



THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

Bucharest EU Pre-Presidency Conference

22 – 23 November 2018

Hosted by: **National Bank of Romania**

Mitita Constantinescu Hall

AGENDA

Thursday, 22 of November 2018

10:00 – 10:30 Participants' registration & Welcome Coffee

10:00 – 12:00 *TEPSA Board Meeting (National Bank of Romania – Costin Kirițescu Room)*

10:30 – 11:00 Welcome and opening remarks
(Mitita Constantinescu Hall)

Mugur Isărescu, Governor of the National Bank of Romania

Nicolae Istudor, Rector of Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

Gheorghe Hurduzeu, Dean of the Faculty of International Business and Economics, Romania

11:00 -13:30 The future of European Union: a socio-economic & cultural perspective

Lavinia Stan, Professor, Jules Leger Research Chair and Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Francis Xavier University, Canada

Marek Kosny, Professor, Wroclaw University of Economics, Department of Econometrics, Poland

Ionela Băluță, Professor, Bucharest University, Faculty of Political Science, Romania

Vicenzo Bassi, Professor, LUMSA University of Rome, Italy

Adina Ciugureanu, Professor, Ovidius University, Constanta, Romania

Moderator: **Octavian-Dragomir Jora**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies

13:30– 14:00 Conference Lunch (Alexandru Ottulescu Hall)



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**14:00– 15:30 Priorities and goals of the *Romanian EU Presidency 2019* and recommendations
Plenary Debate (Mitita Constantinescu Hall)**

Jaap de Zwaan, Secretary General of Trans-European Policy Studies Association
Lucia Mokra, Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Slovakia
George Ciamba, Minister Delegate for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderator: **Bianca Toma**, Romanian Center for European Policies, Romania

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

Parallel Sessions A

15:45 – 17:00 Parallel Session A1: The future of the Multi-annual Financial Framework - post 2020 (Mitita Constantinescu Hall)

Jakša Puljiz, Institute for Development and International Relations, Croatia
Gabriela Drăgan, Director of European Institute of Romania
Andreea Paul, Bucharest University of Economic Studies

Moderator: **Guido Tiemann**, Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria

15:45 - 17:00: Parallel Session A2: Connecting a disconnected (and more divided) Europe – Energy, Transport, Security (Anton Carp Hall)

Alessio Menegazzo, Head of Sustainability and Institutional Affairs Romania
Nicoletta Pirozzi, Head of EU Politics and Institutions, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy
Juha Jokela, Director of the European Union Research Programme, Finish Institute for International Affairs, Finland

Moderator: **Clara Volintiru**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

Parallel Sessions B

17:00 - 18:00: Parallel Session B1: Brexit- Ambiguity or clarity on the future partnership? (Mitita Constantinescu Hall)

Andrew Noble, British Ambassador to Romania, United Kingdom (TBC)
Jaap de Zwaan, TEPSA Secretary General, United Kingdom
Brendan Donnelly, Federal Trust for Education and Research, London, United Kingdom

Moderator: **Octavian-Dragomir Jora**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies



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17:00 - 18:00 Parallel Session B2: Eastern challenges - where regional interests and extensive expertise could provide a new narrative for the multi-speed Europe (Anton Carp Hall)

Maria Ligor, Member of the Executive Committee, European Endowment for Democracy

Liutauras Gudzinskas, Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences, Vilnius University

Victor Zamiatin, Leading expert, Political and legal programmes, Razumkov Centre, Ukraine

Moderator: **Frank Schimmelfennig**, ETH Zurich

18:30 - 20:00 TEPSA General Assembly (Google Meeting Room, Bucharest University of Economic Studies)

20:00 Conference Gala Dinner (Marshall Garden Hotels Restaurant)

Friday, 23 of November 2018

09:30 – 11:30 European Elections 2019 and the Future of Europe (Robert Schuman Room, Bucharest University of Economic Studies)

Michael Kaeding, Professor, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany

Paul Schmidt, Austrian Society for European Politics

Maja Bučar, Professor, Center of International Relations at the University of Ljubljana

Ilke Toygür, Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute Spain

Octavian-Dragomir Jora, Bucharest University of Economic Studies

11:30 – 12:00 Closing and concluding remarks by TEPSA



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ACADEMIC PANELS OF THE CONFERENCE

PANEL 1: BUSINESS ACROSS EUROPE

Friday, 23 November 2018, 10.30 – 13.30, Room 1206

Chairs: Ramona TARTAVULEA (DIEACONESCU) & Clara VOLINTIRU

Nițu Maria, Stefanescu Iulia-Oana	Tax havens and offshore centers- a reality of 21 century
Radu-Cezar Cojocariu; Andrei-Relu Ciucă	The perspectives of natural gas market
Nana Shonia, Tamila Khurtsidze; Sorina Chiper; Miranda Betchvaia;	Legal regulation of non-state pension insurance and its improvement ways in Georgia
Zavera Coralia Ioana	Prosperity and education – two sets that intersect continuously
Andreea Paul, Anca Tamaș	The future jobs in Europe and the Romanian challenges
Stelian Stancu, Alexandru Daia	Introducing a New Technical Indicator Based on Octav Onicescu Informational Energy and Compare it with Bollinger Bands for S&P 500 Movement Predictions

PANEL 2: THE NEW CHALLENGES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION'S GOVERNANCE

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Eminescu Building, Room 1203
Friday, 23 November 2018, 10.30 – 13.30, Sala 1206

Chairs: Gabriela DRĂGAN & Mirela DIACONESCU

Alina Alexoei, Valentin Cojanu	Trade and environmental footprint: trade policy controversies
Raluca Robu	Structural convergence in the European Union: theoretical and empirical perspectives on structural similarity
Cezar Teclean, Alexandru Fotia	Transport Infrastructures and Regional Geopolitical Stakes in the European Union
Irina Ion, Radu Lupu, Ela Nicolae	Academic Achievement and Professional Aspirations: Between the Impacts of School and Family Background
Gheorghe Hurduzeu, Maria Popescu	The Common Agricultural Policy: Digging into Farm Economics and Food Trade in the European Union



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Dumitru Miron, Ioan Alexandru Gherasim

Conceptual Flaws and Incoherent Implementation of the European Neighborhood Policy

PANEL 3: FINANCE & BANKING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Eminescu Building, Room TBC

Friday, 23 November 2018, 10.30 – 13.30

Chairs: Emil DINGA & Alexandra HOROBET

Emil Dinga	An assessment of the fiscal sustainability in Romania
Latfe Alhusseinawi	Contractual budget a tool for development under scarcity of economic resource
Gabriela Mariana Ionescu	Conceptual Aspects of an Automatic Stabilizer Concerning Social Justice
Iulia Oana Florea	Money Laundering: Case Studies and Countermeasures
Mihai Chisu	An incursion into capital markets from frontier markets to developed ones
Gabriela Mariana Ionescu	The assessment of Romania's economic convergence in the European Union
Emil Dinga	Switching the European Budget Expenditures Towards the European Public Goods

PANEL 4: SURVIVAL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Eminescu Building, Room 1212

Friday, 23 November 2018, 10.30 – 13.00,

Chairs: Octavian-Dragomir JORA & Mihai-Vladimir TOPAN

Narciz Balasoiu	Populism remains one of the greatest challenges to the future of the EU
Delia-Raluca Sancariuc	The Long Quest for Regional Convergence in the EU: Do Structural Funds Help?
Antonela Milotte	The European strategy in front of its citizens



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Delia-Raluca Sancariuc, Dan-Alex Ceașescu-Constantinescu

The Rise of Technology-Driven Sharing Economy in Europe: The Case of Taxify

Radu Musetescu, Cristian Paun

Nationality and International Business: the Quest for Objective Standards

Holobiuc Ana-Maria, Bogdan Mihai

Real convergence in the European Union: Myth or reality?

PANEL 5: DIASPORAS: TRANSNATIONAL FAMILIES

Venue: The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Eminescu Building, Room 1504

Friday, 23 November 2018, 10.30 – 13.00

Chairs: *Iulia RĂȘCANU & Sonia di VITO*

Iulia Rascanu Preamble: Introduction in Transnational Families and Migration - A Challenging Reality

Shruti Amar "Family" in Jhumpa Lahiri's The Namesake: A Gendered Perspective

Sonia di Vito Filling the gap: the role of linguistic mediators during interactions between personal services staff and immigrants.

Iulia Rascanu Hybridity and Transnational Family in Night of Henna (2005), by Hassan Zee

Iulia Rascanu Interracial Relationships in Bicycle Bride (2010)

PANEL 6: FAMILY AS ECONOMIC RESOURCE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

Venue: Google Room, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Eminescu Building

Friday, 23 November 2018, 9.00 – 13.00

Chair: *Vittorio BASSI*

Dalila da Rosa Standing together: Family ties and Multidimensional Wellbeing

Molnar Balasz Visible and in-visible Work. What is the value of Domestic Work?