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Practical information

Venue
The exhibition is organized at the Museum of History of the “Royal Court” National Museum Complex of Târgovişte (Calea Domneasca, no. 181). All sessions take place at the International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgovişte (Ion Alexandrescu St., No. 39 – see map). Conference opening session, plenary session I, II and III and book presentation session take place in Auditorium (ground floor). Panels 1, 3, 5 and 7 are held in the Green Room which is located at the first floor. Panels 2, 4, 6 and 8 will take place in the Blue Room which is located at the first floor.

Conference office opening hours
The Conference office is open for registration and information at the International Centre for Conferences as follows:
Friday, 20 May 11.30-14.00
Saturday, 21 May 09.00-10.00
Practical information can be acquired from phone numbers (004)0724403094 and (004)0724501139 and e-mail: conference2011@arsbn.ro
Website of the conference: http://www.arsbn.ro/conferences.htm

Accommodation
Accommodation is organized at Nova Hotel (http://www.novahotel.ro) and Hotel Valahia (http://www.valahiaturism.ro/valahia.htm), both situated close to the city center and between 3 to 10 minutes to the Museum of History and the International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University. Nova Hotel where most of you will be accommodated is situated on Arsenalului St., No. 14, just 3 minutes walking from the Conference Center. Hotel Valahia is situated on Libertăţii Ave., no. 7, Targoviste, 10 minutes walking across the Metropolitan Park to the International Conference Center. Hotel Dracula is next to Hotel Valahia.

Lunch, dinner and refreshments
The lunch and dinner are organized for the participants at Restaurant “Casa Domnească” (Arsenalului St., No. 2 – at the crossroads Ion Alexandrescu St. and Mircea cel Bătrân Ave.) and Terrace Restaurant Hotel Valahia (Libertăţii Ave., No. 7).
Coffee will be served during breaks. A refreshments room is located at the ground floor of the International Centre for Conferences.

Shopping
Supermarkets are normally situated in the city centre. We recommend you Supermarket Kaufland (open 7.30 AM to 10 PM) situated on Lt. Stancu Ion, No. 2C and Carrefour Mondial situated in the Prefecture Square (see below).
Emergencies
Pharmacies are normally open from 9 AM to 5 PM, but some pharmacies are open during nighttime as well. There are quite many pharmacies in the city center on the Mircea cel Bătrân Ave., Independenței Ave and in the Prefecture Square. Catena pharmacies offer online shopping (http://www.catena.ro).
More information can be acquired from the hotel and from the organizers.
In case of emergency, please call the organizers at (004)0724403094 and (004)0724501139.

Legend:
- Museum of History of the “Royal Court” National Museal Complex of Târgoviște (Calea Domneasca, no. 181) – on the map reads Museum;
- International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște (Ion Alexandrescu St., No. 39) – on the map reads ICC;
- Restaurant “Casa Domneasca” (Arsenalului St., No. 2) – on the map reads Casa Domneasca;
- Terrace Restaurant Hotel Valahia (Libertății Ave., No. 7) and Hotel Dracula – on the map reads Valahia HR.
- Restaurant San Marco (Al.I. Cuza St., No. 29, Old Center) – on the map reads SM;
**Aims of the Conference:**
The general aim of this conference is to investigate the encounters between the Baltic and the Black Sea regions’ societies since the Middle Ages. The goal is to unearth the complexity of these bonds not only at state level (political, diplomatic, military, trade relations), but also the encounters, forms of syncretism or networks of a commercial, social, cultural, religious nature which are beyond or beneath the state relations and are presumably not only richer, but more interesting and challenging for a researcher as well. Additionally, the parallels between the two regions will be also assessed as two buffer zones situated in-between the great empires or great powers of modernity. Papers dealing with the effects of world wars, totalitarianism and the Cold War either as comparative approach or in terms of relations, confluences and influences will be presented. Researches dealing with diasporas, émigré communities or individual destinies in the frame of the general theme of the conference will be also brought forth.

**Panels:**
- Settlements, transfers, encounters and clashes in the Modern Age
- Romania and the Eastern Baltic in the interwar period
- Coping with the Other: strategies, policies and comparisons between the Baltic and Black Sea areas
- The diversity of block unity: exploring the Cold War in the Black Sea and Baltic Sea rim areas
- The Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact: consequences, memories and the rapids of change
- Bonds, perceptions and confluences between Baltic and Black Sea areas during the interwar and World War II
- Baltic, Nordic and Black Sea regions in the international relations: intersections, meetings, crosscurrents
Organizers:

The Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies

Valahia University of Târgoviste

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Embassy of Finland in Bucharest

Embassy of Lithuania in Bucharest

Embassy of Norway in Bucharest

Embassy of Sweden in Bucharest

The Consulate of Latvia in Bucharest

The Târgoviste City Hall

The Princely Court National Museal Complex, Targoviste

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Wednesday, 18 May and Thursday, 19 May 2011

12.00-22.00: The arrival and accommodation of the participants;

Friday, 20 May 2011

10.00-11.30: The opening ceremony of the exhibition of historical and diplomatic documents entitled “Twenty years from the re-establishment of the diplomatic relations between Lithuania and Romania”;

The Exhibition Hall of the “Royal Court” National Museal Complex of Târgovişte;

Official greetings and salutes:

Chair: Dr. Ovidiu Cârstina, The Director of the “Royal Court” National Museal Complex of Târgovişte;

- Mr. Vladimir Jarmolenko, The Ambassador of Lithuania to Bucharest;
- Mr. Iancu Caracota, The Prefect of Dâmboviţa County;

Introduction to the exhibition:

- Dr. Dalia Bukelevičiūtė, University of Vilnius;
- Dr. Silviu Miloiu, President of the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies

Reception organized by the Lithuanian Embassy;

11.30-12.00: Break

11.30-14.00: Registration of the participants;

The International Centre for Conferences, Entrance hall, Info Desk, Valahia University, Ion Alexandrescu St., No 39
12.00-12.45: The opening of the Second Annual International Conference on Baltic and Nordic Studies in Romania: **BLACK SEA AND BALTIC SEA REGIONS: CONFLUENCES, INFLUENCES AND CROSSCURRENTS IN THE MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY AGES**;

The Auditorium of the International Centre for Conferences, Valahia University of Târgoviște, Ion Alexandrescu St., No 39

**Speakers:**

Chair: Professor Dr. Ion Cucui, The Rector of Valahia University of Târgoviște;

- Mr. Gabriel Boriga, The Mayor of Târgoviște;
- Ms. Irmeli Mustonen, The Ambassador of Finland in Bucharest;
- Mr. Vladimir Jarmolenko, The Ambassador of Lithuania in Bucharest, Honorary President of the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies;
- Mr. Øystein Hovdkinn, The Ambassador of Norway in Bucharest;
- Ms. Marie-Louise Thaning, Counsellor, Deputy Head of Mission, The Embassy of Sweden in Bucharest;
- Ms. Ingrid Cristea Vendelin, The Honorary Consul of Estonia in Bucharest;
- Mr. Ioan Donca, The Honorary Consul of Latvia in Bucharest;
- Ms. Georgiana Pogonaru, The Honorary Consul of Iceland in Bucharest;

12.45-13.30: **Plenary session I**

The Auditorium of the International Centre for Conferences, Ion Alexandrescu St., No 39

Chair: Florin Anghel, The Vice-President of the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies;

**Speaker:**

- Bogdan Murgescu, *University of Bucharest*;
  - *Agriculture and the global division of labor. Denmark and Romania in comparison (19th-20th centuries)*

13.30-14.00: **Book presentations**

The Auditorium of the International Centre for Conferences, Ion Alexandrescu St., No 39
Chair: Ion Calafeteanu, Valahia University of Târgoviște;

**Speakers:**

- **Ambassador Neagu Udroiu:**
  

- **Elena Dragomir:**
  

- **Florin Anghel:**
  

- **Silviu Miloiu:**
  

### 14.00-14.15: Coffee Break

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**Klaus Richter**, Kišinyov or Linkuva? Cultural Transfer and Pogroms in the Russian Empire

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**Eriks Jekabsons**, The activities of Latvian envoy Ludvigs Ekis in Romania 1939-1940: the Latvian sources

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**Coping with the Other: strategies, policies and comparisons between the Baltic and Black Sea areas**

**The Green Room**

- **Chair:** Stefan Ewert
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- **Olga Cara,** *Latvian Russians or Russian Latvians: linguistic strategies in Latvia*
- **Cosmin Popa,** *Alternative routes of Russian oil and gas in the Baltic and Black Sea: economic and political stakes*
- **Stefan Ewert,** *Regional Higher Education Co-operation: The Baltic Sea and the Black Sea Compared*

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**The Blue Room**

- **Chair:** Eriks Jekabsons
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- **Cezar Stanciu,** *The Common Denominator. Romania and the Northern Countries in Search for a “Third Way”*
- **Elena Dragomir,** *“Idealists” in a Realists’ world. Romania’s goals and expectations from the CSCE (1973-1975)*
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### 18.30 – 19.15: Break

The Blue Room of the International Conference Center of Valahia University;

### 18.30-19.00:
Regular meeting of members of the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies;

### 19.15-21.00: Conference Dinner offered by Valahia University of Târgovişte;
Valahia Hotel Terrace,
Libertăţii Ave., No. 7
Saturday, 21 May 2011

09.00-10.00: The registration of the participants;
The International Centre for Conferences, Entrance hall, Info Desk,
Valahia University, Ion Alexandrescu St., No 39

09.00-09.45: Plenary session II
The Auditorium of the International Centre for Conferences,
Ion Alexandrescu St., No 39

Chair: Elena Dragomir, The Secretary of The Romanian Association for Baltic
and Nordic Studies;

Speaker:

- Vesa Vares, University of Turku;
  - The question of the “Other”. Image of Eastern Europe in
    Finland between the World Wars;

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Chair: Kari Alenius, University of Oulu;

Speaker:

- Olaf Mertelsmann, Tartu University;
  - Expanding the Soviet Borders to the West: The Newly Acquired Territories 1939-41;

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Restaurant “Casa Domnească”, Arsenalului St., No. 2

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Baltic, Nordic and Black Sea regions in the international relations: intersections, meetings, crosscurrents

The Green Room

Chair: Alexandru Ghişa

Project discussion

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Valters Šcerbinskis
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Bogdan Schipor

Arthur Tuluş, The Black Sea and the Nordic Sea connection through the Danube. The modern historical perspective

Silviu Miloiu

16.00-16.15: Closing Session

The Green Room of the International Centre for Conferences, Valahia University of Târgovişte

Chair: Silviu Miloiu, President of the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies;

16.30-18.00: Guided visit of the medieval city of Târgovişte (a former capital of Valahia for a few centuries) and of the Princely Court;

18.30-21.00: Conference Dinner offered by the City Hall of Târgovişte;

Restaurant “San Marco”,
Al.I. Cuza St., No. 29, Old Center

Sunday, 22 May 2011

09.00-13.30: Excursion Târgovişte – Curtea de Argeş;

13.30-14.30: Conference Lunch by the City Hall of Târgovişte;

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