

9th *Academos Conference*

CHANGING THE PATH. CRISIS, SOCIETY, AND POLITICS IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

28 June – 1 July 2023

National University of Political Studies and Public Administration - SNSPA, Bucharest

Day 1 - 28 JUNE, WEDNESDAY

20:00 Welcome Dinner (Sarrogia Hotel, 59 Vasile Lascăr Street)

Day 2 – 29 JUNE, THURSDAY

10:30 PANEL 1, ROOM 706

(15 minutes for each presentation, 5 minutes Q&A)

10:30 The Digital Revolution and the Elderly-dealing with the Digital Divide-the Israeli Case - **Avi Bitzur** (Beit Berl Academic College)

10:50 Policy of Left Populism in Power. The Institutional Challenge of Podemos – **Matteo Giardiello** (University Federico II of Naples)

11:10 Threats of Wartime Restrictions to Post-War Democracy in Ukraine – **Mykola Polovyi** (Comenius University Bratislava – Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences)

11:30 The Electoral Process in Bulgaria: Current Problems and Necessary Changes in the Light of International Standards for Fair and Democratic Elections – **Vanya Kashukeeva-Nusheva** (Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”)

11:50 Delegitimation of the Bulgarian Parliamentary System – **Ventsislav Georgiev** (St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo)

12:10 Communication between Publishers and the Public: The Magnetic Effect of Social Media – **Ana-Maria Osadci-Baciu** (SNSPA), **Alexandra Zbucnea** (SNSPA)

12:30 Lunch, Room 708

14:00 PANEL 2, ROOM 706

(15 minutes for each presentation, 5 minutes Q&A)

14:00 Capacity Training: Training and Capacity in the Evolution of Public Administration in Italy – **Gianluca Luise** (University Federico II of Naples)

14:20 Profiles and Careers of State Secretaries in the 132nd Government of Romania - Ciucă Cabinet – **Emilia-Laura Vartolomei** (SNSPA)

14:40 Un(Committed) to Gender Equality? An Overview of Strategic Governmental Planning in Romania – **Diana-Elena Neaga** (Faculty of International Relations and Public Administration, Nicolae Titulescu University, Bucharest, Romania)

15:00 Changing the Path of Climate Change. Voluntary Certification for Carbon Removals in European Union: The Case of Forestry Projects – **Mihail Caradaică** (SNSPA)

15:20 Post-communist Higher Education Expansion in the European Area. The Internationalization Context – **Iulian Costin Matache** (SNSPA)

15:40 Challenges for Upscaling GPP and Romania – **Alina Bilan** (SNSPA)

16:00 Coffee Break, Room 708

16:30 Blockchain for an Efficient Public Administration – **Luminița Movanu** (SNSPA)

16:50 The Welfare State. Myths and Realities – **Monica Calu** (SNSPA)

14:00 PANEL 3, ROOM 710

(15 minutes for each presentation, 5 minutes Q&A)

14:00 Knowledge, Science, Intellectuals and Crises – **Alfred Bulai** (SNSPA)

14:20 Coming to Terms with the Colonial Legacy? Imperial Mores and Enduring Classism in the United Kingdom – **Brîndușa Palade** (SNSPA)

14:40 #JeSuisCharlie Movement and Political Correctness in French Multicultural Society – **Mădălina Constantin** (SNSPA)

15:00 Clashing Visions for Development. The Age of Strategic Uncertainty – **Paul Dobrescu** (SNSPA), **Flavia Durach** (SNSPA)

19:00 Dinner (Sarrogia Hotel, 59 Vasile Lascăr Street)

Day 3 – 30 JUNE, FRIDAY

10:30 PANEL 4, ROOM 710

(15 minutes for each presentation, 5 minutes Q&A)

10:30 Digital Territories. Conflicts, Actors and Power in the Relational Space of the Metaverse – **Daniela La Foresta** (University Federico II of Naples), **Vittorio Amato** (University Federico II of Naples)

10:50 Liminality and Fashionable Concepts. The Use of International Relations Theories and Concepts in Romania's Strategies – **Radu-Alexandru Cucuță** (SNSPA)

11:10 Wars, States, and Liberal Values: Reshaping the International Order in a Global World – **Radu-Sebastian Ungureanu** (SNSPA)

11:30 "As Long as it Takes." An Analysis of the Discourse and Policies of the Biden Administration during the First Year of War in Ukraine – **Iulia Huiu** (SNSPA)

11:50 Geopolitics and War within a 280 Characters Limit: A Positive and Normative Analysis of Elon Musk's "Peace Plan" for Ukraine – **Sabina Rusu** (SNSPA)

12:10 The „Free and Open Indo-Pacific” Strategic Concept: A Transcending American Foreign Policy Dimension during Donald Trump Administration (2017-2021) – **Anca Vasilache** (SNSPA)

12:30 Apocalyptic Narratives as an Integral Part of Political Imagination - An Analysis of Ancient Biblical Myths and Their Evolution – **Adrian Popovici** (SNSPA)

13:00 Lunch, Room 708

14:00 PANEL 5, ROOM 710

(15 minutes for each presentation, 5 minutes Q&A)

14:00 Political Ideologies and Social Imaginaries – **Luis Loia** (Centre for Philosophical and Humanistic Studies, Universidade Católica Portuguesa)

14:20 The Contemporary European Social Democracy: Downfall and Resilience as Reflected by the Romanian (PSD) and Dutch (PvdA) Center-Left – **Eugen Gabor** („Carol I” Central University Library, SNSPA)

14:40 Intellectual Origins of Putinism as Russia's State Ideology – **Valentin-Quintus Nicolescu** (SNSPA)

15:00 The Changes in Liberal Ideology Visible in Internet Use – **Ana Drobot** (Technical University of Civil Engineering)

15:20 Neoliberalism and the Red Pill: How Andrew Tate Used Populist Discourse to Spread Online Misogyny – **Vlad Bujdei-Tebeică** (SNSPA)

15:40 Matching the Electoral System with the Structure of Social Cleavages as a Causality of the Electoral Reforms: Theoretical Refinement Based on Two Case Studies from Romania – **Roberta Ogaru** (SNSPA)

19:00 Dinner (Sarrogliia Hotel, 59 Vasile Lascăr Street)

DAY 4 – 1 JULY, SATURDAY

10:00-12:00 Concluding debate, Room 710