



Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence
STRUCTURES OF INTERCONNECTIVITY IN THE EU'S NEIGHBOURHOOD
International Conference “Towards a New European Neighbourhood Policy”
23rd and 24th of May
Bucharest, 30A Expoziției Avenue
804 room, 8th floor

Wednesday, 23rd of May

10:30 – 11:00 Registration of participants

11:00 – 12:00 Opening ceremony

- **Prof. Remus PRICOPIE**, PhD – Rector of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)
- **Prof. Iordan Gh. BĂRBULESCU**, PhD – Dean of DRIIE and President of the SNSPA's Senate
- **Associated Prof. Clara VOLINTIRU**, PhD, Faculty of Economic International Relations, Academy of Economic Studies
- **Dan CĂRBUNARU**, Director, Caleaeuropeana.ro

12:00 – 13:00 **Expert debate – Eastern Europe: between East and West**

- Key speaker: **Stanislav SECRIERU**, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), France, *Subject: Report - Third powers in Europe's east*
- Key Speaker: lecturer **Nicolae TODERAȘ**, PhD, SNSPA, Romania, *Subject: Romania's ODA in Republic of Moldova 2007-2017*
- Q&A Session

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14: 00 – 16:00 **Panel - “EU within the international context – strengthening EU as an international actor”**

Moderator: Lecturer **Radu CUCUTĂ**, PhD, Department of International Relations and European Integration, SNSPA

- Diana COJOCARU, PhD Candidate, SNSPA, Romania, “Rethinking the European Neighborhood Policy”



- Irena MNATSAKANYAN, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, “The Quest for Coherence in EU Crisis Management: The Case of South Ossetia”
- Lecturer Cristina-Maria DOGOT, PhD, University of Oradea, Romania, “The Eastern Partnership: The Effectiveness of Multilateral Cooperation?”
- Felix-Corneliu ARDELEAN, PhD Candidate, SNSPA, Romania, “Funding the European Neighbourhood Policy between concrete results and wishful thinking”
- Carmen Marina GHEORGHIU, PhD candidate, SNSPA, Romania “Children of immigrants - Witnesses in the migration crisis”

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16.30 Opening of Photo Exhibition and discussion: *Vicinities/Ambiguities* 4th floor, SNSPA (in Romanian Language)

- Prof. **Iordan BĂRBULESCU**, Dean DRIIE
- Lecturer **Miruna BUTNARU TRONCOTĂ**, curator
- **Aida ŠOŠIĆ**, artist from Bosnia Herzegovina
- **Ioan SUHOV**, photographer, BA student, University of Bucharest

Thursday, 24th of May

10:30 – 11:00 Registration

11:00 – 13:00 **Panel - “The geopolitics of the ‘shared’ neighbourhood”**

Moderator: **Ana-Maria COSTEA**, PhD, Department of International Relations and European Integration, SNSPA

- Mirela MĂRCUȚ, PhD, Teaching Assistant, University of Oradea, Romania, “The EU - Provider of Digital Leadership in the New International Context”
- Ionut MADALIN, PhD student, SNSPA, Romania, “The project regarding the identity: ”the new moldovenism”
- Ene Daniel DUMITRU, PhD Candidate, SNSPA, Romania, “The Diversity of Challenges to Ensure Eastern Flank Security: an Asset to be Exploited”



- Roxana ANDREI, PhD Candidate, University of Coimbra, Portugal, “Challenges to peacemaking in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood: Adaptive strategies of the unrecognised states in the South Caucasus”
- Armen GRIGORYAN, Columnist, Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst; Eurasia Daily Monitor, Jamestown, Armenia, “The current security situation in the South Caucasus and the wider regional context”
- Mihaela PĂDUREANU, PhD, SNSPA, Romania “Exploring the Role of Protests in redefining Armenia’s Identity”
- Edina Lilla MÉSZÁROS, PhD, University of Oradea, Romania, “What kind of future for the EU-Ukraine Partnership?”

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 **Panel - “Regional Challenges at EU's borders - the Case of the Western Balkans”**

Moderator: **Alexandra LOY**, PhD student, Department of International Relations and European Integration, SNSPA

- Lecturer Viorela AGOLLI (Polena), PhD, Aleksandër Moisiu University, Albania, “Democracy and authoritarianism in the Western Balkans: the importance of integration into the EU”
- Andrei MICU, MA student, University of Bucharest, Romania, “The Independence of Kosovo and the Belgrade-based Coalitions of the Willing against the Kosovar Statehood”
- Dragoș IONIȚĂ, MA student, SNSPA, Romania “Between politics and international law. Romania's position on Kosovo's Independence in the last decade”
- Lecturer Miruna BUTNARU-TRONCOTĂ, PhD and Alexandra LOY, PhD student, SNSPA, Romania “*Friends with Benefits*. The Relations between Romania and Serbia in the last decade’.

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:00 **Ending session – Final remarks**

- Prof. **Iordan Gh. BĂRBULESCU**, PhD – Dean of DRIIE and President of the SNSPA’s Senate