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Entangled Histories: Romanians and Greeks in the Wider Balkan World (18th-20th Centuries)



Iaşi, November 4-6, 2026
Ferdinand Room & Vespasian Pella Room
"Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iaşi

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Thursday, November, 5th
First Session
Ferdinand Room, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University
Chair: Gabriel Leanca and Eleni Kampakaki

9.00-10.20: Conference Opening and Welcome Speeches

Liviu-George Maha, Rector of "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iaşi

Mihai Chirica, Mayor of the City of Iaşi

Lili Evangelia Grammatika, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic in Romania

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Gabriel Leanca, Head of the Center for the History of International Relations (CIRI), Iaşi

10.20-11.00: Opening speech

Leonidas Rados (Romanian Academy - Iași Branch), *A delayed golden jubilee: The founding and early activity of the Seminar / Lectorate of Modern Greek Language at the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași*

11.00-11.20: Coffee Break

11.20-12.10: Keynote Speaker

Dimitris Stamatopoulos (University of Macedonia), *Correcting Historiographical Models of Continuity: a comparative view on the works of Konstantinos Paparrigopoulos and Nicolae Iorga*

12.30-13.00: Iași County Branch of the National Archives
Exhibition: ***Contacts between the Principality of Moldavia and Greece in Archival Records***
Hosted by Director PhD Florin Cântic

13.00-14.00: Buffet Lounge "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University Rectorate (The Hall of Lost Steps)

Thursday, November, 5th
Second Session
Vespasian Pella Room, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University
Chair: Mircea-Cristian Ghenghea

14.30-17.00: Plenary Session

Cosmin Mihuț ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University), *A Contested Settlement: The Secularization of Monastic Estates in the Romanian Principalities, the Holy Places and the Guaranteeing Powers' Acceptance, 1863-1865*

Dimitrios Kontogeorgis (University of Cyprus), *Hopes, fears and anxiety among Braila Greeks during the late 19th century. Between assimilation and isolation*

Lia Brad Chisacof (Romanian Academy), *Greece Seen at the End of the 19th Century in a Regional Context* **(online)**

Alma Hannig (University of Bonn), *Different Perspectives Different Perceptions: Greece and Romania in Austria-Hungary and Germany before the First World War*

Vlasis Vlasidis (University of Macedonia), *The Displacement of the Romanian Community of Thessaloniki and the Confiscation of its Properties. Consequences of the WW2?*

17.00-17.20: Coffee Break

Third Session
Vespasian Pella Room, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University
Chair: Cosmin Mihuț

17.20-19.20: Plenary Session

Nicolas Nicolaides (Centre for Asia Minor Studies), *From Rome to Bucharest and Cappadocia: The Ottoman Afterlives of a Jesuit Catechism*

Daniel Niță-Danielescu ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University) *Un «jeune homme très sage et très versé dans la littérature grecque» sur le trône princier de Iași: Constantin Duca voïvode (1693-1695; 1700-1703)*

Nikos Sergis (University of the Aegean), *Benjamin from Lesvos towards Wallachia and Moldavia: Crossing the Borders between Religion, Philosophy and Science*

Spyridoula Fyrogeni ((5th Primary School of Petroupolis-Athens), **Eleni Kampakaki** (Lectorate of Modern Greek Language, Iași), *The Child in Occupied Thessaloniki: A Teaching Proposal Using the Film "The Barefoot Battalion"* **(hybrid)**

19.30-20.30: Dinner - Restaurant "Casa Universitarilor"

Friday, November, 6th
Fourth Session
Ferdinand Room, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University
Chair: Dimitris Stamatopoulos

09.00-09.40: Keynote Speaker

Gabriel Leanca ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University), *The Principalities, the Greek Question, and the European Concert: Crisis Management in its Early Stages*

09.40-10.40: Plenary Session

Augustin Guriță ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University) *Greek Hierarchs in Wallachia and Moldavia (18th-19th Centuries). Preliminaries to a Prosopographical Study*

Ștefan Petrescu (Romanian Academy), *The Politics of Giving: Evangelis Zappas and the Olympic Revival* **(online)**

10.40-11.00: Coffee Break

11.00-13.30: First Panel
Vespasian Pella Room, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University
Chair: Eleni Kampakaki

Florina Năstase ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University), *"If things are farcical, they will do for Don Juan; if heroical, you shall have another canto of Childe Harold": Lord Byron and Greek Expectations*

Cristian Ploscaru ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University), *An Unnamed Spy at the Court of Prince Ioan Caragea and His Accounts of Anti-Ottoman Conspiracies*

Angeliki Mouzakiti (Ionian University), *Aspects of the Promotion and Reception of Romanian Culture in Greece (during the 20th and 21st centuries), with an Emphasis on Romanian Literature*

Edith-Adriana Uncu (University of Bucharest), *The Cemetery as a Representation of Greek Communities in Romania* **(online)**

Mirela Averikios ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University), *Translation as Cultural Mediation: A Manuscript of Modern Greek Folk Poetry in the Intellectual Milieu of Nineteenth-Century Iași*

11.00-13.30: Second Panel
Ferdinand Room, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University
Chair: Nicolas Nicolaides

Claudiu-Lucian Topor ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University), *The letters from the Romanian Consulate in Ioannina to the government in Iași. The twists and turns of the final year of the war (1917/1918)*

George Kalpadakis (Academy of Athens), *A Greek Diplomat Witnesses the Birth of Romanian Independence: Alexandros Rizos Ragavis's Unpublished Dispatches from Berlin, 1876-1878* **(online)**

Mircea-Cristian Ghenghea ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University) *Boyar Loyalties in the Century of Nationalities: Alexandru Plagino and the Consolidation of the Modern Romanian State (1859-1866)*

Gürhan Yellice (University of Izmir), *Preventing Another Balkan War: Take Ionescu's Diplomatic Initiatives Between the Ottoman Empire and Greece, 1913–1914* **(online)**

Athanasios Bravos (University of Macedonia), *Greek-Romanian Economic Relations during the Interwar Period*

13.30-15.00: Lunch - Restaurant "Casa Universitarilor"

15.15-16.30: Book launch, Orest Tafrali Bookshop, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University

Tudor Vladimirescu and the Balkan Emancipation Movements Cultural and Political Approaches, Edited by Cristian Ploscaru, Cosmin M ihuț and John Polemikos, New York, Oxford, Peter Lang, 2026

Guest Speakers:

Professor PhD Dimitris Stamatopoulos
Associate Professor PhD Gabriel Leanca

18.30-20.00: Dinner - Restaurant "Casa Universitarilor"