



NEWSLETTER

IIRAS members involved in a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (Erasmus+) research project.

The Faculty of European Studies and IIRAS have won a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence (Erasmus+) research project. Title of the project: *Enhancing EU's role in consolidating local democratic resilience in Moldova and Serbia – DREMS*. Duration: 36 months. Value: ~100.000 EUR

Objectives:

- Increasing the involvement of academia in the process of consolidating EU's democratic resilience in Moldova and Serbia.
- Creating personalized tools for consolidating democratic resilience in Moldova and Serbia adjusted to their national specifics.
- Promoting cognitive transfer and democratic resilience practices at the academic and civil society levels in Romania, Moldova and Serbia.

Project manager: Dean, Assoc. prof. PhD Adrian Corpădean

Experts: Assoc. prof. PhD Laura Herța, Assoc. prof. PhD Paula Mureșan, Lecturer PhD Mihaela Oprescu, Lecturer PhD Elena Grad-Rusu, Researcher PhD Oana Poiană, Teaching Assistant PhD Andreea Stretea, Teaching Assistant PhD Tudor Vidrean-Căpușan, Project officer Ioana Hapca, Project offices Teodor Hodor.

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IIRAS members involved in a HORIZON research project

The Faculty of European Studies and IIRAS is part of the HORIZON-RIA, *Reignite Multilateralism via Technology (REMIT)* research project. The project is coordinated by UNIVERSITEIT MAASTRICHT Netherlands and has 8 partner universities: BABES BOLYAI UNIVERSITY Romania, European Cyber Conflict Research Initiative UK, UNIVERSITAET BREMEN DE, KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN BE, LUISS LIBERA UNIVERSITA INTERNAZIONALE DEGLI STUDI Italy, ERASMUS UNIVERSITEIT ROTTERDAM NL, TARTU ULIKOOL EE, Finnish Institute of International Affairs FI. Duration: 48 months. Value: ~3.000.000 EUR.

Objectives:

- To define the EU's role in leading the renewal and defense of multilateralism starting with the global governance of technologies in four crucial policy areas (digital, health bio, security and defense, and financial technologies).
- To provide evidence-based advice to reinforce European institutions in the field of technology that work—that already create transparent, ethical, and democracy-supporting standards—and propose innovative, multilateral-governance constructs for those that do not.
- To develop policy recommendations and scenario testing workshops offered to relevant EU administrators, important regional groups, and national officials.
- To share knowledge among stakeholders and to communicate policy recommendations. REMIT will recommend policy action for the European Union that further re-conceptualizes multilateralism in the four technology areas.

Team Leader: Professor PhD Valentin Naumescu

Team member: Researcher PhD Oana Poiană

Call for papers

- **Contested Histories: The Albanians in the Balkans.** The Balkan History Association is preparing a volume which investigates how these communities in the Balkans were understood and perceived. Authors are invited to submit book chapters dealing with the following topics: Balkan historiographies and national narratives on the Albanians; Albanians in the Ottoman Empire: national and transnational narratives, Albanians and the Age of Revolutions in the Balkans; Albanian minorities as a marker of diplomacy in the 20th century; Ethnic Albanians in the Balkan states and aspects of their history; Social and economic topics in the history of these ethnic Albanians. The volume will be published by Peter Lang (in the series "South-East European History"). Original manuscripts should be prepared following the editorial guide of Peter Lang available on its website, especially "Style Guidelines – British English" and "Submission Guidelines". Manuscripts must not have been published, submitted for publication or available on the internet elsewhere. Interdisciplinary work is particularly welcome. Please submit your proposal, including the title of your manuscript, an abstract (up to 300 words), and an author's biography (up to 100 words) to all editors. The abstract should include the research question and purpose, the approach and main ideas, and results. No figures, tables, footnotes, or endnotes should be included in the abstract. Articles should not exceed 8,000 words in length including footnotes and references (reference list or bibliography).
- **Deadline: December 31, 2022: Submission of proposals to editors.** Website: <https://www.balkan-history.com/albanians-in-the-balkans/>.
- **Frontiers in Political Science** focuses on the theory and practice of governments and political systems at the local, state, national and international levels. The journal is interdisciplinary and it explores both empirical political science and critical theories. It will consider the societal and cultural factors that influence the operation of government together with policy theories. The aim is to focus on the actions, decisions and policies made on local, national, and international levels, from within a country, between countries and finally within international organisations such as the UN and European Union. Impact 0.7 CiteScore. Indexed in Scopus, Google Scholar, DOAJ, CrossRef, Semantic Scholar, CLOCKSS, OpenAIRE. The specialty sections of Frontiers in Political Science welcome submission of the following article types: Brief Research Report, Conceptual Analysis, Correction, Data Report, Editorial, General Commentary, Hypothesis & Theory, Methods, Mini Review, Opinion, Original Research, Perspective, Policy Brief, Policy and Practice Reviews, Review, Study Protocol, Systematic Review, Technology and Code. When submitting a manuscript to Frontiers in Political Science, authors must submit the material directly to one of the specialty sections. Manuscripts are peer-reviewed by the Associate and Review Editors of the respective specialty section. Website: <https://www.frontiersin.org/journals/political-science/about#about-submission>.
- **Media and Communication, Issue: Mediatized Discourses on Europeanization: Information, Disinformation, and Polarization.** The over-exposure to information facilitated by social networks is a key factor contributing to the increasing polarization of public opinions on central political issues. The European integration project is one of the major political processes affected by information disorders, i.e., by disinformation, post-truth, and fake news. Media discourses are nowadays so diversified to the point of generating confusion among consumers. In this regard, social networks have become loudspeakers and powerful tools for nurturing "filter bubbles" or "echo chambers," influencing people's perceptions of major political issues, in a manner that could have a destabilizing effect on democratic processes and democratic institutions. In this context, cybersecurity has become particularly relevant, leading states to adopt different measures and policy changes to respond to the threats stemming from information disorders, especially in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. This thematic issue will focus on the following: a) how media discourses are created in order to promote or, alternatively, to denounce the European integration project and how these discourses are perceived by the public; b) the evolving framework of cybersecurity in relation to digital media and its impact on the communication landscape. Deadline: 1-15 December 2022. Website: https://www.cogitatiopress.com/mediaandcommunication/pages/view/nextissues?fbclid=IwAR3eEvTgif_9lsxaTGsb6094Egu4IVZgOTNwYTxxTRI-cKC-2E9cLeNiKbw#SocialMediaMobilization

Conference Calls

- **The World Congress on Undergraduate Research (WorldCUR) & the British Conference of Undergraduate Research (BCUR) in April 2023.** This will be the first occasion when a national conference of undergraduate research has been brought together with the World Congress in a joint event. We are excited to provide this opportunity to share and network between communities, and that students from the UK and around the world will be able to showcase their research at a single event. This will be the 3rd iteration of the World Congress on Undergraduate Research (WorldCUR) cementing its presence as a regular, prominent platform for showcasing global undergraduate research. Also, the University of Warwick is honoured to be the first UK institution to host the annual British Conference of Undergraduate Research for a second time, having first hosted the event in 2012. WorldCUR-BCUR will hold a joint keynote address and a joint conference dinner, in addition there will be opportunities for attendee at WorldCUR & BCUR to attend sessions at both conferences. If you are interested to find out more information, please visit our webpages www.warwick.ac.uk/worldcur-bcur2023. Alternatively, email worldcur@warwick.ac.uk or bcur@warwick.ac.uk.
- **Conference 'Turkey at 100: (Dis)continuities and (Dis)contents, ' Lisbon, Portugal, 8-10 February 2023.** The Orient Institute based at the School of Social and Political Sciences (University of Lisbon, Portugal), is organizing an international conference seeking to address the changes during the past 100 years in Turkey and future trajectories for the country. This conference is the third in a series that began in 2014 with a very productive discussion on the Gezi Park protests. We invite submissions on the following and related topics: Securitization and authoritarianism of the AKP rule, opposition and resistance, debates on the presidential system vs. the parliamentary system, minorities, competing nationalisms and negotiations of territorial sovereignty, Turkish foreign policy in global context, etc. If you are interested in participating, please send a 500-word abstract to isabela_davidova@yahoo.com, isabel.david@iscsp.ulisboa.pt and kumru@pratt.edu by **September 10, 2022**.

Calls for projects/Fellowships

- **The James S. Denton Transatlantic Fellowship.** Strengthening transatlantic links through engagement opportunities and dialogue between US and Central and Eastern European policy communities. The Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) is now accepting applications for the 2022 James S. Denton Transatlantic Fellowship Program. The program brings a select group of rising professionals from Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) to Washington, DC for a three-week fellowship to engage and work with American experts on addressing major policy issues facing the transatlantic partnership. To be considered for the fellowship program, applicants must submit the following:
 - Completed Application Form;
 - Resume/CV and Brief Statement of Purpose;
 - List of References (Please provide contact information – email address and phone number – for two professional references). We recommend (but do not require) that one of these references be your current or recent supervisor.

The main goal of the fellowship program is to develop and support a network of next-generation transatlantic leaders and develop strategies and opportunities for cooperation that will meaningfully strengthen the US-CEE relationship. The program is designed to facilitate collaboration between the CEE and US policy professionals and help address and offer innovative solutions to mounting threats to the wider transatlantic partnership. Through this fellowship, those selected will substantially increase their expertise and be presented with career opportunities that will enable them to produce relevant and timely analysis for the policy community and help them advance professionally. The program is generously supported by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). The program is expected to run from late October through mid-November 2022. The program participants will be selected through a competitive process. The application deadline is **11:59 PM (EDT) on Sunday, September 4, 2022**. Website: <https://cepa.org/programs/transatlantic-leadership/fellowships-transatlantic-leadership/james-s-denton-transatlantic-fellowship/?fbclid=IwAR0uWnBY-bSCLabFo3y0H7LqZ5KJvJdaSMdAvd9ZD7B7-ODB-KnhWHIRI2o>.

- **2 Postdoctoral Research Positions at the University of Bucharest, Romania.** The University of Bucharest, Romania, is launching the competition for 2 Postdoctoral research positions within the *Interdisciplinary Research on Russia's Geopolitics in the Black Sea and the Arctic Ocean* project. This project is funded by the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 in the Collaborative Research Programme, contract no. 35/2021, and it is implemented by the University of Bucharest through its Research Institute (ICUB).
- **Period of employment:** 12 months – starting with October/November 2022.
- **Work quota:** partial, 84 hours per month, in Bucharest.
- **Amenities:** monthly gross salary of 6806 lei (around 4400 lei net pay); participation funding in international scientific conferences; research traineeship abroad; access to the project's facilities.
- **The application dossier** for the contest will contain the following documents:
 - Curriculum Vitae, which must contain information regarding studies, professional and research experience;
 - List of scientific publications;
 - Letter of interest describing how your qualifications and experience have prepared you for this position, written in English, of about 4000 characters, and names and contact information of three references;
 - Research project, written in English, which must fit the theme of the Interdisciplinary Research on Russia's Geopolitics in the Black Sea and the Arctic Ocean project (details on www.russianstudiesromania.eu);
 - Copies of the documents which attest the level of education and of other documents which attest the completion of specialisations and/or the fulfilling of the specific conditions;
 - Request for entry into the contest, addressed to the University's Rector;
 - Copy of an ID, or any other document which attests one's identity, according to the law;
 - Birth certificate, marriage certificate (where appropriate)
 - Criminal record or statement on one's own responsibility that the candidate has no criminal record
 - Medical certificate which attests one's appropriate health status, issued by the candidate's family doctor or by competent medical authorities;
 - Agreement regarding the processing of personal data.
- All documents will be sent by email, in one file pdf format, according to the timetable to: concursuri@hr.unibuc.ro
- **The evaluation and selection stages:**
 1. Selection of the contest dossiers
 2. Evaluating the research projects
 3. Practical test – assessment of academic communication skills in English
 4. Interview
- The schedule for interview will be sent to each selected candidate by email.
- **Contest Timetable**
 - 24th of August – 22th of September, 2022: Dossier submission by email at the Directorate for Human Resources: concursuri@hr.unibuc.ro and verifying the dossier's documents; **22th of September, 2022, until 15,30 o'clock: Deadline for submission.**

Website: <https://russianstudiesromania.eu/2022/08/29/2-postdoctoral-research-positions-at-the-university-of-bucharest-romania/>.



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