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FINAL CONFERENCE

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT, SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

IN TIMES OF CRISIS

19-20 June 2026

Onsite, Hybrid and Online Sessions

P R O G R A M M E

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

All time intervals are in Bucharest Local Time (EET)

Friday, 19 June 2026

8:30 – 9:00 - Registration

9:00 – 9:30

OPENING CEREMONY

(Hybrid)

DRI Council Room – 8 Piata Romana, Ground Floor

Zoom link: <https://ase.zoom.us/j/94570586707>

Welcome Speeches:

Prof.Dr. Constantin Marius PROFIROIU – Vice-Rector with International Relations, BUES

Prof.Dr. André TORRE – University Paris-Saclay, Project Director

Prof.Dr. Daniela-Luminita CONSTANTIN – BUES Project Responsible

Messages :

Prof. Dr. Clara VOLINTIRU – BUES, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Dr. Anca DRAGU – Governor, National Bank of the Republic of Moldova

9:30 – 10:50

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KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS (Hybrid)

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CHAIRS: Constantin Marius PROFIROIU, Daniela-Luminita CONSTANTIN

NOT JUST A PLACE TO MEET: WHY THIRD PLACES MATTER IN PERIPHERAL COMMUNITIES

Neil REID - University of Toledo, Ohio, USA

Discussant: Rosella Nicolini - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT. COLLABORATIVE AND COOPERATIVE BEHAVIOURS FOR PLACE-BASED POLICIES

André TORRE - University Paris-Saclay, INRAE, UMR SADAPT, Paris, France

Discussant : **Yannis PSYCHARIS** - Panteion University, Athens, Greece

10 :50 – 11:20 Coffee Break

11 :20 – 13:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

**SPECIAL SESSION : TERRITORIAL POLICIES FOR PERIPHERAL REGIONS (I) - Hybrid
DRI Council Room**

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CHAIRS: André TORRE, Barbara MARTINI

**TERRITORIAL IMBALANCES: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR THE
SOCIOECONOMIC COHESION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Rosella NICOLINI - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

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**TOWARD A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF EURO-SCEPTICISM: DETERMINANTS,
DYNAMICS, AND CONSEQUENCES**

Massimo GIANNINI, Barbara MARTINI - University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy

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BEYOND DISTANCE: THE RELATIONAL FOUNDATION OF PERIPHERALITY

Alessandra de RENZIS - Gran Sasso Science Institute (GSSI), Social Sciences Area,
L'Aquila, Fondazione Gran Sasso Tech, L'Aquila, **Alessandra FAGGIAN** - Gran Sasso
Science Institute (GSSI), Social Sciences Area, L'Aquila, Italy

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**TERRITORIAL VULNERABILITIES AND REGIONAL RESILIENCE IN PORTUGAL: AN
EXPLORATORY SPATIAL ANALYSIS**

Hugo PINTO - University of Coimbra, **Renato Miguel do CARMO** - Instituto Universitário
de Lisboa, CIES-Iscte, Lisbon, Portugal

PARALLEL SESSION (Hybrid) : COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE AND LOCAL RESILIENCE

Room 104 (Centre of Japanese Studies) – 8 Piata Romana, 1st Floor

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CHAIRS: Norbert PETROVICI, Anca PARASCHIV

ECOSYSTEM GOVERNANCE AND URBAN REINVENTION: UNIVERSITIES AS DRIVERS OF POST-INDUSTRIAL TRANSFORMATION IN CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROMANIA

Calin HINTEA, Bogdana NEAMTU, Tudor TICLAU - Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

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BAUHAUS AND THE ALGORITHM IN PLACE-BASED MANUFACTURING, AI GOVERNANCE AND LOCAL RESILIENCE

Chandana RATNAYAKE - SINTEF Industry, Process Technology, University of South-Eastern Norway (USN), Norway, **Raluca ANTONIE** - Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania; **RATE AI Ltd.**, Galway, Ireland

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THE LICENSING PERIPHERY: ROMANIA'S CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND THE PRODUCTIVE ARCHITECTURE OF ADVANCED PERIPHERALITY

Zoltán MIHÁLY, Norbert PETROVICI - Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

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DOES EU INTEGRATION IMPROVE COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE? EVIDENCE FROM RELATIONAL CAPITAL INDICES IN ROMANIA AND MOLDOVA

Vlad NERĂU, George ȘTEFAN, Ionuț BUȘEGA, Anca PARASCHIV - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

13:00 – 14 :00 Lunch

DRI Lobby – 8 Piata Romana, Ground Floor

14:00 – 16:00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

SPECIAL SESSION : TERRITORIAL POLICIES FOR PERIPHERAL REGIONS (II) (Hybrid)

DRI Council Room

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CHAIRS: Massimo Giannini, George STEFAN

DEVELOPMENT TRAPS AND PROSPERITY CORRIDORS: MAPPING SPATIALLY EMBEDDED REGIONAL INEQUALITIES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Sebastien BOURDIN - IESEG School of Management, University of Lille, **André TORRE** - University Paris-Saclay, INRAE, UMR SADAPT, Paris, France

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MAPPING OF EU PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION PATTERNS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN REGIONS

Balazs PAGER - ELTE Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Institute for Regional Studies, Budapest, Hungary

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THE MULTIPLE ROLES OF LOCAL ACTION GROUPS IN SHAPING SUSTAINABILITY TRANSFORMATION IN GERMAN LEADER REGIONS

Artem KORZHENEVYCH - Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development and TUD Dresden University of Technology, Dresden, **Sabine PHILIPPS** - Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development, Dresden, **Franziska GÖRMAR** - Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Leipzig, **Katrin MARTENS** - Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HUB), Berlin, Germany

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MIGRATION FLOWS OF YOUNG GRADUATES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION: LOCATION FOR STUDIES VS LOCATION AFTER GRADUATION

Yannis PSYCHARIS - Panteion University, Athens, Greece, **Alina SCHOENBERG** - IMC Krems University of Applied Sciences, Austria, **Thomas GEORGIADIS** - Panteion University, Athens, **Dimitrios G.IERAPETRITIS** - Panteion University, Athens, Greece, **Vanessa REISECKER** - IMC Krems University of Applied Sciences, Austria

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DOES EUROPEANIZATION BUILD DELIBERATIVE CITIZENS? DIGITAL CIVIC DISCOURSE IN THE EU'S PERIPHERY — A COMPARATIVE NETNOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS OF ROMANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

George ȘTEFAN - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, **Norbert PETROVICI** - Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca and Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

PARALLEL SESSION (Hybrid) : PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM CHALLENGES
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CHAIRS: Alina Georgiana PROFIROIU, Ionuț-Ciprian NEGOIȚĂ

AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN UKRAINE AND ROMANIA: INSTITUTIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Alina Georgiana PROFIROIU, Corina Cristiana NASTACĂ, Ionuț-Ciprian NEGOIȚĂ, Roxana BRISCARIU - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania, **Valerii ZHUK, Stanislav VASYLISHYN** - National Scientific Centre "Institute of Agrarian Economics, ALC "Institute of Accounting and Finance" of the NAAS of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine

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DEVELOPING SUSTAINABILITY COMPETENCIES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: TRAINING PUBLIC OFFICIALS FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN ROMANIA

Alina Georgiana PROFIROIU, Corina Cristiana NASTACĂ, Roxana BRISCARIU, Ionuț-Ciprian NEGOIȚĂ, Claudiu SIMION - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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DETERMINANTS OF AIR PASSENGER MOBILITY IN EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRIES: A PANEL DATA ANALYSIS

Elena PRADA, Ana-Maria MARCU - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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DIGITAL SKILLS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH NEXUS: EVIDENCE FROM THE EU MEMBER STATES

Nicoleta SÎRGHI, Elena-Alexandra SINOI, Maria Magdalena DOROIMAN - West University of Timisoara, Romania

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MINIMUM WAGES IN EUROPE: A CORE-PERIPHERY PERSPECTIVE WITH FOCUS ON MOLDOVA, SERBIA, UKRAINE AND ROMANIA

Cristina LINCARU, Ghenadie CIOBANU, Victoria BLIZNIUK - National Institute for Labour and Social Protection, **Amalia CRISTESCU** - Bucharest University of Economic Studies and National Institute for Labour and Social Protection, Bucharest, Romania

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:30

PARALLEL SESSIONS

PARALLEL SESSION (Hybrid) : SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

DRI Council Room

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CHAIRS: Ionuț-Ciprian NEGOIȚĂ, Zoltán MIHÁLY

SHAPING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM THROUGH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION IN ROMANIA AND MOLDOVA

Constantin Marius PROFIROIU, Ionuț-Ciprian NEGOIȚĂ, Claudiu SIMION - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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BEYOND SOVEREIGNTIST PARTIES: PARLIAMENTARY ANCHORING AND EXTRA-PARTISAN MOBILISATION IN ROMANIA'S 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Catalin Augustin STOICA – National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, **Norbert PETROVICI** - Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

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FISCAL COALITIONS IN ADVANCED PERIPHERAL ECONOMIES: A FOUR-MECHANISM CONFIGURATION AND THE POLITICAL CRISIS OF REGRESSIVE CONSOLIDATION

Cristi POP, Norbert PETROVICI, Zoltán MIHÁLY - Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

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GREENING WITHOUT MEANS? DECARBONIZATION AS A DEPENDENCY-ENHANCING MECHANISM UNDER ADVANCED PERIPHERALITY

Zoltán MIHÁLY, Norbert PETROVICI - Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

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CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH IN ROMANIA : TRENDS, POLICIES AND MEASURES

Ancuța AGHENITEL, Mihai POPESCU, Carmen NASTASE – Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava

YOUNG SCIENTIST SESSION (Hybrid)

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CHAIRS: Ionuț NICA, Ionuț BUȘEGA

**URBANIZATION-DRIVEN GROWTH AND TERRITORIAL FRACTURES IN ROMANIA:
FROM NATIONAL CONVERGENCE TO LOCAL DIVERGENCE**

Ionuț BUȘEGA - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE IN EASTERN
EUROPE: EVIDENCE FROM ROMANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

Ionuț NICA, Ștefan IONESCU - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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**THE VALUE OF STATISTICAL DATA IN MEASURING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL: PROGRESS AND DISPARITIES IN ROMANIA, UKRAINE,
AND MOLDOVA**

Vladimir Adrian COSTEA - National Institute of Statistics and Research Institute of the University of Bucharest, **Ionuț-Ciprian NEGOIȚĂ** - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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**SUSTAINABILITY SIGNALS OR FINANCIAL NOISE? ESG PERFORMANCE AND FIRM
FUNDAMENTALS IN ROMANIA**

Corina Cristiana NASTACĂ, Manuel Victoraș STĂNILĂ - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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**SKILLS MISMATCH, WORKFORCE ADAPTATION AND REGIONAL RESILIENCE: AN
AGENT-BASED APPROACH TO LABOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

Ștefan IONESCU, Ionuț NICA - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

Saturday, 20 June

10:00 – 11:30

PARALLEL SESSION (Online) : RESILIENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Zoom link:

<https://ase.zoom.us/j/2566555603?pwd=ZUdXWFpnbDkvcUNaaFhHbWt3aDdFQT09>

CHAIRS: Daniela-Luminita CONSTANTIN, Clara VOLINTIRU

RESPONSES TO MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES-RELATED CHALLENGES. A SPOTLIGHT ON BUCHAREST-ILFOV DEVELOPMENT REGION

Daniela-Luminita CONSTANTIN - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE EXPROPRIATION PROCESS ON THE DYNAMICS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Clara VOLINTIRU, Ioan PARASCHIV, Anca Maria PARASCHIV - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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TERRITORIAL RESILIENCE AND PLACE-BASED DEVELOPMENT IN EU PERIPHERAL REGIONS: EVIDENCE FROM ROMANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA USING GREY CLUSTERING

Andra SANDU - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

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SPATIAL PATTERNS OF ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITY IN ROMANIA: A REGIONAL ANALYSIS USING CONCENTRATION AND AUTOCORRELATION INDICATORS

Horatiu TIBREA-MARCU - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

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BEYOND GAMBLING: THE ROLE OF STATE LOTTERIES IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL RESILIENCE

Ionuț ANDREI - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

PARALLEL SESSION (Online): GOVERNANCE AND CURRENT SOCIAL-ECONOMIC CHALLENGES: IMPLICATIONS FOR PERIPHERAL REGIONS

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CHAIRS: Camelia DELCEA, Anca PARASCHIV

**A PERSPECTIVE ON INFLATIONARY PRESSURES IN THE CONTEXT OF
CONTEMPORARY SOCIO-ECONOMIC VULNERABILITIES**

Anca PARASCHIV - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, **Anca Dana DRAGU** - National Bank of Moldova, Republic of Moldova, **Clara VOLINTIRU** - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, **Ioan PARASCHIV** - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania

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**GOVERNANCE, SECURITY, AND TERRITORIAL RESILIENCE IN EU PERIPHERAL
REGIONS: EVIDENCE FROM ROMANIA AND MOLDOVA USING GREY CLUSTERING**

Camelia DELCEA - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

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**SWOT ANALYSIS OF THE SOCIAL PROTECTION SYSTEM IN THE REPUBLIC OF
MOLDOVA IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

Oxana BARBĂNEAGRĂ, Gabriela GÎNDEA - Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Republic of Moldova

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**INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION, EMPLOYMENT RESILIENCE, AND REGIONAL
TRANSFORMATION IN EUROPE: EVIDENCE FROM GREY RELATIONAL ANALYSIS**

Dana TEODORESCU - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

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**FISCAL DECENTRALIZATION AND CORRUPTION IN ROMANIAN COUNTIES: A
WITHIN-COUNTRY PANEL ANALYSIS**

Adina TRANDAFIR, Laura IACOB - "Spiru Haret" University of Constanta

**PARALLEL SESSION (Online): SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF PERIPHERAL
REGIONS IN ROMANIA AND MOLDOVA**

Zoom link:

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CHAIRS: Tatiana BUCOS, Amalia CRISTESCU

STRATEGIC INNOVATION CAPACITY AND TERRITORIAL RESILIENCE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION: A GREY CLUSTERING APPROACH FOR PLACE-BASED DEVELOPMENT

Ioana IOANAS - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

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TERRITORIAL POLICIES FOR PERIPHERAL REGIONS IN ROMANIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: LEGAL FRAMEWORK, TERRITORIAL RESILIENCE, AND SUSTAINABLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Elena RUSU CIGU - Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, **Marius BRĂNICI** - Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi and Gheorghe Asachi Technical University of Iasi, Romania

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SUSTAINABLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH CIRCULAR ECONOMY: MODELS AND IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

Tatiana BUCOS, Alina CODREANU - Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Republic of Moldova

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MAPPING TERRITORIAL RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS IN ROMANIAN COUNTIES: A GREY CLUSTERING PERSPECTIVE

Bianca CIBU - Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Bucharest, Romania

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GREEN PROCUREMENT AND MODELS FOR SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT: EFFICIENCY EVALUATION IN THE TRANSITION TO GREEN COMMUNITIES

Alina CODREANU - Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Republic of Moldova

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A DYNAMIC PANEL DATA ANALYSIS OF THE ASYMMETRIC IMPACT OF LABOUR COST ON INTRA-EU MIGRATION

Amalia CRISTESCU, Maria Berta BELU, Mădălina Ecaterina POPESCU - Bucharest University of Economic Studies and National Scientific Research Institute for Labour and Social Protection, Romania

11:30 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 12:30 Closing ceremony