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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday, May 12th, 2017

9:30 – 10:00	Participants registration. Welcome coffee Room: Aula Magna
10:00 – 10:30	Opening ceremony of the 11 th International Conference of the Romanian Regional Science Association Welcoming speeches Professor Ovidiu Puiu, PhD, Rector of Constantin Brâncoveanu University Professor Daniela-Luminita Constantin, PhD, President of Romanian Regional Science Association Professor Şerban Valeca, PhD, Minister of Research and Innovation Mr. Virgil-Alin Chirilă, Secretary of State, Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds Professor Dan Manu, PhD, President of Argeş County Council Mr. Emilian Dragnea, Prefect of Argeş County Mr. Cornel Ionică, Mayor of Piteşti Municipality Mrs. Claudia Ionescu, Bucharest-Ilfov Regional Development Agency Message: Professor Jouke Van Dijk, PhD, President of the European Regional Science Association
10:30 – 11:15	Keynote speech: Professor Roger STOUGH, PhD – George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, United States, Past President of Regional Science Association International: <i>Regional Governance and Innovation: Conceptual Framing and Examples</i>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:50	Jean Monnet Workshop: <i>European Regional Policy in Action</i>
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15:45 – 17:00	Parallel Sections
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9:00 – 14:00	Technical excursion: Curtea de Argeş - Poienari Castle – Vidraru Dam. Lunch included
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JEAN MONNET MODULE

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Ovidiu PUIU, "Constantin Brâncoveanu University", Pitești, Romania; Cristina ȘERBĂNICĂ, "Constantin Brâncoveanu University", Pitești, Romania

THE STRATEGIC VISION AND PLANNING FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EU COHESION POLICY

Aura Carmen RĂDUCU, Former Minister of European Funds, Romania

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University of Suceava, Romania

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Florian W. Bartholomae, Bundeswehr University of Munich, Germany; Alina M. Schoenberg, IMC
University of Applied Sciences Krems, Austria

INTEGRATED URBAN PLANNING AND PLANNED COMMUNITIES. A SUCCESSFUL STORY IN THE UNITED STATES

Daniela Luminița CONSTANTIN, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

ROMANIA BETWEEN OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN A EUROPEAN UNION OF CONTROVERSIES

Romeo Victor IONESCU, "Dunărea de Jos" University, Galați, Romania

THE NEED OF REGIONAL LEADERSHIP IN ROMANIA, AFTER 10 YEARS OF EU MEMBERSHIP

Gabriela MARCHIS, "Danubius" University, Galați, Romania

INCLUSIVE GROWTH FOR SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT. AN EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS

Emilia HERMAN, "Petru Maior" University of Tirgu-Mures, Romania

SECTION II. ENDOGENOUS GROWTH AND TERRITORIAL CAPITAL

Chairs: Gabriela PRELIPCEAN, Cristina LINCARU

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ENDOGENOUS GROWTH AND TERRITORIAL CAPITAL

Cristina LINCARU, National Scientific Research Institute for Labor and Social Protection –
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TRENDS IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN ROMANIA. ANALYSIS BASED ON THE STOCK MARKET CAPITALIZATION

Angela-Nicoleta COZORICI, Gabriela PRELIPCEAN and Mariana LUPAN, Faculty of Economic and Public Administration, "Ștefan cel Mare" University of Suceava, Romania

THE TERRITORIAL EXAMINATION OF THE POPULATION'S INCOME STATUS THROUGH A HUNGARIAN EXAMPLE

György ALDORFAI, Lilla Áldorfainé CZABADAI and Zoltán TOPA, Szent István University, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Hungary

EVALUATION OF REGIONAL INEQUALITIES IN ROMANIA: A DIVERGENT PROCESS PERSPECTIVE IN RELATION TO EUROPEAN UNION'S TERRITORIAL STRUCTURES

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EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK: A REGIONAL APPROACH FOR ROMANIA

Laura PATACHE, Spiru Haret University, Romania

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Zoltán ELEKES, Szent István University, Hungary, General Director of The Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection, Harghita, Romania

THE IMPACT OF THE EDUCATION ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE SOUTHERN EUROPEAN MODEL

Amalia CRISTESCU, Bucharest University of Economic Studies and National Scientific Research Institute for Labour and Social Protection

EVOLUTION OF EMPLOYMENT IN DEVELOPING REGIONS OF ROMANIA

Mihaela SAVU and Delia TESELIOS, "Constantin Brâncoveanu" University, Pitești, Romania

IS IMMIGRATION A SOLUTION FOR SOLVING THE SPECIALISTS' DEFICIT IN THE ROMANIAN MEDICAL SYSTEM?

Rodica Milena ZAHARIA and Laura WAHED, Department of International Business and Economics, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

A REGIONAL VIEW ON THE FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE SELF - EMPLOYMENT IN ROMANIA

Zizi GOSCHIN, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies and Institute of National Economy, Romania; Elena DRUICĂ, University of Bucharest, Romania

KEY DETERMINANTS OF ROMANIAN EMIGRATION FLOWS. A REGIONAL OUTLOOK

Zizi GOSCHIN, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies and Institute of National Economy, Romania; Elena DRUICĂ, University of Bucharest, Romania

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Tamas GYULAY, Expert for Innovation and Technology Transfer, IQ Kecskemet Regional Innovation Center, Hungary

URBAN HIERARCHY IN THE NEW MEMBER STATES IN CENTRAL-EUROPE

Réka HORECZKI and Szilard RACZ, The HAS CERS Institute for Regional Studies, Hungary

POSSIBILITIES AND ROLES OF THE SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE TOWNS IN THE HUNGARIAN FINANCIAL SERVICE SECTOR

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Zoltan PAMER, The Institute for Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

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Ferenc SZILAGYI, Partium Christian University, Oradea, Romania

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Raluca ROBU, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

THE SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF FEMALE ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN ROMANIA

Alina I. POPESCU, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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Cristina GĂNESCU, "Constantin Brâncoveanu" University, Pitești, Romania

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HUMAN CAPITAL AND CREATIVITY: KEYS FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Sorin MAZILU, Center for European Studies, Faculty of Law, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi, Romania

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ANALYSIS OF NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT, IN ROMANIA, IN CONTEXT OF ACTUAL PROGRAMMING PERIOD

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URBAN REGENERATION AND REGIONAL OPERATIONAL PROGRAM IN BUCHAREST ILFOV REGION

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THE IMPACT OF ROMANIAN’S ACCESSION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION ON THE ROMANIAN ECONOMY

Mihaela NECULIȚĂ and Liliana Mihaela MOGA, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, “Dunarea de Jos” University of Galati, Romania

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Simona CURPAN, Bucharest-Ilfov Regional Development Agency, Romania

THE LANDSCAPE OF EU FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DURING 2014 – 2020 PROGRAMING PERIOD

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BUCHAREST: STEPS TO A EUROPEAN SMART CITY

Liviu RÂNCIOAGĂ, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration and Bucharest-Ilfov Regional Development Agency, Romania

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Cristina Elena BIGIOI, University "Politehnica" of Bucharest, Romania; Adrian Doru BIGIOI, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

DISSEMINATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO SHAREHOLDERS IN ROMANIAN COMPANIES

Adrian Doru BIGIOI, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania; Cristina Elena BIGIOI, University "Politehnica" of Bucharest, Romania

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In Memoriam: PhD Professor Dorel AILENEI

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PhD Student Laura JIANU, Faculty of Economy and Business Administration, Economy Department, West University, Timisoara

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PhD Student Ionela Georgiana ȘTEFAN (Iftimie), The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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PhD Student Andrei MOROC, West University of Timisoara, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Timisoara, Romania

UNIVERSITIES AND CLUSTER POLICIES IN ROMANIA

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PhD Student Sebastian I. BURDUJA, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

UNIVERSITIES, SMES AND INNOVATIVE CLUSTERS

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Romanian Regional Science Association



The Romanian Regional Science Association (RRSA) was set up in 2001, with a core group of members mainly from the Bucharest University of Economic Studies. Since 2002 it has become one of the national sections of the European Regional Science Association, the ERSA Council approving Romania's application on the occasion of the ERSA Congress in Dortmund. The members of the RRSA are also individual members of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI).

At present the association counts more than 80 dedicated members (economists, sociologists, geographers, architects, engineers, mathematicians), with a mature and deep interest in regional science as well as in the association's activities. Many of them come from universities and research institutes but individuals from ministries, regional development agencies, NGOs, consultancy firms, etc. are also active members of the RRSA. The association has constantly expanded its geographical coverage, so that it displays a well-balanced regional distribution: all eight Romanian development regions and all big cities, with important universities and research centres are represented in the RRSA.

The RRSA organises every two years its international conference, with a large participation from Romania and abroad. It was also entrusted by the Regional Science Association International with the organising of the 12th World Congress of the RSAI, which was held in Timisoara, in May 2012. As a result of winning the competition launched by the RSAI, in May 2016 the RRSA organised the „Nurturing New Talent” PhD Workshop in Regional Science, hosted by Bucharest University of Economic Studies. Various other scientific meetings (workshops, round tables, debates, book presentations, etc.) are frequently organised as well. Many RRSA members participate every year in the ERSA Congress, RSAI meetings and other international regional science events.

The RRSA has a very good co-operation with the Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds, with Regional Development Agencies and other institutions interested in a productive dialogue with the Romanian Regional Science Association.

The members of the RRSA have a rich scientific activity materialised in a big number of research projects, books, articles, papers presented at national and international meetings. The association itself has published impressive volumes of proceedings of its conferences while the host universities dedicated special issues of their journals to the papers presented at these conferences.

One of the most important accomplishments of the RRSA is the *Romanian Journal of Regional Science*, which was launched in December 2007. The journal, which belongs to the ERSA and RSAI journal portfolio, is indexed in RePEc-IDEAS, EBSCO, Cabell's and DOAJ databases and has attracted a lot of interest and support from the international regional science community.

More info can be found at www.rrsa.ro



CONSTANTIN BRÂNCOVEANU UNIVERSITY

Constantin Brancoveanu University was established in 1991 as a higher education institution of private law and public utility, part of the national education system. The University is organized on non-profit basis and was accredited by law in 2002, in the first group of six private HEIs that have received such recognition in Romania. CBU has developed a consortium-type organizational structure and brings its contributions to the balanced development of three administrative regions in Romania, as it has faculties that operate in Pitesti, Rm. Valcea and Braila.

The University offers 21 undergraduate and 17 master accredited programmes in Economics and Business Studies (Management, Marketing, Finance and Accounting, Economic Informatics, Economy of trade, tourism and services), Social sciences (Public administration, Journalism, Communication and Public Relations) and Law.

Starting 2005-2006, CBU has obtained accreditation from the EU Commission for the Erasmus programme (Erasmus Charter) and supported more than 500 students and staff to carry out mobility programmes in our 30 partner universities in 13 European countries. CBU is also a dynamic participant in the European Network for Business Studies and Languages (SPACE).

In 2011, following an exhaustive external evaluation, the University was granted with the “high degree of confidence” distinction by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education, which is the highest distinction granted in Romania. Three years later, in 2014, within the framework of the European University Association (EUA) Institutional Evaluation Programme, the University received high appreciation for the overall support that it offers to its students and for its engagement within the local community.

Starting 2015, Constantin Brâncoveanu University coordinates the Jean Monnet Module “European Regional Policy in Action” (ERP2020), which is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The main goal of the Module is to promote EU Regional Economic Studies as a field of study, research and reflection at Constantin Brâncoveanu University.

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Bucharest-Ilfov Regional Development Agency (BIRDA)

The capital region of Romania is **Bucharest – Ilfov Region**. It represents the eighth development region of Romania, a special region, the smallest (1821 sq km), but the most developed one from the economical point of view and also the biggest Romanian urban agglomeration. Bucharest-Ilfov Regional Development Agency (BIRDA) is a non-governmental, non-profit agency of public utility operating under the Law 315/2004 on regional development in Romania. BIRDA was an Implementation Agency for the PHARE Program – Economic and Social Cohesion as well as for other programs financed by the Romanian Government and it is Intermediary Body (IB) for the Regional Operational Programme 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 for Bucharest-Ilfov Region. One of the main objectives of BIRDA is the implementation of the economic, social and territorial cohesion policy in the Bucharest-Ilfov Region, by developing competences at regional level, by promoting cooperation within the region and among the regions, by attracting certain investments with regional impact.

BIRDA is developing the Regional Development Plan (RDP) of Bucharest-Ilfov for 2014-2020, a comprehensive document that analyzes, identifies and formulates the current socio-economic status, weaknesses and threats the region faces, the strengths that the region can support as well as chances that can be fructified. It also includes the development strategy and financial planning of the measures provided in the strategy.

The Regional Operational Programme (ROP) aims to promote smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in all regions in Romania making them more attractive places for living and working. Responding to the regional needs, the programme addresses the major development challenges: regional competitiveness, sustainable urban development, the low-carbon economy, and economic and social infrastructure at regional and local level.

BIRDA works with the local and central public authorities from Bucharest-Ilfov Region, with Chambers of Commerce and Industry, enterprises, academia and other stakeholders. In order to promote the regional opportunities, the agency organises periodically informational caravans for students from region's universities.

In the last years Bucharest-Ilfov Regional Development Agency was represented at the European Week of Regions and Cities in Brussels where it organised some thematic events with different partners, one of them being the European Parliament. For 2017 edition, the agency will continue to be part of the biggest European public event of its kind.

For more information, please visit the web pages www.adrbi.ro, <http://2014-2020.adrbi.ro/>, www.facebook.com/adrbi or <https://www.youtube.com/user/ADRBI>.

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