



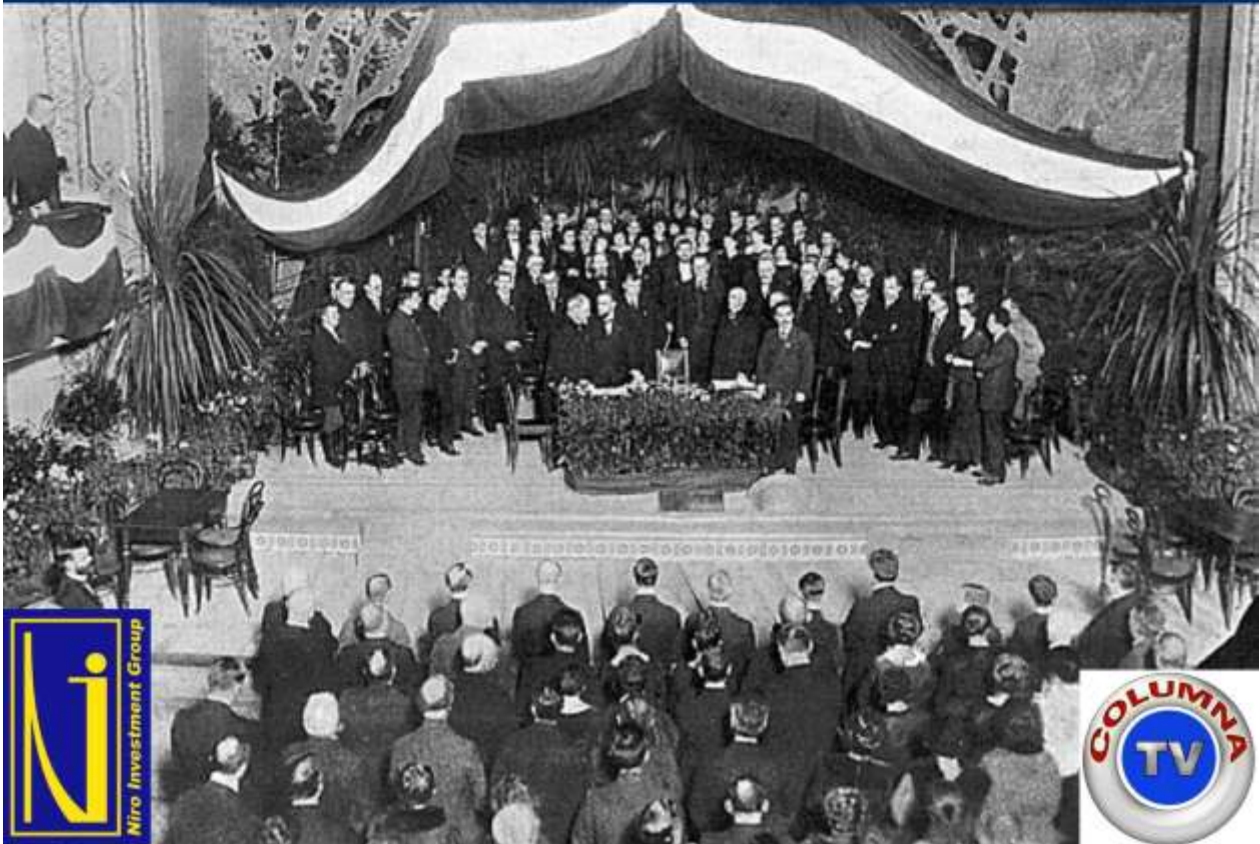
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Ninth International Conference on Baltic and Nordic Studies in Romania



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Past conferences

The conference continues and develops a project that the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies (ARSDN) initiated in 2010, aiming at investigating, comparing and describing the relations, encounters, intersections, confluences, mutual influences and/or parallels between the Nordic and Baltic Sea areas, on the one hand, and the Black Sea Region, on the other hand. The project was structured in annual international conferences. Thus, the first conference, entitled “Romania and Lithuania in the interwar international relations: bonds, intersections and encounters” was held on 19-21 May 2010 in Târgoviște and concentrated, as the title suggests, on the present and historical relations between the two countries belonging to these two areas. The following editions of the annual ARSDN conference enlarged their scope, being entitled “The Black Sea and the Baltic Sea regions: confluences, influences and crosscurrents in the modern and contemporary ages” (Târgoviște, 20-22 May 2011), “European networks: the Balkans, Scandinavia and the Baltic World in a time of economic and ideological crisis” (Târgoviște, 25-27 May 2012), “Empire-building and region-building in the Baltic, North and Black Sea areas” (Constanța, 24-26 May 2013), “A piece of culture, a culture of peace, re-imagining European communities in the North Sea, Baltic Sea and Black Sea regions” (Târgoviște, 17-19 August 2014), “Historical memory, the politics of memory and cultural identity: Romania, Scandinavia and Baltic Sea Region in comparison” (Constanța, 22-23 May 2015), “Good governance in Romania and the Nordic and Baltic countries” (Bucharest, 24 November 2016), “Finland, Romania, Roma integration - Learning from each other” (Bucharest, 9 October 2017).

During its previous eight editions, the ARSDN conference addressed fundamental problems within the current agenda of the Nordic, Baltic and Black sea states and contributed with fresh ideas and innovative research results to the general knowledge in the scientific field. Moreover, the conference advanced draft proposals useful to the European decision-makers of different fields.

While the participants to the first two editions of the conference concentrated rather on the historical dimension of the relations, the following editions brought together specialists from various fields (political science, economics, international relations, minority studies, cultural studies, mnemonic studies, etc.) and addressed, besides the historical aspect of relations, other aspects relevant to the present time, i.e. the global economic crisis, the Balkan organized crime in Nordic Europe, region-building processes, the minorities in the Baltic Sea area and in the Balkans, the Roma minority integration, etc.

Aims of the Conference

The 2018 conference focuses on the historical, cultural, social, economic processes which led in the Baltic Sea Region to the independence of Finland, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia and Poland, to the unification of Romania and the independence of Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary and Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (Yugoslavia) in East-Central Europe and the consequences of the reshaping of the entire region from the Baltic Sea to the Black Sea and Adriatic. Several other political entities created at the end of the World War I such as Ukraine, Georgia or Litbel succumbed after barely living for a few months or years of existence. How did the changes of borders and belonging affect the human communities living in the area and what impact it had beyond the region on the short, medium and long-run? How war and peace-making were experienced in this region and how did they

influence the changes of political geography? How the processes of independence and unification reverberated throughout the region and how state and non-state actors reflected, echoed and reacted to this structural transformation of the area? How is this metamorphosis resonating in historical memory, the politics of memory and cultural identity, in historical narratives, including competing narratives, and in the use of history in identity politics a century after the guns were silenced? How is literature permeated by the changes occurring at the end of the war to end all wars in the region? How are art, architecture, patrimony, in general, capturing the message of those tremendous transformations? Places of commemoration, autobiographies, biographies and memoirs, empiric or theoretical research relevant to the conference's topic may also be the focal point of the submitted papers.

The 2018 conference invites applications from consecrated and young specialists, theorists and practitioners in the most various fields: history, memory studies, cultural studies, anthropology, political sciences, international relations, economics, geography, etc.

The Conference Schedule and Deadlines:

- Publication of the call for papers: March 10th, 2018
- Proposals for panels and roundtables (approx. 500 words): May 15th, 2018
- Abstracts for individual papers (approx. 300 words): May 15th, 2018
- Notification of acceptance: June 1st, 2018
- Publication of the conference program: October 5th, 2018
- Deadline for submitting the conference articles: November 1st, 2018
- Conference: November 15th-16th, 2018
- Publication of conference articles: December 30th, 2018

Main Organizer

The Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies (Asociația Română pentru Studii Baltice și Nordice) is the leading Romanian organization involved in the advancement of Scandinavian studies in Romania. ARSBN organizes, starting with 2010, a yearly international conference of Baltic and Nordic Studies, publishes the bi-annual peer-reviewed *Journal for Baltic and Nordic Studies*, edits monographs, volumes of documents, translates Scandinavian and Baltic authors into Romanian, coordinates the Summer School of Nordic and Baltic Studies in Romania. It also organizes various events, exhibitions, conferences, meetings and book presentations with subjects related to Nordic area studies. It offers grants and prizes in order to encourage the development of Scandinavian research in Romania. It has also set up a small library of Baltic and Nordic studies which is continuously enhanced and updated. Thus, ARSBN has an extensive web of partners within research institutions and universities in Scandinavia and around the Baltic Sea area, which it seeks to develop by networking and engaging in common ventures. The Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies has achieved already a large number of research and educative projects in the field of Scandinavian and Baltic Studies. ARSBN has so far organized eight editions of the Annual International Conference of Nordic and Baltic Studies (2010-2017):

It has also organized three sessions of the Nordic and Baltic Summer School whereby 50 students from Romania and Republic of Moldova have been taught Scandinavian, Finnic,

and Baltic languages, history, culture, the latter session being funded from the EEA Grants
- <https://balticnordic.hypotheses.org/summerschool2>

ARSBN has been successful in achieving finance for projects dealing with Romania's relations with Nordic and Baltic countries and has the most valuable expertise in this field. The results of its researches have been twice chosen as the Book of the Month by the Romanian Foreign Ministry and once by the Latvian Foreign Ministry:

- <http://www.mae.ro/node/12161>

- <http://www.mae.ro/node/17530>

- <http://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/news/press-releases/2013/may/31-1/>

Accomplished research projects in this respect are the volumes dedicated to the Romanian-Lithuanian relations, Romanian-Latvian relations, the histories of Finland and Lithuania, the diaries of Marshal Carl Gustaf Emil Mannerheim and General Titus Garbea ,etc.

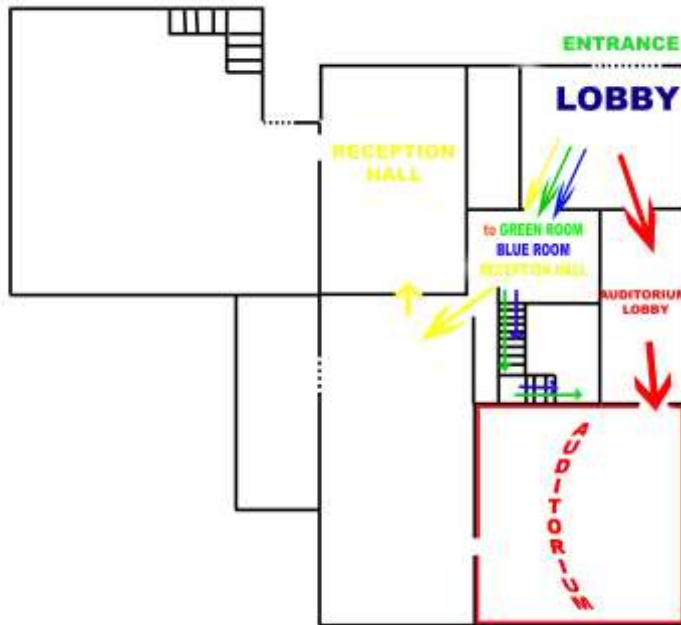
ARSBN has also organized a large number of conferences, seminars and exhibitions dedicated to Romania's relations with Nordic and Baltic nations and cultures. For instance, it is highly relevant that ARSBN has cooperated in the celebration of playwright Henrik Ibsen, Edvard Munch and has organized the Norwegian Culture and History Week in. Furthermore, the ARSBN has been a partner in a project designed by the Romanian Embassy in Oslo to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of diplomatic relations at the embassy level between Romania and Norway.

Practical information

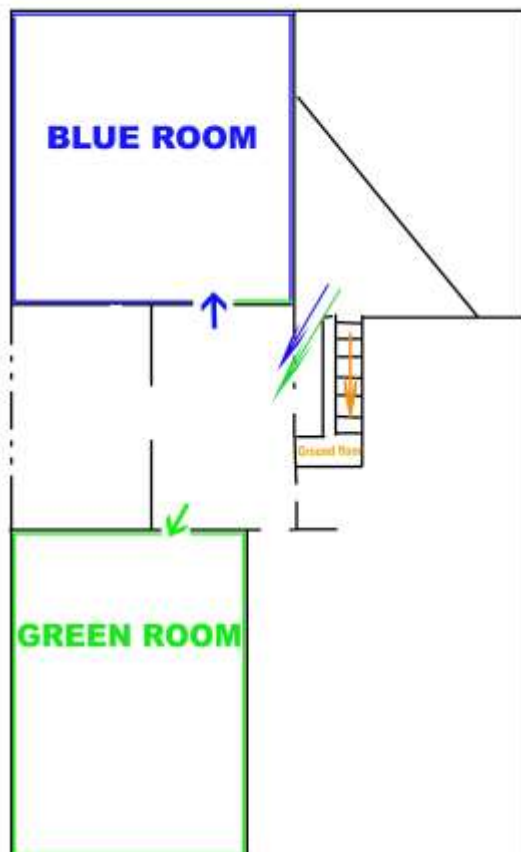
Venue

All sessions take place at the International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște (Ion Alexandrescu St., No. 39 – see map).

Map, Conference Centre ground floor



Map, Conference Centre first floor



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, 15 November 2018

09.00-12.00

Registration of the participants

Valahia University, International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște
(Ion Alexandrescu St., No. 39)

10.00-10.15

The opening of the Ninth Annual Conference on Baltic and Nordic Studies in Romania

Valahia University, International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște,
Red Hall

Chair: Silviu Miloiu, Valahia University of Târgoviște & The Romanian Association for
Baltic and Nordic Studies

Speakers:

Călin Oros, Rector of Valahia University of Târgoviște;

His Excellency Mr. Arvydas Pocius, The Ambassador of Lithuania, Bucharest;

10.15-11.00

Keynote address I

Valahia University, International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște,
Red Hall

The Birth of Minority Legislation in the Newly Independent Finland and Estonia (1918–1920): A Comparative Analysis

Chair: Silviu Miloiu, The Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies and Valahia
University of Târgoviște

Speaker: KARI ALENIUS, University of Oulu

11.00-11.15

Coffee Break I

11.15-13.15

Conference session I

Valahia University, International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște,
Green Room

**Historical processes contributing to and explaining the paths towards
independence and unification in the Baltic Sea Region and East-Central
Europe**

Chair: Sergiu Musteață

Costel Coroban, Ovidius University of Constanța, *Elated and Traumatized Self(ves) in
Autobiographies from the Romanian Front*

Bradley D. Woodworth, University of New Haven & Yale University, *Tallinn City
Government during World War I*

Silviu Miloiu, The Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies and Valahia
University of Târgoviște, *Vasile Stoica and the organization of Mid-European Nations in
the United States (1918)*

13.30-14.45

Lunch Break

14.45-16.15

Conference session II

Valahia University, International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște,
Green Room

**Representations of war, peace and change of the Baltic Sea Region and East-
Central Europe**

Chair: Kari Alenius

Mihaela Mehedinți-Beiean, Babeș-Bolyai University, *From a multi-ethnic empire to a
national state: The contribution of Romanian officers in the Habsburg army to the
creation of Greater Romania as presented by Transylvanian journalists*

Andreea Dahlquist, Valahia University of Târgoviște, *The Kingdom of Romania reflected by the Swedish press during the World War I*

Sergiu Musteață, *The First World War in the history textbooks from the Republic of Moldova*

Gianina Druță, University of Oslo, *Petre Sturdza: The “subversive” Dr. Stockmann of the Romanian stage*

16.15-16.30

Coffee Break II

16.30-17.30

Conference session III

Valahia University, International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște, Green Room

The Great War and the post-war settlements in the Baltic Sea Region and East-Central Europe

Chair: Mihaela Mehedinți-Beiean

Marta Starostina, The University of Latvia, *The First World War and Latvian Independence: some reflections after 100 years*

Enikő Molnár Bodrogi, Babeș-Bolyai University, *The Effect of Borders on Identity Building in Minority Life*

Adel Furu, Babeș-Bolyai University, *Recognition of Finland's Independence: a Time of Contemplation*

17.30-18.30: General Assembly of the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies

19:00: Conference Dinner

Friday, 16 November 2018

09.30-12.00

Registration of the participants

Valahia University, International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște,
Green Room

Institute of Valahia University of Târgoviște

10.15-11.00

Keynote address II

Valahia University, International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște,
Green Room

Baltic states and Bessarabia after Empires: some reflections on identity and statehood in 1917-1918 and 1990-1991

Chair: Bogdan Schipor, „A.D. Xenopol” Institute of History of the Romanian Academy

Speaker: OCTAVIAN ȚÎCU, Institutul de Istorie, Academia de Științe a Moldovei

11.00-11.15

Coffee Break III

11.15-13.00

Conference session V

Valahia University, International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște,
Green Room

Security (national, regional, collective) and peace in the Baltic Sea Region and East-Central Europe following the end of the Great War

Claudia Rusu, Valahia University of Târgoviște, *The Romanian-Scandinavian Consular Relations (1878-1918)*

Adrian Vițalaru, „Al.I. Cuza” University of Jassy, *Grigore Bilciurescu – Romania’s envoy in Norway (1917-1922)*

Bogdan Schipor, „A.D. Xenopol” Institute of History of the Romanian Academy, *Twenty Years After: United Kingdom and the Baltic States in 1919 and 1939*

13.00-13.30

Book and journal presentation

Valahia University, International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște,
Green Room

Costel Coroban, *Ideology and Power in Norway and Iceland, 1150-1250*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2018.

Presenter: Costel Coroban, Silviu Miloiu

Octavian Țîcu, *Homo Moldovanus Sovietic. Teorii și practici de construcție identitară în R(A)SSM (1924-1989)*, Editura Arc, Chișinău, 2018.

Presenters: Octavian Țîcu, Silviu Miloiu

Sergiu Musteață, *Anul 1918 în emisiunile Europei Libere (1955-1991)*, Editura Arc, Chișinău, 2018.

Presenter: Silviu Miloiu

Silviu Miloiu (coord.), Edgars Plētiens, Kristine Ante, Valters Ščerbinskis, Bogdan-Alexandru Schipor, *Istoria Letoniei*, Editura Eikon, București, 2018.

Presenter: Octavian Țîcu, Silviu Miloiu

The Romanian Journal for Baltic and Nordic Studies

Presenter: Silviu Miloiu

13.30-14:00

Valahia University, International Centre for Conferences of Valahia University of Târgoviște,
Green Room

Closing Session

14.00-15.00

Lunch Break

15.00-17.00

Guided tour of the medieval city of Târgoviște

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