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International conference

Building Local Democratic Resilience in Serbia and the Republic of Moldova

15-19 October 2025

Faculty of European Studies, 1 Emmanuel de Martonne St., room Jean Monnet

15 October – arrival of participants	
16 October – first day of the conference	
12.00 – Registration of participants and quick lunch, Pyramid Restaurant	
Welcome Addresses Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/4214494897?pwd=bTg3eEkxU3lKNitxNHlYa0liaVdVUT09#success Room <i>Jean Monnet</i>	
14.00-14.15	Prof. Adrian Petrușel Rector - Babeș-Bolyai University Assoc. Prof. Adrian Corpădean Dean - Faculty of European Studies (BBU) Assoc. Prof. Laura Herța Vice-Dean for Research - Faculty of European Studies (BBU)
Keynote speeches Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/4214494897?pwd=bTg3eEkxU3lKNitxNHlYa0liaVdVUT09#success Room <i>Jean Monnet</i>	
14.15-15.30	H.E. Ramona Chiriac, Head of the European Commission's Representation in Romania H.E. Victor Chirilă, Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to Romania Prof. Philippe Claret, Université de Bordeaux <i>La stabilisation démocratique en Europe du Sud-Est : un chemin difficile</i>
15.30-16.00	Coffee break



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Panel 1

Moderator: **Laura Herța**, *Babeș-Bolyai University*

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Room **Jean Monnet**

16.00-16.20	Maria Simeonova	European Council on Foreign Relations	<i>Process of Europeanisation of the Western Balkans: Role of the Member States Case study of the Bilateral Relations between Bulgaria and North Macedonia (2019–2022)</i>
16.20-16.40	Vadym Zheltovskyy	University of Warsaw	<i>The Verkhovna Rada as a Facilitator of European Integration Processes in Ukraine</i>
16.40-17.00	Sofija Mandić	CEPRIS	<i>Rule of Law and Democratic Resilience under Emerging Police Repression in Serbia?</i>
17.00-17.20	Dorin Dobra	Faculty of European Studies, BBU	<i>Referring to parallel narratives: there is no place in Europe that can be non-European</i>

Discussions

Dinner at Pyramid Restaurant

17 October – second day of the conference

Keynote speech

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Room **Jean Monnet**

10.00-10.30	Prof. Rui Branco, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Lisbon University <i>Portugal's Democracy at 50: From Democratic Transition to European Integration and Emerging Challenges</i>
10.30-10.45	Discussions
10.45-11.00	Coffee break



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Panel 2

Moderator: **Delia Pop-Flanja**, Babeș-Bolyai University

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Room **Jean Monnet**

11.00-11.20	Sergiu Musteață	"Ion Creangă" State Pedagogical University of Chișinău	<i>Democracy vs. nostalgia for the USSR. The case of the Republic of Moldova</i>
11.20-11.40	Adrian Corpădean, Mihaela Oprescu	Faculty of European Studies, BBU	<i>The Republic of Moldova as a prominent topic in the Romanian presidential election(s) of 2024-2025</i>
11.40-12.00	Elena Grad Rusu, Paula Mureșan	Faculty of European Studies, BBU	<i>Romania and Moldova in the Face of Geopolitical Shifts: Narratives on the Social Perspective</i>
12.00-12.20	Ion Manole	Promo-Lex Moldova	<i>NGOs - actors of democratic consolidation: contributors and impact in the Republic of Moldova</i>
12.20-12.40	Tanasije Marinković	Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade	<i>Modèles de transition démocratique. - Quelle voie pour la Serbie de Vučić ?</i>

Discussions

Lunch - Pyramid Restaurant

Panel 3

Moderator: **Adrian Corpădean**, Babeș-Bolyai University

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Room **Jean Monnet**

14.30-14.50	Laura Herța and Delia Pop-Flanja	Faculty of European Studies, BBU	<i>Civil Society Actors and Conflict Management in Moldova. The role of OSCE and local NGOs</i>
14.50-15.10	Irina Corobcenco	Promo-Lex Moldova	<i>Could hate speech mobilize people to protect human rights and democracy?</i>
15.10-15.30	Doina Cazacu	Universitatea de Stat din Moldova / TAURUS Society of Persons with Disabilities	<i>Ensuring equality and non-discrimination of person with disabilities in Moldova</i>
15.30-15.50	Adrian Ionuț Bogdan	Faculty of European Studies, BBU	<i>The Republic of Moldova's Elections: Implications, Prospects, and Scenarios</i>
15.50-16.10	Iulian Mares	University of Bucharest	<i>The Performance of Local Administrative Units (LAUs) in Romania and the Development of Local Economies – A Case Study (2009–2022)</i>

Discussions



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Panel 4

Moderator: **Elena Grad Rusu**, *Babeș-Bolyai University*

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Room **Robert Schuman**

14.30-14.50	László Erdey, Veronika Fenyves, Ádám Márkus	University of Debrecen	<i>Trading Closer or Drifting Apart? Measuring European Integration Through Granular Merchandise Trade Analysis of the Republic of Moldova</i>
14.50-15.10	Monica I. Burcă-Voicu, Romana E. Cramarencu	Faculty of European Studies, BBU	<i>Moldova's Readiness for EU Membership: The Copenhagen Economic Criteria</i>
15.10-15.30	Radu Nechita, Romana E. Cramarencu , Christian Năsulea, Diana F. Năsulea	Faculty of European Studies, BBU European Institute for Economic Studies	<i>Paths of Economic Integration. What Should Moldova (Not) copy from Romania</i>
15.30-15.50	Florin Sebastian Duma, Pop Ana Monica, Nicoleta D. Racolța-Paina, Coroș Monica Maria	Faculty of European Studies, BBU Faculty of Business	<i>Exploring financing opportunities on the capital market for companies from Republic of Moldova. Case study Purcari SA</i>
15.50-16.10	Monica I. Burcă-Voicu, Nicoleta D. Racolța-Paina, Cosmin Mățiș, Alexandra Danilov	Faculty of European Studies, BBU	<i>Nation Branding of EU Candidates. The case of Moldova</i>

Discussions

Visit to The Ethnographic Museum of Transylvania

Open-air Dinner at the Ethnographic Museum of Transylvania

18 October - third day of the conference

10.00 - Visit to the University Museums

Lunch at Pyramid Restaurant

Sightseeing in Cluj-Napoca

19 October - departure of participants



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