



BLACK SEA AND BALTIC SEA REGIONS:
*confluences, influences and crosscurrents in the modern
 and contemporary ages*

REGIUNILE MĂRII NEGRE ȘI ALE MĂRII BALTICE:
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 și contemporană*

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Black Sea and Baltic Sea Regions: Confluences, influences and crosscurrents in the modern and contemporary ages

Târgoviste, Romania, May 20-22, 2011

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Practical information

Venue

The exhibition is organized at the Museum of History of the “Royal Court” National Museal Complex of Târgoviște (Calea Domneasca, no. 181).

All sessions take place at the International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște (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.valahiatourism.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 Libertatii 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 Domneasă” (Arsenalului St., No. 2 – at the crossroads Ion Alexandrescu St. and Mircea cel Bătrân Ave.) and Terrace Restaurant Hotel Valahia (Libertății 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;
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- 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

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The Târgoviste City Hall

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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 Târgoviște;

Official greetings and salutes:

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

- Mr. Vladimir Jarmolenko, The Ambassador of Lithuania to Bucharest;
- Mr. Iancu Caracota, The Prefect of Dâmbovița 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 Udroi:

Neagu Udroi, *Zăpezi din Miazănoapte. Ambasador în Estonia*, vol. II (București: Semne, 2011).

● Elena Dragomir:

Elena Dragomir, Silviu Miloiu, *Istoria Finlandei* (Târgoviște: Cetatea de Scaun, 2010).

● Florin Anghel:

Oana Popescu, *România și Danemarca în prima jumătate a sec. al XX-lea* (Târgoviște: Cetatea de Scaun, 2010)

● Silviu Miloiu;

Baron Carl Gustaf Emil Mannerheim, *Jurnal de pe frontal românesc (1917-1918)*. Ediție de Silviu Miloiu (Târgoviște: Cetatea de Scaun, 2010)

14.00-14.15: Coffee Break

The Reception Hall of the International Centre for Conferences

<p>Session 1 14.15 – 16.15</p>	<p>Panel 1</p>	<p>Panel 2</p>
	<p>Settlements, transfers, encounters and clashes in the Modern Age</p>	<p>Romania and the Eastern Baltic in the interwar period</p>
	<p>The Green Room</p>	<p>The Blue Room</p>
	<p>Chairs: Cosmin Popa, Mioara Anton</p>	<p>Chair: Veniamin Ciobanu</p>
	<p>Stefan Donecker, <i>Wallachian Settlements in the Baltic Sea Region. A Humanist Fable and its Implications for the Symbolic Geography of Early Modern Europe</i></p>	<p>Florin Anghel, <i>In-between parallel windows. Romania and Latvia in the framework of “cordon sanitaire” build-up</i></p>
<p>Will Smiley, <i>Being Russian in the Ottoman Empire: Identity, Unfreedom, and International Law</i></p>	<p>Dalia Bukelevičiūtė, <i>The Little Entente and Romania from the perspective of Lithuanian politicians in the 1930s</i></p>	
<p>Klaus Richter, <i>Kišinyov or Linkuva? Cultural Transfer and Pogroms in the Russian Empire</i></p>	<p>Valters Šcerbinskis, <i>The Coup of 1934 in a Latvian and Eastern European Context</i></p>	
<p>Mihaela Mehedinti, <i>Relations between Transylvania and the Nordic countries in the 19th century as seen in Romanian periodicals. A quantitative and</i></p>	<p>Eriks Jekabsons, <i>The activities of Latvian envoy Ludvigs Ekis in Romania 1939-1940: the Latvian sources</i></p>	
		<p>Dimitris Michalopoulos, <i>Un popor</i></p>

qualitative analysis

cu doua drapele... The Romanian-Polish interwar relations

16.15-16.30: Coffee Break

The Reception Hall of the International Centre for Conferences

Session 2 16.30 – 18.30	Panel 3	Panel 4
	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 Green Room	The Blue Room
	Chair: Stefan Ewert	Chair: Eriks Jekabsons
	Imbi Sooman , <i>Comparative study of the situations of old and “new” minorities in the Baltic and the Black Sea Regions</i>	Mioara Anton , <i>Diplomacy and conflict in the Black Sea Region: A case study for the beginning of the Cold War (1945-1947)</i>
	Olga Cara , <i>Latvian Russians or Russian Latvians: linguistic strategies in Latvia</i>	Cezar Stanciu , <i>The Common Denominator. Romania and the Northern Countries in Search for a “Third Way”</i>
Cosmin Popa , <i>Alternative routes of Russian oil and gas in the Baltic and Black Sea: economic and political stakes</i>	Elena Dragomir , <i>“Idealists” in a Realists’ world. Romania’s goals and expectations from the CSCE (1973-1975)</i>	
Stefan Ewert , <i>Regional Higher Education Co-operation: The Baltic Sea and the Black Sea Compared</i>	Pauli Heikkila , <i>Estonian way to Europe via the Baltic region. Regional imagination in the idea of European unification</i>	

18.30 – 19.15: Break

18.30-19.00:

Regular meeting of members of the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies;

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

19.15-21.00: Conference Dinner offered by Valahia University of Târgoviște;

Valahia Hotel Terrace,
Libertății 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;***

Session 3

09.45 – 11.45

Panel 5	Panel 6
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
The Green Room	The Blue Room
Chair: Dalia Bukelevičiūtė	Chair: Valters Šcerbinskis
Vitalie Văratec , <i>The USSR policy towards Romania and the Baltic States, 1939-1940. The accomplishing of the Secret Protocol of the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact</i>	Ioana Cazacu , <i>The Nansen Commission and the Repatriation of the Romanian Prisoners from Russian Territory</i>
Judy Brown , <i>‘Memory at War’ in Estonia and the Crimea: a comparative analysis of commemorative practices surrounding the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945</i>	Ana-Maria Despa , <i>The history of diplomatic relations between Romania and Norway during the interwar period</i>
Alexandru Ghișa , <i>Romania and the first cracks in the Hitler-Stalin Pact of 1940: the German guarantees granted to Romania and the Danube issue</i>	Kari Alenius , <i>The image of Romania conveyed by the Finnish embassy in Bucharest, 1940-1945</i>

Bogdan Schipor, *The Aggression's Symptoms: Some Considerations about the Repatriation of the Germans from Baltic States and the Romanian Territories in 1939-1940*

Silviu Miloiu, *The Nordic "Battlefield". Romania's cultural relations with Finland and Sweden (1941-1944): a comparative approach*

11.45-12.00: Coffee Break

The Reception Hall of the International Centre for Conferences

12.00-12.45: Plenary session III

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

Chair: Kari Alenius, University of Oulu;

Speaker:

● Olaf Mertelsmann, *Tartu University*;

- ***Expanding the Soviet Borders to the West: The Newly Acquired Territories 1939-41;***

12.45-14.00: Conference Lunch offered by Valahia University of Târgoviște;

Restaurant "Casa Domnească",
Arsenalului St., No. 2

Session 4

14.00 – 16.00

Panel 7

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

The Green Room

Project discussion

Revista Română de Studii Baltice și Nordice, Volume 3, Issue 2 (2011) dedicated to Latvia and *History of Latvia*

The Blue Room

Chair: Alexandru Ghișa

Chair: Ioan Donca

Costel Coroban, *British Reactions to Charles XII's Stay in the Ottoman Empire*

Eriks Jekabsons

Veniamin Ciobanu, *Information from Swedish diplomatic sources regarding the outbreak of Lithuanian insurrection (April 1831)*

Valters Šcerbinskis

Claudiu-Lucian Topor, *Germany`s Policy and the Diplomatic Agenda of Romanian Neutrality (1914-1916). The Prospect of a Plan for an Alliance with Sweden*

Bogdan Schipor

Arthur Tuluș, *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 Târgoviște

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

16.30-18.00: Guided visit of the medieval city of Târgoviște (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 Târgoviște;

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

Sunday, 22 May 2011

09.00-13.30: Excursion Târgoviște – Curtea de Argeș;

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

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