## **University of Oradea**

Faculty of History, International Relation, Political Sciences and Communication Sciences

The Institute for Euroregional Studies



June 6-13, 2018 Oradea





## SUMMER SCHOOL Explaining the EU's Actorness and its Role in the Eastern Neighborhood of the EU

This event is organised within the framework of the project

# European Union and its neighbourhood. Network for enhancing EU's actorness in the eastern borderlands ERASMUS+ Project 2017-2625



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## **General Information**

Summer school venue: Oradea Fortress

**Organizer**: University of Oradea, P02

## **Professors in charge:**

Prof. Ioan Horga PhD

Assoc. prof. Luminiţa Şoproni Lect. Florentina Chirodea PhD Lect. Constantin Ţoca PhD

## **Target groups:**

PhD students and post doc researchers (maximum 4 years after thesis defence)

#### **Content of Summer School**

The summer school is part of ENACTED Project Working Plan and it is aimed first at offering an in-depth analysis of the EU's external role and its impact over the wider eastern neighbourhood area in an altered context marked by the Ukrainian crisis and the existing tensions with Russia. As such, first, it draws together young academics and experts from the network institutions in order to discuss the growing literature on the ENP & EaP, to stimulate the theoretical and professional skills of participants and to encourage the exchange of views. Second, it seeks to stimulate the active involvement in the promotion of European values among the young academics (PhD students and post-doc researchers) and senior professors from the network. Third, it strives to build a favourable context for transborders cultural dialogue. Fourth, the summer school seeks to increase the capacity to teach and research in EU-related matters, to equip young academics with knowledge and skills in the field of the EU studies, which can be afterwards relevant to their future careers. The attendees of the summer school will benefit from studies, analyses, debates and new courses and, thus, have the chance not only to acquire new knowledge and competences in European studies, but also to network and establish relations with participants from all the countries envisaged by the Jean Monnet network.

## Main objective:

To offer "an in-depth analysis of the EU's external role and its impact over the wider eastern neighbourhood area in an altered context marked by the Ukrainian crisis and the existing tensions with Russia".

#### I. The context

Considering the evolution of the events following the security crisis of Eastern Europe, how do you consider the state of the Eastern Partnership? Can we talk about a blockage or a revitalization?

A. There was a blockage present well before the Vilnius Summit - a blockage in its functioning:

- instead of multilateralism, we have used bilateralism,

- instead of differentiation, we have used individualization,
- instead of transferring our norms and values by using networking, we have used a hegemonic spirit
- B. Following the crisis of Eastern Ukraine, we have entered a blockage of the EU-Eastern Partnership system
  - we have abandoned the *pro-active* logic for a *reactive* logic
  - we have given up working in these countries with the "European supporters" (civil society, minorities, etc.) and privileging working with authorities, who are either overwhelmed by the situation, or have the culture of concealing the European spirit
  - we focused on the political elites without paying much attention to the needs of the populations in these countries

## II. The scientific approach

Taking advantage of the knowledge of some well-known experts in the field of EU Eastern Border Studies, from EU Member States situated at the EU Eastern Border (Debrecen - Hungary, Warsaw - Poland, Iasi, Oradea and Suceava - Romania) and from the Eastern Partnership countries (Minsk - Belarus, Chisinau - Moldova, Chernivtsi and Odessa - Ukraine), the summer school participants (PhD Students and Post-doc Students, no later than 4 years after their thesis defence) will be able to interact in order to come up with ideas and proposals for the revitalization of the Eastern Partnership.

The organizers propose the following discussion roadmap:

- 1. EU must work to cancel the elements that lead to a blockage of the functioning and move to a revitalization activity of the Eastern Partnership (Riga Summit of 21-22 May 2015 stressed the importance of the development of multilateral cooperation projects).
- 2. A differentiation within the Eastern Partnership of two groups, BUM (Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova) and AGA (Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan). For each group it is necessary to favour microregional integration, but with the support of the EU and mainly the support of the neighbouring countries which are EU members or associated states (as is Turkey for the AGA countries.)
- 3. Provide a quick response on the future of EU's relations with these countries through an EU integration schedule and with

"prices" (such as the removal of visa for the citizens of these countries in maximum one year).

- 4. Prevent the EU from using "hard" means (political pressure) and favour the "soft" means to create pressure on political elites (great support for non-governmental actors: independent mass media, NGOs, churches, etc.)
- 5. Supporting the companies from EU member countries that will develop investment projects in at least 2 countries of the Eastern Partnership and that will provide a minimum of 100 jobs / country.
- 6. Bigger involvement of EU member countries in the regional integration with Eastern Partnership countries (cross-border gateways, inter-university cooperation, institutional cooperation, etc.)
- 7. Launching of a broader reflection project on the revitalization of the Eastern Partnership (following this summer school in Oradea).

#### **III. Certification:**

Participants will receive at the end of the programme a certificate of attendance. Interested participants will also have the possibility to obtain, upon completion of the summer school, 7 ECTS credits provided they submit a paper on a relevant summer school topic no later than one month afterwards.

#### **PROGRAMME**

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

17.00 - 19.00 - Arrival of participants

19.30 - Dinner

## Thursday, June 7, 2018

 $9^{30}$  -  $10^{00}$  - Official opening of the Summer School – Conference Hall, Oradea Fortress

10<sup>00</sup> - 12<sup>00</sup> - Introductive conference, Professor Andrei Marga, PhD, Former Rector of Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, *Re-affirming the Identities in Central and Eastern Europe* 

 $12^{00}$  -  $12^{30}$  - Coffee Break

12<sup>30</sup> – 14<sup>30</sup> - Course - prof. Ioan Horga, PhD, University of Oradea, Head of Institute for Euroregional Studies, Challenges for Eastern Partnership in the Context of Sovereign Tendencies of EU Member States from Central and Eastern Europe

 $14^{30} - 15^{30} - Lunch$ 

15<sup>30</sup> – 19<sup>00</sup> – Sightseeing in Oradea

 $19^{00}$  – Dinner

## Friday, June 8, 2018

## 9<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>30</sup> Conference Hall, *Oradea Fortress*

Course - Associate Professor, PhD, Ewelina Szczech-Pietkiewicz, Warsaw School of Economics, *Redefining the role of Poland in the Eastern Partnership* 

 $11^{30} - 12^{00}$  – Coffee break

12<sup>00</sup> – 14<sup>00</sup> – Course -Associate Professor, PhD, Klara Czimre, University of Debrecen

- Eastern Partnership: external relations in the light of cross-border cooperation
- Eastern Partnership: experiences from the Hungarian-Ukrainian border

 $14^{00} - 15^{00} - Lunch$ 

**15**<sup>00</sup> - **18**<sup>30</sup> – Oradea Fortress

**Discussion groups** (4 groups will be created with 1 representative from each country)

Discussion group 1. Eastern Partnership and digital challenges – coordinated by - Mirela Mărcuţ

Discussion group 2. Eastern Partnership and types of threats – coordinated by Edina Meszaros

Discussion group 3. Economic dimension of the Eastern Partnership—coordinated by Assoc. Professor Luminiţa Şoproni

Discussion group 4. Cross- border cooperation and Eastern Partnership - coordinated by Lecturer Constantin Țoca

## Saturday, June 9, 2018

## 9<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>30</sup> - Conference Hall, Oradea Fortress

**Course** – Professor Valeriu Sainsus, PhD, Moldova Academy of Economic Sciences, Chişinau

- The Republic of Moldova in the new geopolitical confrontations the effects, the impact in the geo-economic context:
- Demographic framework of the Republic of Moldova repercussions from the economic, social and administrative perspective.

## $11^{30} - 12^{00}$ – Coffee break

12<sup>00</sup> – 14<sup>00</sup> – Course Professor Igor Dukhan, PhD, Belarussian State University, Minsk, *Playing out Belarusian cultural policy between Russia and EU (diachrony, synchrony, contemporaneity)* 

- 15<sup>00</sup>-18<sup>30</sup> – Oradea Fortress

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#### **Sunday, June 10, 2018**

Visit to Bihor County (Oradea - Meziad Cave - Chişcău Cave)

## Monday, June 11, 2018

## 9<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>30</sup> - Conference Hall, Oradea Fortress

**Course** Oksana Dobrzhanska, PhD, Chernivtsi National University, *Ukraine's Current Challenges and Future Prospects in ENP and Eastern Partnership* 

11<sup>30</sup>-12<sup>00</sup> – Coffee break

## 1200 - 1430 - Course

Ioana Bordeianu, PhD, Chief Commissioner, Oradea Border Police School, *Contribution of FRONTEX in harmonizing border police training in Member States, Schengen Associated Countries and Third Countries*.

Mihai Erlik, PhD, Police Chief Commissioner, Oradea Border Police School, *Handling cooperation and migration phenomenon at the Romanian borders*.

14<sup>30</sup> - 15<sup>30</sup> - Lunch

15<sup>30</sup> – 18<sup>30</sup> – Oradea Fortress

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## Tuesday, June 12, 2018

## 9<sup>30</sup> – 10<sup>30</sup> - Conference Hall, Oradea Fortress

Alexandru Kis, PhD, Staff Officer NATO HUMINT Centre of Excellence, Oradea, *NATO and Eastern Europe* 

 $10^{30} - 12^{00}$ 

Presenting the results of Discussion Group 1

 $12^{00} - 12^{30}$  – Coffee break

 $12^{30} - 14^{00}$ 

Presenting the results of Discussion Group 2

14<sup>00</sup> - 15<sup>00</sup> - Lunch

15<sup>00</sup> - 16<sup>00</sup>

Presenting the results of Discussion Group 3

 $16^{00} - 18^{00}$ 

Presenting the results of Discussion Group 4

 $18^{00}$  -  $18^{30}\,-$  Handing diplomas to the participants and concluding remarks

1900 - Dinner

## Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Departure of participants

## SUMMER SCHOOL

## Explaining the EU's Actorness and its Role in the Eastern Neighborhood of the EU

## **List of Participants**

Alexandr Macuhin (Makukhin)   Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (ASEM)
Constantin Plămădeală   Academy of Economic Studies of Moldoval
Silvia Suvac   Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova
Carolina Motpan   Moldova State University
Marcel Rusu   "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University Iasi
Oleg Petelca   "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University Iasi
Lenard Povlin   Debrecen University
Krisztina Czuczor   Debrecen University
Ágnes Horváth   Debrecen University
Bence Monyók   Debrecen University
Halyna Protsyk (Utko)   Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine
Mariia Protsyuk   Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University   Chernivtsi
Olesia Mykhailova (Kobenko)   Odesa I.I. Mechnikov National University, Odesa (Ukraine)
Yuliya Senyuk   Ivan Franko National University of Lviv
Sylvia Zdziech   Warsaw School of Economics (SGH) in Warsaw
Lia Gubashvili   Warsaw School of Economics
Dawid Siudek   Warsaw School of Economics
Michal Stawinoga   Warsaw School of Economics
Mirela Marcuţ   University of Oradea
Edina Meszaros   University of Oradea
Alina Oros   Don Orione College
Eduard Ionut Feier   University Babes-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca
Alexandra Radu   University Babes-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca
Bogdan Pocola   University Babes-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca
Mădălina Bulai   University Babes-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca
Mariana Bocoi   University of Oradea

## We invite you to take advantage of the sights offered by Oradea during your stay:

## 1. Visit the most famous sights:

Oradea Fortress and the Fortress Museum,
Union Square with Black Eagle Palace,
Moon Church and St. Nicholas Church
Zion Neolog Synagogue
Town Hall and Town Hall Tower
The Baroque Palace and the Roman Catholic
Cathedral

## 2. Treat yourself to thermal waters:

Nymphaea Aquapark Oradea Băile Felix Spa Resort

### 3. Visit the Cris County Museum

Permanent exhibitions (ex Vivarium)

Exceptional exhibitions - The Leonardo da Vinci

Manuscripts and Inventions

## 4. Participate in events organized in the city

- The Color Run Oradea

(https://www.thecolorrun.ro/evenimente/oradea/) (10 June)

- World Art Nouveau Day - Oradea, Projects - 3D Building mapping (9-10 June) at 21.30 in the Scout Unification

#### UNIVERSITY OF ORADEA

Oradea University, one of the largest in Romania, more 15.000 students is an excellent educational center in Western of Romania.



In the year 2020, The University will celebrated 240 of years since the creation of Academic Education System from Oradea and 57 of years of continuous university education in Oradea.

In the illuminist athmosphere of the end of XVIII th century, a "superior institution of philosophic academic learning" took place in Oradea in 1780, transforming into the Faculty of Law, the oldest faculty not only from the territory of actual Romania, but from a larger region of Eastern Europe.

Our mission, of the University of Oradea, is to promote knowledge, research and training through partnerships between teachers, students and community.

In the last 28 years, the University answered to the changes occurred within the national-educational policy, demographic changes, requirements of the market economy, local and regional needs and new technologies.

The University of Oradea is a creative, energetic, active and innovative university. Teachers, professors and researchers are very enthusiastic and determined to experience all the new opportunities offered by informational technology.

In addition, modern multimedia tools are available in most classrooms in the new building.

Today, the University of Oradea is an integrated institution of higher education of this kind, comprising 15 faculties.

Its mission is to train and educate on a large scale both the students and also the high education graduates, as well as to approach certain domains of science and technology at high level.



The structure of the University contains academic education, postgraduate education and scientific research.

The University of Oradea expanded itself by developing new faculties and research teams, as well as by developing certain specializations inside the existing faculties.

Inside the University of Oradea the education and research activity is developing in the area of natural and physical sciences, as well as in the area of social and human sciences, covering the following: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Sciences of Life, Agricultural Sciences, Medical Sciences, Technological Sciences, Economical Sciences, Geography, History, Juridical Sciences and Law, Linguistics, Pedagogy, Political Sciences, Psychology, Letters and Arts, Sociology, International relations and European Studies, Journalism and Sciences of Communications. The educational process is based on the curricula for long term studies, short term studies, postgraduate's studies, master, doctoral studies and programs of continuous education and Distance Open Education.

In Oradea, a university center with a tradition of more than two centuries, the program of International Relations and European Studies was established in 2003 and accredited in the spring of 2008, within the Department bearing the same name and has since become one of the most effective, efficient and dynamic program in our University. The national performance of the teaching

staff, a relatively young one, has resulted in the grade received for the activity of research—the first place on the national level in the National Exercise of Research Assessment — NERA, the Excellence Award received from the European Institute of Romania and the Grand Trophy of the Education Section won at the Gala of European Values Multipliers in Northern Transylvania.



Library of the University of Oradea

During the studies, students from Oradea are given the opportunity to get Erasmus scholarships – that contribute to the completion of the professional training – or placement – to the improvement of their practical skills in over 60 universities from Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Latvia, UK, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and Hungary. Practical training is completed by attending specialized training courses taking place in various local institutions whose activities are compatible with the field of International Relations and European Studies (Bihor County Council, Oradea City Council, Oradea City Hall, Oradea Metropolitan Area Association, Oradea Local Council of SMEs, Center of Information and European Consulting and so on). There is a field trip organized annually, including a visit to the main regional, national and European institutions involved in the integration process of Romania into the EU, namely in the international bodies and organizations.

More details to visit the official site: www.uoradea.ro

#### THE INSTITUTE FOR EUROREGIONAL STUDIES

The Institute for Euroregional Studies Oradea-Debrecen was named in 2005 through the Jean Monnet project no C05/0015 of the Jean Monnet Action as a "Jean Monnet Center of Excellence"

Since January 2008, IERS became legal entity registered at the University of Oradea, str Universitatii, no, Tax Code Ro24216932 with the name: *The Association of Institute for Euroregional Studies (IERS) "Jean Monnet" European Center of Excellence* 

- *IERS promotes excellency in the field of regional development and European territorial cooperation (special cross-border cooperation)*
- ISER develops projects in partnership with universities, public local and regional authorities, business environment
- ISER help the education structure in the field of International Relations and European Studies
- ISER develop the networking for twinning local communities; regional universities networking (Oradea Debrecen Kosice); networking with business associative structures (business federations, SME local councils, Chambers of commerce); networking with business enterprises, Oradea HUMINT NATO Center of Excellence, School for Border Police from Oradea

ISER has developed the institutional relationships with The International Institute of Administrative Sciences of Brussels, the Centre of Interdisciplinary Studies of the 20<sup>th</sup> century from the University of Coimbra, Centre Virtual of European Knowledge (Luxembourg), Siena Network, European Evaluation Society and from other research institution from SNSPA Bucharest, University Babes-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca, Center of European Studies of University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iasi.

ISER is a owner of Data Base concerning the Curriculum in European Studies until 2010 in 12 countries (see www.iser.rdsor.ro)

ISER is owner of Data Base ICMEEB with 2000 primary resources (documents and archives) and more 2500 secondary sources (bibliographies) concerning borders and cross-border Cooperation (see www.iser.rdsor.ro)

ISER has a specialized Library in Borders and CBC studies and regional studies

ISER is the editor of *Eurolimes* journal in Borders and CBC studies. Since 2006, it has published 24 issues (see www.iser.rdsor.ro)

ISER has 200m2 concession space consisting in 3 research laboratories, 2 classrooms / seminars and 1 laboratory with 24 calculators, magnetic board, high performance printers

