

# COOPERATION AND CONTROVERSY. THE 14TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BALTIC AND NORDIC STUDIES

The Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies & Ovidius University of Constanța

Ovidius University of Constanța, Romania, May 11-12, 2023

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## Aims of the conference

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The purpose of the conference is to shed light on cooperation and controversy aspects in Scandinavia, the Baltic Sea Region, and beyond. It examines the two topics through the lens of cultural and literary studies (including arts such as drama, theater, cinema, etc.), history, economic and trade analysis, political science, military analysis, and international relations, among other multidisciplinary angles. We thus invite researchers from all of these fields to submit proposals for panels and individual papers, thereby facilitating inter-disciplinary dialogues at the conference.

The conference regards Scandinavia and the Baltic Sea Region to be socially constructed and, hence, to have diverse geographies. The Viking world interconnected the Baltic Sea, Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Eastern Slavic regions, Black Sea, and Byzantine Empire. The Hansa integrated the north Germanic lands and the Rhine with those of Sweden, Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, the London region, parts of the eastern Baltic Sea coast, and the rivers immersed in Russian and Ukrainian territory. During the Kalmar Union and part of the interwar period, a temporary unity of Scandinavia was achieved, emphasizing both cooperation and controversy, while controversy wreaked devastation during the Thirty Years, the Great Northern War, and the Cold War.

The exchange of ideas, cultural trends, commercial commodities, and social practices between Scandinavia and the Baltic Sea Region and the broader oikoumene, as well as comparisons (including with the Black Sea Region), are equally encouraged. The literary and cultural figures of Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, as well as immigrants who settled in these regions, were products of this area's legacy and mirrored it around the world. The manner in which they were disseminated internationally and how they are interpreted today are also of paramount relevance to this conference.

Contemporary issues that generate cooperation and controversy, such as the European Union, regional endeavors, migration, liberalism vs. illiberalism, business models vs. welfare systems, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and Russia's campaign against Western values, will be of equal worth at the conference planned on Black Sea shores.

In the sake of plurality, we embrace constructivist, neoliberal (liberal institutionalist), neorealist, and other approaches to collaboration and controversy. Constructivist theory investigates how the architecture of international politics shapes the ideas, identities, and interests of states and non-state actors. Neorealist models stress that governments are more likely to collaborate when there is no threat to their security. The liberal institutionalism

emphasizes that international cooperation between nations is practical and durable, and that it may lessen conflict and rivalry.

Consistent with its policy from the inception of this scientific endeavor, there are absolutely no participation fees for this conference. Access to conference rooms, conference maps, conference facilities, and coffee breaks are provided at no cost to conference attendees and participants presenting papers.


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## CONFERENCE AGENDA SCHEDULE

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THURSDAY, 11 MAY 2023


[Aleea Universitatii no. 1, building A, Constanta](#)

<p><b>11.00-11.30</b> <b>Senate Hall</b></p>	<p>CHAIR: EMANUEL PLOPEANU, DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCES</p>	<p>CONFERENCE OPENING</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dan-Marcel ILIESCU, <b>Rector of Ovidius University of Constanța</b></p> <p>H.E. Mrs. Ingrid Kressel Vinciguerra, <b>Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Estonia in Bucharest</b></p> <p>Chargé d'affaires a.i. Donatas Augulis, <b>Embassy of Lithuania in Bucharest</b></p> <p>Prof. Dr. Hab. Silviu Miloiu, <b>The President of the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies</b></p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alexandru BOBE, <b>Vice-Rector of Ovidius University of Constanța</b></p>
<p><b>11.30-12.00</b></p>		
<p><b>12:00 – 12:45</b> <b>Room A 02, next to the Senate Hall</b></p>	<p>CHAIR: SILVIU MILOIU, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR BALTIC AND NORDIC STUDIES</p>	<p>KEYNOTE SPEECH</p> <p><b>Speaker: Kari Alenius, University of Oulu, Finland</b></p>

		<i>Cooperation and controversy in the ethnic relations of the Baltic region in the 20th century</i>
<b>13:00 – 13:30</b> <b>First Floor, in front of the Senate Hall</b>	<b>ESTONIAN EXHIBITION OPENING</b> <b>“SECRET LIVES”</b> <b>PRESENTS: H.E. Mrs. Ingrid Kressel Vinciguerra, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Estonia in Bucharest</b>	
		
<b>13:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch offered by the Embassy of Estonia in Romania.</b>	

#### SESSION I

	<b>Panel I Room E 114</b>	<b>Panel II Room E 116</b>
<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Chair: Luiza Filimon</b>	<b>Chair: Adrian Vițalaru</b>
	<b><i>Nordic-Baltic-Black Sea Security in global contexts</i></b>	<b><i>Refugees, migrants and inter-ethnic relations in a century of controversies</i></b>
	Marc Lanteigne, <i>‘You Say Goodbye, and I Say Hello’ China’s Polar Silk Road and Nordic-Baltic Security</i>	Māra Zirnīte, Maruta Pranka, Ginta Elksne, <i>The Ferrymen: Latvian refugees on their way to Sweden in Oral history testimonies</i>
	Katina Yoneva, <i>The Arctic - Axes of Interaction between the Nordic Countries and their Polar Partners</i>	Sándor Földvári, <i>Expelled by the Soviet Occupiers : The “Costal Swedes” and Their Heritage in Estonia</i>
	Sergii Glebov, Christopher Rossi, <i>The Black Sea Security Axis from the Community of Democratic Choice and the Baltic-Black Sea Union to the War with Autocracy</i>	Krišs Kapenieks, <i>Cooperation between Latvians and Curonians during the Inter-war Period in the Context of Letto-German Controversies: Expectations and Reality</i>
	Octavian Țîcu, <i>The region between the Baltic Sea and the Black Sea: a century of history</i>	Adél Furu, <i>Correlation between migration and security of Finland and Romania</i>

	<i>between French diplomatic projects and the Ukrainian War</i>	
<b>16:00-16:15</b>		

### SESSION II

<b>16:15 – 17:45</b>	<b>Panel III Room E 114</b>	<b>Panel IV Room E 116</b>
	<b>Chair: Andreea Dahlquist</b>	<b>Chair: Crina Leon</b>
	<b><i>Democratic, civic and heritage values, processes and challenges</i></b>	<b><i>Cross-culturality, agents and agencies</i></b>
	Gabriel Stelian Manea, <i>Pilgrimages, saints and politics. Pope John Paul II's visit to Poland, 1983</i>	Costel Coroban, <i>Pharmaceuticals and medical terminology in selected Old Norse sagas</i>
	Adrian-Alexandru Herța, <i>The Spread of the Proportional Representation Formula in the First Decades of the 20th Century: The Cases of the Nordic and Baltic States</i>	Ioan-Alexandru Vălu, <i>Snorii Sturluson's chronicle "Heimskringla" from a gender perspective</i>
	Sergiu Musteață, <i>The World Heritage Properties from Sweden and Romania: a comparative analysis</i>	Gianina Druță, <i>The Romanian Ibsen actor as translator: Petre Sturdza's translation of "An Enemy of the People" (1907)</i>
<b>17:45-18:00 Room E114</b>	Book presentation: Octavian D. Țăcu, <i>Rusia și separatismul în Republica Moldova</i>	

SINCE 18:00: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR BALTIC AND NORDIC STUDIES UNDER THE CHAIR OF THE HONORARY PRESIDENT AND THE PRESIDENT (MEMBERS ONLY), ROOM E 114

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### POSTER SESSION

<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>Chair: Costel Coroban First Floor</b>
	Roxana-Ema Dreve, <i>The interdependence between fear and shame in Karl Ove Knausgård's A time for everything</i>
	Dainius Genys, <i>Civic participation forms and its meaning in contemporary Lithuania</i>
	Crina Leon, <i>Enhancing Cooperation in Education with EEA and Norway Support (Case Study: Projects Developed in Iași)</i>
	Silviu Miloiu, <i>The portrayal of Estonia in the Romanian press during the interwar period</i>
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	LITHUANIAN EXHIBITION OPENING „PLANET LITHUANIA” BY ANTANAS SUTKUS



PRESENTS: CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. DONATAS AUGULIS, EMBASSY OF LITHUANIA IN BUCHAREST

10:30-  
10:45



#### PLENARY SESSION

#### PROCESSES OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY HISTORY IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY: THE CASE OF LATVIA

<b>10:45 – 13:00 Room E 114</b>	<b>Chair: Bogdan-Alexandru Schipor</b>
	<i>Ēriks Jēkabsons, Human population dynamics in Latvia during the First World War, the Latvian War of Independence, and Russian Civil War</i>
	<i>Aiga Bērziņa-Kite, Rise of Crime during Latvian War of Independence</i>
	<i>Andrejs Gusačenko, Russian Society in Latvia (1918–1940): the Factor of the anti-Bolshevik Movement</i>
	<i>Ginta Ieva Bikše, Latvians in the Spanish Civil War (1936–1939)</i>
<i>Jānis Tomaševskis, Between Resistance and Collaboration: Latvian Armed Anti-Soviet Resistance in the Summer of 1941</i>	

13:00 – 14:00, LUNCH BREAK

SESSION III

14:00 – 16:00	<b>Panel V Room E 116</b>	<b>Panel VI Room E 114</b>
	<b>Chair: Adrian-Alexandru Herța</b>	<b>Chair: Emanuel Plopeanu</b>
	<b><i>Hatred, compassion and welfare in the inter-ethnic relations</i></b>	<b><i>Diplomacy and political processes: controversies and cooperation outlooks</i></b>
	Pavlo Yeremieiev, <i>Antisemitism, compassion, and admiration for Jewish poetry: the images of Jews in the works by Mykhailo Maksymovych</i>	Adrian Vițalaru, <i>Strategic interests and economic cooperation. The beginning of trade relations between Romania and Poland (1920-1921)</i>
Andreea Dahlquist, <i>An unexpected help: The Swedish aid for the Jews of Romania in the 1940s</i>	Bogdan-Alexandru Schipor, <i>Grigore Niculescu-Buzești, Chargé d'Affaires of Romania in Riga during the Fateful Years of the Baltic States, 1939-1940</i>	
Luiza-Maria Filimon, <i>Figleaves all the way down: racialized undercurrents in the rhetoric on immigration of Danish and Swedish ruling parties</i>	Jaroslav Suchoples, <i>Through the Finnish eyes. Bulgaria during WWII according to reports from the Finnish Legation in Sofia (1940-1944)</i>	
	Metin Omer, <i>Controversies in the political activity of a former diplomat Hamdullah Suphi Tanrıöver and the installation of the communist regime in Romania</i>	

<b>16:00 – 16:15</b>	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>
<b>Room E 114</b>	<b>Silviu Miloiu &amp; Bogdan-Alexandru Schipor</b>

FROM 16:15 – CONSTANȚA SIGHTSEEING TOUR



## List of Participants

No.	Name of the participant	Institutional affiliation	Country
1.	Katina Yoneva	Institute for Historical Research of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences	Bulgaria
2.	Ingrid Kressel Vinciguerra	H.E. Mrs. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Estonia in Bucharest	Estonia
3.	Kari Alenius	University of Oulu, Finland	Finland
4.	Jaroslav Suchoples	University of Jyväskylä	Finland
5.	Sándor Földvári	Debrecen University	Hungary
6.	Māra Zirņīte	Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia	Latvia
7.	Maruta Pranka	Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia	Latvia
8.	Ginta Elksne,	Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia	Latvia
9.	Krišs Kapenieks	University of Latvia	Latvia
10.	Ēriks Jēkabsons	University of Latvia	Latvia
11.	Aiga Bērziņa-Kite	University of Latvia	Latvia
12.	Andrejs Gusačenko	University of Latvia	Latvia
13.	Ginta Ieva Bikše	University of Latvia	Latvia
14.	Jānis Tomaševskis	University of Latvia	Latvia
15.	Donatas Augulis	Chargé d'affaires a.i. Embassy of Lithuania in Bucharest	Lithuania
16.	Dainius Genys	Vytautas Magnus University of Kaunas	Lithuania
17.	Marc Lanteigne	UiT The Arctic University of Norway	Norway
18.	Christopher Rossi	UiT The Arctic University of Norway	Norway
19.	Gianina Druță	Oslo Metropolitan University	Norway
20.	Octavian Țicu	Institute of History, Republic of Moldova	Republic of Moldova
21.	Dan-Marcel Iliescu	Rector of Ovidius University of Constanța	Romania
22.	Silviu Miloiu	Vice-Rector of Valahia University of Targoviste & President of the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies	Romania
23.	Alexandru Bobe	Vice-Rector of Ovidius University of Constanța	Romania
24.	Adél Furu	Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca	Romania
25.	Gabriel Stelian Manea	Ovidius University of Constanța	Romania
26.	Adrian-Alexandru Herța	Ovidius University of Constanța	Romania
27.	Sergiu Musteață	Valahia University of Târgoviște	Romania
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