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CULTURAL CONFLUENCES IN ROMANIAN URBAN SPACE

PROGRAMME
HYBRID FORMAT

6-7 NOVEMBER 2026

FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

14.30 - 15.00 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

CAMPUS CORP A, ROOM 214

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OPENING REMARKS:

Prof. dr. habil. Marina Cap-Bun – Director of the STUR Research Center

Prof. dr. habil. Florentina Nicolae – Scientific Secretary of the STUR Research Center

PLENARY LECTURES

15.00 – 15.30: Dr. Jacopo Santini, New York University (Florence Campus), '*Epistulae ex Ponto'. What would Ovid see today?*

15.30 – 16.00: Prof. univ. dr. Nelu Zugravu, „Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iaşi, *Ornamenta civitatis and the construction of Roman identity*

16.00 – 16.30 Discussions.

SATURDAY, 7 NOVEMBER

ROOM 214
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Chairs: Prof. habil. Marina Cap-Bun & Assoc. Prof. Elena Ionescu
9.00 – 13.30

Bianca - Ionela Matei, Constanta County School Inspectorate / "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *From the Gothic Chamber to the Bucharest Labyrinth: Spectral Femininity and the Aesthetics of Unease in Edgar Allan Poe's "Ligeia" and Mircea Eliade's "La Țigănci"*

Elena Ionescu, University of Bucharest, *Bucharest, 1968: the Architecture of a Triumph*

Mona Momescu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Self-stereotypes and Allostereotypes in Literary Urban Space (Isaac Peltz)*

Mihaela Hristea, "Dimitrie Cantemir" Christian University, Bucharet, *"The Banquet" – a Reflection of Heinrich Heine's Religious Opinions*

Cristina Lucia Andreescu (Vezeteu), "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Between Disobedience and Moral Discernment: The Child Confronting Authority in Lewis Carroll, Mark Twain, and I. L. Caragiale' Works*

Raluca-Aida Abbas (Ifrim), "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Titu Maiorescu and the Shaping of Modern Romanian Cultural Identity: From Critical Image to Urban Imaginary*

Cristina Popa C. (Mihăilă), "Ovidius" University of Constanta/ "C. A. Rosetti" Technological High School, *Atmospheric Fantasy in the Novel "The Black Church" by A. E. Baconsky*

Andreea Blagă (Vlad), Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Fortresses, Market Towns, and Bazaars: The Romanian City as a Space of Confluence in the Works of Evliya Çelebi and Dimitrie Cantemir*

Marina Cap-Bun, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Creangă's Iași*

Coffe Break: 11.00 – 11.30

Bianca Ibadula, "Mihai Eminescu" National College of Constanta, *Cicero's Rhetoric – A Point of Confluence in Eminescu's Journalism*

Cristina Fătu (Alexe), "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The City as a Space of Cultural Confluences: Identity, Modernity, and Alterity in the Work of I. L. Caragiale*

Cristina Barbu (Muşat), "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Negotiating National Identity. Patriotic Discourse in the Journalism of I. L. Caragiale*

Augustin-Virgiliu Petcu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Matei Vișniec at the crossroads of East and West*

Luminița Moiseanu (Radu), "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Mythologized Bucharest. Metamorphoses of Urban Space in the Fantastic Prose of Mircea Eliade*

Andreea Valentina Miroiu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The Twilight of the City: Death and Social Dissolution in the Novel 'Darkening' by Cezar Petrescu*

Laura Popan, "Babeș-Bolyai" University of Cluj-Napoca, *Topographies of Modernity: Interwar Bucharest between Cosmopolitanism and Alienation in the Novels of Cezar Petrescu*

Alina Elena Astăluș, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Digital Cities and Cultural Memory: The Reimagining of Literary Archetypes in Video Games' Urban Spaces*

Ana Banu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Facing and Placing Collective Trauma: A Comparative Analysis of Augustin Buzura and Michael Herr*

ROOM 218
HYBRID FORMAT. Connection link: https://ovidius.webex.com/meet/fl_conferinte
Chairs:
Lecturer dr. Mădălina Ionescu & Lecturer dr. Iuliana David
9.00 – 11.00

Matilda Breazu, University of Bucharest, *Contemporary Names of Food and Drink Establishments in Bucharest: Naming Strategies and Cultural Confluences*
Adriana Moraru (Dumitru), "Matei Basarab" Pedagogical High School in Slobozia, *The Geography of Snobbery and Cultural Hybridity in Bucharest Salons as Depicted in the Prose of Hortensia Papadat-Bengescu*
Alexandra Cîrcu, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iaşi, *Between Swamps and Bucharest: Surrealist Rewritings of Spatiality in the Novel "Zenobia"*
Sînziana-Maria Stoie, "Transilvania" University of Braşov, *The City in Crisis: Representations of Urban Modernity in the Poetry of Geo Dumitrescu and Ion Caraion*
Ruxandra Pană, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Neighbourhoods in Dialogue: Urban Space in Romanian and American Hip-Hop*
Ancuța-Maria Smădu, (Pavel), "The Lower Danube" University of Galaţi, *„ The Romantic Years" - Chronicle of an Estrangement*
Mădălina Ionescu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Cosmopolitanism and Marginality: The Urban Imaginary in Tudor Ganea's Prose*
Iuliana David, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, & Virginia Petrică, Independent Researcher, *Between East and West: Representations of the Romanian Urban Space in Travel Accounts*

Coffe Break: 11.00 – 11.30

Silviu Tănase, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Transatlantic Gothic Confluences: American Gothic and its Reception in Romanian Urban Culture*
Maria-Cristina Popoiu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The City and Forbidden Love: Spatial Identities in Two Rewritings of "Romeo and Juliet"*
Oana Gări-Neguţ, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The City of Constanta - Literary Geography and the Source of Fiction for Tudor Ganea*
Mihaela Simona Şerban, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Urban Cultural Confluences Reflected in the Film "Felix and Otilia"*
Gabriela Neguţu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Representations of Bucharest in Romanian Crime Fiction*
Elena Gheorghiu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Cultural Confluences in Market Towns of Dobruja, between the Two World Wars*

ROOM 212
FORMAT HIBRID. Connection link: https://meet39.webex.com/meet/pr1263343981
Moderatori:
Conf. univ. dr. Daniela Crăciun & Assist. Ph. D. Student Cristina Lumezeanu
9.00 – 11.00

Daniela Crăciun, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Venice as a Space of Cultural Confluences: Memory and Urban Imaginary*
Corina Apostoleanu, Constanța County Library "Ioan N. Roman", *Urban Scenes from Dobruja in Literature and Journalism*
Alina Buzatu & Cristina Rogojină, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Representations of (Urban) Space at the Beginnings of the Romanian Novel. Case Study: 'The Mysteries of Marriage', I, II, III (C.D. Aricescu)*
Anastasia Dumitru, "Apollonia" University of Iaşi, *Cultural Confluences at the Royal Residences in Sinaia*
Mihaela Miron, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Critical Thinking: Theoretical Models*

Alexandra Ruscanu, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iaşi, *Female Intimacy and the Experience of Urbanity in the Prose of Female Writers from the 'Sburătorul' Group*

Cristina Lumezeanu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Readings of the Character of Emma Bovary and Uses of the Concept of Bovarism in the 20th-Century Romanian Literary Studies*

Teodora Şooş, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Communicating Spaces. The Urban in the Literature of Iordan Chimet*

Valentin-Paul Baciu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The City, Swearing and the Anxiety of Social Contagion in Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure"*

Zahra Al-Sharoufi, Université libre de Bruxelles, *Creolized Romanian-Canadian Identities in Nina Trifan's "The Country That Lives Within Me". A Glissantian Perspective on Identity Formation and Migration*

Cristina Rogojină, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The Narrated City: Cultural Memory, Legend, and Urban Identity in Constanța*

ROOM 035
HYBRID FORMAT. Connection link: https://ovidius.webex.com/meet/cristina.dafinoiu
Chairs: Assoc. Prof. Cristina Dafinoiu & Lecturer Raluca Levonian
9.00 – 11.00

Lilia Trincă, "Alecu Russo" State University of Bălţi, *Weather and Time in Romanian Formulaic Discourse: Conceptual Structures and Cultural Representations*

Sanda Pădureţu, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, *The Experience of International Students in Romania: Between Cultural Adaptation and Social Integration*

Angelica Căpraru, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, *Cultural Adaptation of International Students: Challenges and Integration Strategies*

Andrea Peterlicean, "Sapientia" Hungarian University of Transylvania, *Multilingual Repertoire, Mediation and Meaning-Making in Romanian as a Foreign Language*

Arina Chirilă, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, From *Word to Use: Artificial Intelligence, Lexical Recycling, and the Design of Learning Progression in Romanian as a Foreign Language*

Cristina Gafu & Robert Adrian Knippelberg, Petroleum-Gas University of Ploieşti, *Aspects of the Conceptualization of Morphological Space in the Romanian Urban Environment. Case Study: the Cinemas of the City of Ploiești*

Ioana Braşoveanu, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iaşi, *Effective Strategies for Vocabulary Acquisition in Foreign Language Teaching and Learning*

Marcel Bâlici & Mădălina Bâlici, Moldova State University, *The role of the Articulatory Method in the Development of Phonetic-Phonological Competence*

Laura Elena Pascale, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *From Cultural Experience to Intercultural Competence: A Model for the Experiential Learning of Romanian as a Foreign Language in the Urban Space of Dobruja*

Cristina Dafinoiu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta / „Angel Kanchev" University of Ruse, Silistra Branch, Bulgaria, Raluca Levonian, "Ovidius" University of Constanta & Ioana-Cristina Pârvu (Joița), University of Bucharest, *Integrating the Urban Linguistic Landscape as a Sociocultural Dimension in the Acquisition of Romanian as a Foreign Language*

ROOM 134
HYBRID FORMAT. Connection link: https://meetingsemea18.webex.com/meet/caprioara.ct
Chairs: Professor Emeritus Petre Gheorghe Bârlea & Assoc. Prof. Cosmin Căprioară
9.00 – 11.00

Petre Gheorghe Bârlea, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Homeric Citadels and Their Names in Romanian Versions of the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey"*

Cosmin Căprioară, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The Concept of "City" in the Romance Languages*

Veronica Nedelcu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The Current Linguistic Landscape – From Diversity to Identity in the Urban Space of Dobrogea*

Marinușa Constantin, "Valahia" University of Târgoviște, *Urban Vocabulary in the Linguistic Writings of Ion Heliade-Rădulescu*

Georgel Constantin Stoica, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *From «vai!» to «wow!»: the Interjection between Tradition and Cultural Influence in the Romanian Urban Space*

Adelina Ilie Aron, "Valahia" University of Târgoviște / "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The Expression of Space in the "Acts of the Apostles". From Jerusalem to Rome*

Ioana Iordache, "Valahia" University of Târgoviște / "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The Urban Imaginary and the Metaphor of the city in Biblical Parables*

Viorica Greceanu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The Inhabited City and the Visited City: Reflections on the Urban Identity of the Two Towns of Eforie*

Andreea-Roxana Savin (Dăscălescu-Savin), "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Historical Memory and Toponymic Dynamics in South-Western Dobruja: Case Studies of Selected Fortified Centres*

ROOM 136
HYBRID FORMAT. Connection link: https://ovidius.webex.com/meet/florentina.nicolae
Chairs: Prof. univ. dr. habil. Florentina Nicolae & Assist. dr. Ana-Maria Popa
9.00 – 13.30

Manuela Nevaci & Irina Floarea, „Iorgu Iordan – Al. Rosetti" Institute of Linguistics, Romanian Academy / University of Bucharest, *Pastoral Terms in the Aromanian and Megleno-Romanian Dialects: Correspondences and Romance Lexical Areas*

Ana-Maria Popa, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Pragmatic Considerations Related to "Tabellae Defixionum" with an Amourous Theme (Uratur furens amore et desiderio meo)*

Gabriela Olteanu, Independent Researcher, *Historical Layers of the Constanța Peninsula within the Contemporary Urban Space*

Theodora Flaut, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Publius Ovidius Naso and Constanța: Cultural Confluences in Defining the Urban Memory of Dobruja*

Alina Marieta Rucăreanu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Interferences and Variation in the Preposition System of Early Romanian Grammars (1757–1822)*

Olga Starciuc (Mihăilă), "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *The Symbol as a Mechanism for Constructing a Fictional World in "The Hieroglyphic History"*

Iuliana Dascălu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Modern Theories in Terminology Research*

Laura-Andreea Drăghici, "Ovidius" University of Constanta / Petroleum-Gaz University of Ploiești, *Discursive Strategies in Conservative Political Discourse: A Comparative-Contrastive Perspective*

Coffe Break: 11.00 – 11.30

Ionelia-Georgiana Drăguș, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Confluences between Biblical Language and Romanian Modernity in Ion Heliade Rădulescu's Biblical Translations*

Andreea-Lavinia Ciucioiu, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Discursive Strategies in Petru Maior's Funeral Rhetoric*

Gabriela-Mariana Ciupercă (Greavu), "Ovidius" University of Constanta, „Nu se face!" [That's not how it's done]: *Norms, Prohibitions, and Deontic Modality in Oral Communication*

Andreea-Victorița Chiriac (Beceanu), "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Paths to Knowledge: Educational Institutions, Access to Schooling and the Theory-Practice Divide in Nineteenth-Century England and the Romanian Principalities*

Ioana Vasiloiu, University of Bucharest, *The Dynamics of Contemporary Cultural Institutions*

Alina Buzarna-Tihenea (Gălbează), "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *Echoes of the Romanian Vampire Myth in Robert Eggers's 2024 Film*

Florentina Nicolae, "Ovidius" University of Constanta, *A Romanian Scholar in the Urban University Environment of the 17th Century*

ROOM 214
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13.45 – 14.45

Book Launch:

Marina Cap-Bun, Florentina Nicolae, Cristina Dafinoiu (coord.), *Călători şi călătorii. Limba şi literatura română în contact cu alte culturi. / Travelers and Journeys. Romanian Language and Literature in Contact with other Cultures*, Bucureşti, Editura Universitară, 2026.

Marina Cap-Bun, Florentina Nicolae, Costel Coroban, Cristina Dafinoiu (coord.), *Cultura şi civilizaţia românească premodernă*, Cluj-Napoca, Presa Universitară Clujeană, 2025.

Nicolae Saramandu, Manuela Nevaci, Irina Floarea, *Manual de dialect aromân pentru studiu universitar – nivel avansat (C1). Patrimoniu cultural şi lingvistic*, Bucureşti, Editura Universităţii din Bucureşti, 2026

Cristina Valentina Dafinoiu, Veronica Cristina Nedelcu, Laura Elena Pascale, *Peisajul cultural dobrogean. O altfel de monografie / Dobrugea's Cultural Landscape. A Different View*, Constanţa, Ovidius University Press, 2025

Ana-Theodora Flaut, *Constituirea limbajului filosofic românesc în perioada iluministă*, Bucureşti, Editura Universitară, 2026

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Closing remarks

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