants' registration & Coffee** Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)

10.00 – 10.30: Welcome and Opening Remarks Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)

- Lucian CROITORU, Counselor of the Governor The National Bank of Romania
- Dorel PARASCHIV, Vice-rector of Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania
- Gheorghe HURDUZEU, Dean of the Faculty of International Business and Economics, Romania

10.30– 13.30: The future of the European Union: a socio-economic & cultural perspective Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)

- **Mihai KORKA**, Professor, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania *"Adapting International Business Education to a Changing World"*
- Joan MONTLLOR SERRATS, Professor, Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain "The evolution of ESG investing: A European perspective"

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Sponsors:



• **Micky AHRONSON**, Expert in international relations, The Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security, Israel

"International lessons from the Middle East"

- **Paul H. DEMBINSKI**, Professor, University of Freiburg, Switzerland, Director of Observatoire de la Finance and Co-President of "Ethics & Trust in Finance Prize" *"Families: the unacknowledged centre of any economy"*
- Alina BÂRGĂOANU, Professor, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania *"EU vs. Disinformation. The State of Play"*

Moderator: Laura-Mihaela MUREŞAN, Bucharest University of Economic Studies & QUEST Romania

13:30-14:00: Conference Lunch

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

14:00–15:30: CONFERENCE PANEL: Financial literacy – challenges and results. The Romanian case. Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)

- Anton COMĂNESCU, Lead Expert, National Bank of Romania
- Florin BÂLCAN, CEO Provident Financial Romania
- Alexandra Ioana BONTAŞ, Head of Financial Education and Monitoring Service Public Relations, Petitions and Financial Education Directorate, Financial Supervisory Authority
- Adrian CODÂRLAȘU, President, CFA Romania

Moderator: **Radu Cristian MUȘETESCU**, Professor, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

15:30 – 15:45: **Coffee break**

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

15:45 – 18.00: CONFERENCE PANEL: Rule of Law Conditionalities in the EU – from the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM) to the new monitoring mechanisms in the European Union Venue: The National Bank of Romania (Mitiță Constantinescu Hall)

- Aleksejs DIMITROVS, EFA Advisor on Legal Affairs, Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
- **Paul BLOKKER**, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Economic Law, University of Bologna
- Adrian BABOI STROE, Public Policy Expert and former Secretary of State in the Ministry of Justice
- Laura **STEFAN**, Anticorruption expert from the Romanian Expert Forum
- **Mat TROMME**, Director, Sustainable Development & Rule of Law Programme, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law

Moderator: Clara VOLINTIRU, Associate Professor, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

17:00 – 19.00: CONFERENCE PANEL: Europe and the Middle East: In quest of new international orders

*Venue: Bucharest University of Economic Studies (***1203 – Google ROOM***)* Cohosted with: Center for Foreign Policy and Security Studies

- Micky Ahronson, Expert, The Jerusalem Institute for Strategy and Security
- Liviu Muresan, President, EURISC Foundation







- Florin Pasatoiu, Director, Center for Foreign Policy and Security Studies
- **Radu Ungureanu,** Associate Professor, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest

Moderator: Radu Cristian MUŞETESCU, Professor, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies

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CONFERENCE GALA DINNER – Thursday, 31st of October 2019 19.30: Conference Gala Dinner (Venue: Marshal Garden Hotel's Restaurant)

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CONFERENCE DAY 2 – PLENARY SESSIONS Friday, 1st of November 2019

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Friday, 1st of November 2019

9.30 – 10.00: Participants' registration & Coffee Venue: Bucharest University of Economic Studies (Aula Magna)

10.00 – 12.00: The future of the European Union: a socio-economic & cultural perspective Venue: Bucharest University of Economic Studies (Aula Magna)

- **Gerard WEBER,** Professor, City University of New York, USA "Labor Migration, Social Dissolution and Public Sector Austerity 30 Years after the Revolution: An Anthropological Account from Galati"
- **Bogdan COSTEA**, Professor, Lancaster University Management School, UK "Will the Twentieth Century Ever End?"

Moderator: Laura-Mihaela MUREŞAN, Bucharest University of Economic Studies & QUEST Romania

12:00 – 13.30: CONFERENCE PANEL: The Republic of Moldova and Romania: towards a successful partnership in the European Union

Venue: Bucharest University of Economic Studies (Aula Magna)

- **Rodica CRUDU,** Associate professor, Dean of the Faculty of International Business and Economics, ASEM, The Republic of Moldova
- **Marina POPA,** Associate professor, Dean of the Faculty of International Business and Economics, ASEM, The Republic of Moldova
- Gabriela DRĂGAN, Professor, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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

10:00 – 13.00: CONFERENCE PANEL: The economics of family – the EU perspective Venue: Bucharest University of Economic Studies (1204 – Google Room)

- **Mariano MARTINEZ AEDO**, Cofounder of Instituto de Politica Familiar, Spain: *Public aids for Family in Europe comparison*
- Alina SAVU, Senior Business Consultant Ascent AG Elvetia: Family contribution to society 4.0
- **Sebastian FITEC**, Researcher, Romanian Academy, Romania: *Family structure in Romania and economic issues*
- **Ciprian BRADU** Economic Counsellor in Management at Bucureștii Noi Romano-Catholic Parish: *Family part of European commonwealth, Romania*
- **Matei DOBROVIE**, Romanian Parliament, Romania: *Proposals for Family Policies in Romania including for the Economic Family Development*

Moderator: Irina ION (ZGREABĂN), Associate Professor, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

13:00-13:30: Conference Lunch

Venue: Bucharest University of Economic Studies (Cafeteria, 3rd Floor, Ion Anghelescu Building)



13:30– 16:30: ACADEMIC PANELS Venue: Bucharest University of Economic Studies

PANEL 1: BUSINESS ACROSS EUROPE

13.30 - 16.30: Friday, 1 November 2019, Room 1206

Chairs: Maria-Floriana POPESCU & Raluca ROBU

| Lucian Ivan | Predictive Analysis of the Romanian Defence Market |
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| Raluca Robu | Upgrading in global value chains. The case of Romania |
| Maria-Floriana Popescu, Neal Harrison Silbert | The Impact of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning on the Future of Europe |
| Ioana Coralia Zavera | Prosperity and education – two sets that intersect continuously |
| Gabriel-Cristian Constantinescu | Preferences in remote communication of the Romanian native language negotiators |
| Gabriel-Cristian Constantinescu | False perceptions influenced by false friends, in remote negotiations |
| Camelia Candidatu, Liliana Nicoleta Grigore, Laura Benchea | Traditional versus modern techniques in academic learning : Analysis on students in the economic higher education |
| Radu Cezar Cojocariu, Andrei Relu Ciucă | Romanian natural gas market. Quo vadis? 2.0 |

PANEL 2: THE NEW CHALLENGES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S GOVERNANCE 13.30 – 16.30: Friday, 1 November 2019, Room 1203 (Google Room) Chairs: Mirela DIACONESCU & Cristina DRĂGOI

| Dumitru Miron, Ana Maria Holobiuc | How difficult is it to achieve real convergence within the |
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| | enlarged European Union? |







| Gheorghe-Cosmin Manea | Migration Flows and the Development Policy of The European Union |
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| Mihaela-Sorina Dumitrescu, Dorel Paraschiv, Maria Nițu | The fight against terrorism in the European Union |
| Stefana Agop, Ramona Teodora Ghioc (cas Tanasa) | The influence of economic growth models on the sustainable development of the rural area |
| Maria-Floriana Popescu, Cristina Drăgoi | The "Green Deal" – European Union's newest bet against climate change |
| Ihab s kh Jweida | Crisis in Lybia |
| Mirela Diaconescu, Andreea Oana Enache, Paula Munteanu | Migration and Sustainable Development in the Context of Globalization |

PANEL 3: FINANCE & BANKING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

13.30 – 16.30: Friday, 1 November 2019, **Room 1217** *Chairs: Radu LUPU & Călin CANTEMIR*

| Dragos Dantis | Possible Directions of Evolution for Banking Activity in European Union Under the Impact of Blockchain Technology |
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| Alexandra Micu | Risk assessment in banking reorganization |
| Andreea-Alexandra Chiriac (Roșca), Claudiu Chiriac, Alex-Dan Ceausescu- Constantinescu, Delia-Raluca Șancariuc | Cyber security, a priority of the modern world |
| Ciprian Stănescu | Unicorn companies. Where is Europe now and in the future? |
| Alexandra Horobeț, Georgiana Maria Vrinceanu, Consuela Elena Popescu, Lucian Belascu | An exploratory study of CEE financial companies' exposure to oil price risk |

PANEL 4: SURVIVAL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION13.30 - 16.30: Friday, 1 November 2019, Room 1212

Chairs: Octavian-Dragomir JORA & Mihai-Vladimir TOPAN

| Ioana Coralia Zavera | Prosperity and education – two sets that intersect continuously |
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| Cezar Vasilescu | US versus China- competition for global economic supremacy |
| Olteteanu Angel-Cristian | Challenges for entrepreneurs seeking to access European funds in Central and Eastern Europe as of 2019' |
| Maria-Floriana Popescu, Gheorghe Hurduzeu, Anca Ilie | State-of-the-Art for Energy in the European Union |
| Marius Traistaru | Analysis of the terrorist phenomenon in Romania between 2000-2007 |
| Radu Isaic, Cristian Păun | Constructal Theory and Economic Cycle |

PANEL 5: ADDRESSING CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND RISK MANAGEMENT IN EUROPE

13.30 – 16.30: Friday, 1 November 2019, **Room 1203** *Chairs:* Irina IAMANDI & Laura CONSTANTIN

| Irina-Eugenia Iamandi, Laura-Gabriela Constantin | Using Technology for Sustainability Enhancement at European Level. A Country Perspective |
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| Laura-Gabriela Constantin, Irina- Eugenia Iamandi | An Innovative Assessment of Sustainable Development through Technology in EU Cities |
| Alina Alexoaei | Responsible investing: finding the value in environmental, social, and governance performance |
| Alina Alexoaei | Proactive water footprint management |
| Ciprian Stănescu | 15 Skills and 30 Jobs of the Future |
| Delia Elena Mateias | Leadership styles and business diplomacy |

PANEL 6: **DIASPORAS: TRANSNATIONAL FAMILIES 13.30 – 16.30:** Friday, 1 November 2019, **Room 1605** *Chair: Iulia RĂŞCANU*

| Shruti Amar and Arpita Goswami | Family, Cosmopolitanism and Indian Fiction in English, 1930-1960 |
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| Iulia Rascanu | Home and Hybridity. A revisitation of Bend It Like Beckham |
| Petre Comșa, Costea Munteanu | On the Discontinuity and Hierarchy in the Dialogue between Science and Religion |
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