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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**



As I approach the “midterm” of my four-year presidency, I cannot help but feel that we’re moving in the right direction. We are becoming a better-known presence on the web and we have grown substantially in membership, expanding both in North America and “across the pond.” I was pleasantly surprised recently, when Chris Deliso, the director of Balkanalysis.com, contacted me to offer SRS the sponsorship of his organization. The SRS board and then our members took up his offer by voting in favor of opening up an option for institutional sponsorship or patronage. Each such request will be considered individually.

Balkanalysis.com, a leading independent website that provides analytical coverage of South Eastern Europe, represents a clear instance of a natural partner for SRS. We look forward to collaborating with them.

Our graduate student essay prize is now well established. Committees have been receiving a number of high quality essays from graduate students in North America each year. The 2011 winner is Cristina Onose from the University of Toronto. Congratulations! This year we also successfully launched, and then awarded the first SRS book prize which went to one of many deserving submissions. Congratulations to Tom Gallagher for this award! Unlike the graduate student essay competition, which takes place every year, the SRS book prize will be awarded every second year. By virtue of an interesting coincidence both of the SRS prizes this year recognized research done on the relationship between Romania and the European Union. (More on this on pp. 3-4)

The SRS board does most of its work through committees. This year the committees have been:

- Book Prize Committee—Margaret Beissinger (chair), Lavinia Stan, and Peter Wagner.
- Graduate Student Essay Prize Committee—Matthew Ciscel (chair), Holly Case, and Peter Gross .
- Nominating Committee—Maria Bucur, Ashby Crowder, and Peter Gross.



- International Conference Committee—Matthew Ciscel (chair), Margaret Beissinger, Monica Ciobanu, Catherine Hansen, Irina Livezeanu, and Lavinia Stan.

Almost all of our communication is now done electronically with Ashby Crowder and Paul Michelson responsible for e-mail and Facebook updates. The newsletter, also distributed via internet, is edited by Roland Clark. As four of our Board members are reaching the end of their terms, we are seeking SRS members who would be interested in running for their positions. Please let me know if you would like to run.

Looking toward the near future, later this month many of us will meet in Washington, DC at the annual ASEES convention where many of us will take turns being on panels and in the audience. SRS will also hold its meeting there, at 6:30-7:30 on Friday, November 18. Our two prizes will be officially conferred there. We will also have updates from SRS officers and committee chairs on their recent work, and an open discussion of ideas about new or ongoing activities. Earlier that same day, from 12:30 to 2 p.m., the Embassy of Romania is hosting a reception for SRS members and friends of Romanian Studies. Please let me know if you'd like to be added to the list of invitees. The next meeting of SRS will be scheduled for the ASN conference at Columbia University in New York, April 19-21, 2012.

SRS will host its 2012 international conference in the lovely city of Sibiu. The current planning committee was grateful for the work done by an earlier pre-conference planning committee made up of Matthew Ciscel, Narcis Tulbure, and Roland Clark. Last year they came up with several possible locations, formats, and likely topics for the event. While Roland and Narcis moved on to attend to dissertation work, Matthew has continued in his role of "central planner" for the conference. Due to his connections on the ground, we have secured a partnership with the Lucian Blaga University in Sibiu, which will host the conference at the beginning of July 2012. The Romanian Cultural Institute in Bucharest is another important partner for the conference. We hope to bring still other institutional partners into the event. Please let me know if you have ideas about such institutions.

The general theme of the conference, "Europeanization and Globalization: Romanians in Their Region and the World," was conceived both in response to current scholarly trends and to include academics from a range of disciplines and across a wide chronological swath. You'll find many more details about the conference in the Call for Papers and Panels on pages 6-7. Tom Gallagher, the winner of this year's SRS book prize, will be the keynote speaker. I hope that you will pass along the call for papers to any and all potential participants including colleagues and graduate students around the world. The proposal deadline is fast approaching.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the generous support of all of our members whose dues make it possible for SRS to organize events such as the upcoming congress in Sibiu and give out prizes recognizing academic achievements in various fields of Romanian Studies. In particular I would like to recognize the very, very generous support of our first patron member, Mr. Dan Dimancescu, who is the Honorary Consul of Romania in Boston, and who has directed his contribution toward funding our prizes. Our most recent sponsorship is that of Balkanalysis.com, for which we are equally grateful.

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*The Society for Romanian Studies (SRS) is an international inter-disciplinary academic organization founded in 1973 to promote professional study, criticism, and research on all aspects of Romanian culture and civilization, particularly concerning the countries of Romania and Moldova.*

**INAUGURAL BIENNIAL SRS BOOK PRIZE**

The Society for Romanian Studies Book Prize Committee has unanimously chosen Tom Gallagher's *Romania and the European Union: How the Weak Vanquished the Strong* (Manchester and New York: Manchester University Press, 2009) as the best book in Romanian Studies published in English in the period 2009-2010. There were many outstanding volumes competing for this award, but Gallagher's study was our clear first choice because of its highly contemporary and relevant subject matter, original and provocative analyses, logical approach, and lucid style.

*Romania and the European Union* is a remarkable account of how corruption in Romania penetrated the entire process of its entry into the EU in 2007. Based on information that Gallagher collected in large part from outside the existing literature and from numerous personal interviews with key figures involved in the EU negotiations, the book is brilliantly argued. It relates how the local elite not only managed to orchestrate admission into the EU on the basis of an astonishingly minor set of changes but also how Romania has left promises of significant reform largely unfulfilled. Gallagher's unparalleled familiarity with Romania and its politicians greatly informs the novel interpretations that he provides. He compellingly argues that the Romanian post-communist elite managed to gain the trophy of EU membership by outsmarting the naïve and overly eager EU leadership, especially after 2004. Original and courageous in his interpretations, Gallagher masterfully integrates case study and EU accession study by laboriously identifying the various points of contention that surfaced during the years of negotiation over Romania's entry to the EU and the ways in which all of those points were disregarded and even shoved aside. He demonstrates how, in the course of resisting significant political change after 1989 and staunchly defending their own interests, the Romanians involved in the EU discussions were able essentially to pull the wool over the eyes of the anxious and uncertain EU leadership, gaining accession with only a measly agenda for reform. He shows how local figures falsely persuaded the EU that they would satisfy many of the economic criteria for membership, thus convincing the EU to disregard the violations that would occur and even those then taking place. Furthermore, reforms in the judicial system demanded by the EU, maintains Gallagher, were only superficially embraced on the local level yet were

depicted by the Romanians and thus interpreted by the EU as convincing and enduring amendments.

Gallagher also reveals how the EU's attempts at anti-corruption in Romania were unsubstantial, superficial, and out of touch with the massive reality of the problem. Throughout he furnishes a disturbing account of the long-standing deceit and exploitation among Romania's post-communist elite as well as the EU leadership's inability to detect and counteract such conduct. He convincingly points out that the EU continues to be oblivious to corruption in Romania, failing to enforce basic demands for reform that were addressed already years ago. In other words, as Gallagher demonstrates, Romania managed to elude the prerequisites and avowed criteria of the EU for accession, skirting the fundamental requirements for entry and ignoring the promises made for post-entry reform.

As Gallagher's narrative comes together, the implications of Romania's problematic entry into the EU takes on almost sinister implications. He argues that instead of Romania's EU membership serving to foster constructive ties between the long-time European democracies and post-communist states seeking to build their own democratic systems, Romania may very well, in its blatant opposition to the principles of the EU, distort those ideals, perhaps undermining, as Gallagher suggests, the entire European project.

*Romania and the European Union* is a major contribution to Romanian and European studies, a commanding and convincing monograph that is relevant far beyond Romania as the "West" and "East" Europes of the Cold War now seek to eliminate boundaries and become a larger Union of democratic Europes. EU accession has been the single most important event in post-communist Romania. It is fitting, then, that the SRS Book Prize be awarded to Gallagher, whose intrepid and chilling account of Romanian-EU maneuvers over the past ten years offers an extraordinary analysis of these events—an original and powerful reading that boldly confronts and challenges many of the conventional political views and insights. It is a truly great case study. Congratulations, Tom Gallagher, for this seminal and provocative contribution to Romanian Studies!

## SRS GRADUATE STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE

The SRS Graduate Student Essay Prize Committee is pleased to announce the results of the 2011 prize. This year there were seven submissions. Several of the papers were so strong that the committee needed extensive discussion before it arrived at a consensus on the winner. This year's prize goes to **Cristina Onose**, a Master's degree student in European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies at the University of Toronto, for her essay entitled "**EU Funding for Romanian SMEs: A blueprint for bankruptcy?**"

The essay addresses several questions about the effectiveness and implementation of two European Union regional funding programs aimed at supporting small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), with particular attention to the case of Romania. The author argues that weaknesses in the programs' design and accessibility have undermined their impact in Romania, at times even contributing to the failure of SMEs that the programs are intended to support.

The committee chose the essay because it was well-written, with detailed and convincing support from a number of sources, including original data from interviews. The essay also did a good job of explaining the issues involved and contextualizing the conclusions within both Romania and the broader EU. The author showed how the lack of clear implementation guidelines at the EU level and inefficient implementation in Romania has made selection of recipients and distributions of funds slow, uneven, and unreliable for many applicants. In sum, the essay was both highly original and well-written. On behalf of the Society for Romanian Studies, the committee congratulates Ms. Onose.

## HONORS



Katherine Verdery was awarded the 2011 J. I. Staley Prize in Anthropology for her book *The Vanishing Hectare: Property and Value in Postsocialist Transylvania* (Cornell: Cornell University Press, 2003). It will be presented at the American Anthropological Association Conference in Montreal, in November 2011. The J. I. Staley Prize is the most prestigious award in Anthropology, and it is presented by the School for advanced Research (SAR) to a living author for a book that exemplifies outstanding scholarship and writing in anthropology. The award recognizes innovative works that go beyond traditional frontiers and dominant schools of thought in anthropology and add new dimensions to our understanding of the human species. It honors books that cross disciplinary boundaries within anthropology and reach out in new and expanded interdisciplinary directions. This is the first time that a book about Romania has won this prize. Katherine Verdery is a Julien J. Studley Faculty Scholar and Distinguished Professor of Anthropology at the City University of New York (CUNY). Her most recent book is volume she co-edited with Gail Kligman, entitled *Peasants Under Siege: The Collectivization of Romanian Agriculture, 1949-1962* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011).

## FROM THE SECRETARY



Three key items for your agendas: The first, discussed elsewhere in this newsletter, is the national convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies in Washington DC. At the ASEEEES convention, there will be an SRS business meeting. Date: Friday,

November 18; Time: 6:30 pm; Place: Director's Room.

Among other items, the 2011 Graduate Essay Prize and the first ever SRS Book Prize will be presented. All members are welcome. Also occurring at the convention will be a meeting of the South East European Studies Association, on Saturday, November 19, 12:45 pm, Palladian Ballroom.

Secondly, the location, dates, and call for papers for our 2012 conference have been issued: Lucian Blaga University Sibiu, July 2-4, 2012, and "Europeanization and Globalization: Romanians in Their Region and the World." Please note that the deadline for proposals is December 1. See the SRS website for details:

[www.society4romanianstudies.org/news](http://www.society4romanianstudies.org/news).

Thirdly, we have an election coming up for four positions on the National Board. These positions are currently held by Margaret Beissinger (Princeton University), Alexandra Bley-Vroman (independent scholar), Peter Gross (University of Tennessee), and Adam Sorkin (Penn State University Brandywine). Their terms expire January 15, 2012. A nominating committee has been appointed, chaired by Peter Gross (University of Tennessee), and including Maria Bucur (Indiana

University) and Ashby Crowder (US National Archives and Records). They will be submitting a ballot which will be circulated in mid-November. If you have suggestions for nominations, contact Peter Gross at <[pgross@utk.edu](mailto:pgross@utk.edu)> soon.

As the SRS moves forward, we have been fine-tuning our new bylaws. One important change has been to include new institutional patron and sponsorship categories, which has been approved by the membership without any dissenting votes. This was in response to an inquiry from an organization that wanted to know if we accepted such support. The Board will carefully scrutinize such requests on a case-by-case basis to make certain that they are consonant with the mission and purposes of the SRS

from legitimate organizations whose involvement with the SRS seems appropriate. Institutional members will not have a vote and acceptance of an organization as an institutional supporter does not constitute an endorsement of these organizations by the SRS or vice versa. Sponsorship and patronage by both people and organizations will be acknowledged on the SRS web

site, its newsletter, and by offering to link to sponsors' and patrons' web sites.

Our SRS web and Facebook pages are gradually increasing in hits; this means the message is getting out about the new international SRS. Why not suggest that potentially interested colleagues take look at [www.society4romanianstudies.org/](http://www.society4romanianstudies.org/) and [www.facebook.com/pages/Society-for-Romanian-Studies/167574176606081](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Society-for-Romanian-Studies/167574176606081). Both are loaded with news about Romanian Studies.

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**SRS CONFERENCE – CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS**

Lucian Blaga University, Sibiu, 2-4 July 2012

*The Romanian Cultural Institute (ICR) is a sponsoring partner****Europeanization and Globalization: Romanians in Their Region and the World***

More than two decades after the fall of communism and several years after Romania's accession to the European Union, Romanians, whether at home, in a growing diaspora around the world, or by virtue of international economic and cultural networks, are continuing to find themselves integrated into increasingly interconnected European and global institutions and practices. This gradual process of integration into international networks and interaction with foreign powers has been underway for centuries. States that occupied the territory of contemporary Romania and Moldova came under the influence of more powerful neighbors, and stood at the crossroads of both warlike and peaceful migrations. At one point most Romanian boyars spoke Greek, and in the 19th century Romanian students often studied abroad as they are again doing today. In the 1920s and 30s, ethnic and religious diversity contributed both to Europeanization and to domestic and international tensions. Then, the Soviet model played a major role in the imposition of communism. The proposed focus of the 2012 SRS conference encourages historical, cultural and contemporary inquiries into the place of Romanians and Moldovans in European and global structures, while pondering the implications of these trends for the future.

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Tom Gallagher, Professor of the Study of Ethnic Conflict and Peace in the Department of Peace Studies, *University of Bradford, UK*



Dr. Bogdan Murgescu, Professor in the Faculty of History, *University of Bucharest, Romania*

We welcome proposals for papers, panels and round-tables coming from young and established scholars working in history, sociology, anthropology, political science, philosophy, law, linguistics, economics, business, religious studies, theater, literature, cinema studies, music, and education. Possible topics might include, but are not limited to:

- Romania and the European Union
- “Europe’s,” Russia’s, and Romania’s roles in the Republic of Moldova
- The social, political, and ideological implications of globalization in Romania and Moldova
- Migration and diaspora within Europe, North America, etc.
- Consequences of EU accession
- Challenges to European and global integration
- Romanian writers abroad
- Romanian literature in translation
- The global reception of Romanian cinema, literature and art
- The Romanian/Jewish avant-garde in Zurich, Paris, Berlin
- Multinational enterprises in modern Romania and Moldova

- Minority cultures in Romania and Moldova (inc. Roma, German, Hungarian, Jewish, Russian, Ukrainian, Gagauz)
- The construction of a European memory
- Romanian and Moldovan culture in the digital age
- The Romanian language mass media system in the panoply of world media models
- Journalism and political parallelism
- New and old forms of censorship and self-censorship
- Romanians' and Moldovans' historical encounters with "others"
- The image of the Roma/Jew/Hungarian/German among Romanians

Paper proposals should include the title of the presentation, a brief abstract of up to 500 words, a short c.v., and the contact information of the presenter. They should be sent in a single attached Word or PDF document **by December 1, 2011**, to Matthew Ciscel at CiscelM@ccsu.edu. Proposals for 2-hour panels including 3-4 papers, one chair, and 1-2 discussants should provide a description of the panel topic, abstracts of papers, short c.v.'s and contact information for all participants. Panel participants should be drawn from at least two different universities. 2-hour round-tables of 3-5 participants will also be considered. The conference languages are English and Romanian. Participants will be notified of the acceptance of their proposal by January 30, 2012.

In order to assure that the conference is accessible to scholars from across the Atlantic region and to those from Romania and the Republic of Moldova, the conference fees will be quite modest. For scholars from North America, the fee will be 40 USD; for those from the Eurozone and other world regions, 40 Euros, and from Romania, Moldova, and post-Communist realms, 40 Romanian Lei. Graduate students will be exempt from this fee. SRS membership will also be required and additional for those paying in USD and Euros, but included for those paying in Lei.

## SOUNDBITES ON ROMANIA AND MOLDOVA

### **Romanian Politics – All Quiet on the Bucharest Front**

*Lavinia Stan, St. Francis Xavier University*

Last year, the decision of the Emil Boc cabinet to slash salaries and pensions and to postpone new hires in public administration, health care, and education met with widespread public condemnation, but since then Romanians have come to accept these sacrifices as a way to avert the more gruesome prospect of declaring national bankruptcy in the wake of the global financial crisis. While summer 2011 brought nothing new on the political scene, where a weak government continues to confront a directionless opposition, a mini-revolution has unfolded in Romanian schools and universities. A new law approved in February banned legislators from holding positions of power in universities, introduced new hiring and promotion criteria in public and private higher education establishments, and classified universities according to their potential, promising more money from the government and permission to accept graduate students to research-intensive universities. These changes are meant to stem corruption from Romania's nepotistic university system, make it more efficient and competitive, and reverse some of the brain drain that has afflicted the country during the past two decades. Proof that drastic reforms are needed was the low percentage of students who passed the baccalaureate, the final high-school exam, after cameras were introduced in schools to stem dishonest behaviour during exams. High failure rates in the baccalaureate caused university admissions to plunge, and post-secondary institutions quickly readjusted their admissions criteria. Pundits expected Minister of Education Daniel Funeriu to go back on some of these reforms, as previous ministers did, but they were proven wrong. It will, however, take many years before these reforms will lead to concrete results.

**Romania's Economic Outlook**

*Narcis Tulbure, University of Pittsburgh*

The fall brought a series of worrying news about the Romanian economy. Although the forecasts were mostly positive throughout the first part of the year, positive signals in the economy did not materialize into growth. The results announced by the Romanian government and the IMF indicate a rather insignificant growth rate and inflation above the target set by the central bank. Growing arrears of the state-owned companies, fears about excessive government spending before the elections of 2012, and the prospect of a second wave of Europe's economic crisis fuel worries about a double dip recession in Romania.

News about Nokia's closure of the production facility near Cluj-Napoca just a few years after its opening dominates corporate sector events. Cell phone production is rapidly shifting towards smart-phones (something the Romanian factory could not produce) and Romania is losing its attractiveness for global manufacturers in favor of Asian countries. The increasing price of gold during the crisis brings catalyzed debate around the gold-mining project at Roșia Montană. Supporters emphasize the benefits of an increasing gold reserve for the central bank and the numerous jobs created by the project. Opponents call attention to the environmental effects and loss of cultural patrimony in the region. Wider public debates are necessary before a decision is reached.

**Moldova's Bookstores and the Twitter Revolution**

*Matthew Ciscel, Central Connecticut State University*

The question of whether the so-called Twitter Revolution in Moldova in April 2009 was much of a revolution is something for political scientists and historians to debate. More than two years on, the leaders of the government have changed somewhat, but the major parties remain similar and day-to-day life in Chișinău seems to be much as it has been for the past decade, during which even the Party of Communists vacillated between Russian and European poles of influence without finding a way to ease the economic pressures on average Moldovans. Yet, during a visit to Chișinău over the summer, I did note one subtle effect of April 2009, namely in the capital's bookstores; there are now more of them, especially in the city center. The range of titles available has also grown considerably over the last few years, particularly for volumes in the Romanian language and – to a lesser degree – in dominant European languages such as English, French, and German. There are still robust sections of Russian books too. While a trip to Iași (for Romanian language publications) or to Odessa (for Russian language books) will still provide a much wider range of titles, availability in Chișinău has grown notably since the late 1990s and early 2000s, when such trips were essential. Nonetheless, the range of titles published outside Moldova remains unjustifiably limited. On my return trip this summer, I filled a small suitcase to the weight limit with books. In 2009, the revolution may have been tweeted and televised, but in 2011 it echoes most audibly in the bookstores.

## Bucharest Tales



New Europe Writers

### Fiction Review – Bucharest Tales

*Iemima Ploscariu, University of St Andrews*

*Bucharest Tales* (Warsaw: New Europe Writers, 2011) is the fourth volume in the New Europe Writers series, following *Warsaw Tales* (2010), *Budapest Tales* (2009) and *Prague Tales* (2007). *Bucharest Tales* is a collection of English-language poetry and prose that brings together Romanian writers such as Mircea Cărtărescu, Dan Mircea Cipariu, Denisa Comanescu, Stelian Tănase, and the late Adrian Păunescu. It also includes works by non-Romanian authors like Igor Isakovski from Macedonia, Mike Ormsby from the UK and Jennifer Robertson from the UK. It is an enjoyable read in which even the translated pieces read smoothly and seem to deliver the intent of the authors. Florin Bican's story "Penguins" is concerned with a strange appearance of penguins in the middle of Bucharest. Other stories deal with the cultural alienation felt by Romanian émigrés, and in "Open Sesame" Simona Popescu gives a history of the Lipsicani neighborhood from the 1930s until today. In his poem "Where the Lemon Trees Bloom," Mircea Cărtărescu grapples with the city's essence, leaving readers with the ambiguous statement: "Bucharest is and is not." The format of the book and its blend of genres effectively re-present Romania's capital city through different literary styles. The poetry and prose come together to give a colorful and unique portrayal of Bucharest, both then and now.

## SPONSOR MEMBERSHIP

The Society for Romanian Studies is proud to welcome **Balkananalysis.com** as an organizational sponsor.

[Balkananalysis.com](http://www.balkananalysis.com) is a leading independent website that provides analytical coverage of SE Europe, with input from journalists, academics, researchers and others professionally involved with the region.

Balkananalysis.com is pleased to announce that there are increased opportunities for new Romania-related (as well as other Balkan-related) articles, interviews and analyses. In the last year, we have published 92 articles, interviews and briefings by 22 different authors reporting from 15 countries. More information about how assessment for contributing, along with benefits such as [author pages](#), is here: <http://www.balkananalysis.com/information-for-potential-partners-and-contributors/> We encourage forward-thinking analytical coverage that assesses current events within wider trends and outlooks. Also, you can now follow us on Twitter for news about the site, tips on Balkan-related jobs, and brief news briefs: [@balkananalysis](#)

Balkananalysis.com also plans an increased focus on events - ranging from briefings and roundtable discussions to larger conferences. Outside parties - from institutions to companies to government bodies - interested in cooperation on events designed to enhance broader understanding of the region can feel free to write us. Also, scholars and researchers interested in participating in our events can view them on this new page: <http://www.balkananalysis.com/balkananalysis-events/>

In May 2012, we are pleased to be co-sponsoring an academic conference in Targoviste, Romania, with the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies, and with the support of several EU foreign ministries. Paper abstracts are currently being accepted. For more information, please visit this link: <http://www.arsbn.ro/conference-2012.htm>

Some of our recent articles, interviews and briefings include Vlad Popovici [on the energy sector](#) in the EC 2011 Western Balkans progress report; [an interview with Slovakia's ambassador](#) to Macedonia, and [another with the EULEX Operations Director](#) by Chris Deliso; Lana Pasic on [one year without a government](#) in Bosnia; Anita McKinna on [justice issues in Kosovo](#); Maria Neag's [briefing with Turkey EU minister Bagis](#); [Greek intelligence agency acquisitions](#) by Ioannis Michaletos, Ante Raic on the idea of [an ex-Yu football league](#), and [Italy's Balkan investments](#) by Matteo Albertini.

## NEW ARCHIVAL COLLECTION



The documents and manuscripts constituting the private archive of the Monica Lovinescu-Virgil Ierunca family were donated to the Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes and the Memory of the Romanian Exile (IICCMRE) by the Humanitas Aqua Forte Foundation. On September 6, 2011, Mr. Cătălin Cioabă, representing the Humanitas Aqua Forte Foundation, handed over the documents to Ms. Damiana Oțoiu, the director of the Exile and Minorities Department of IICCMRE. A valuable contribution to the already important Romanian Exile Archives of IICCMRE, these documents will be further kept in the “Monica Lovinescu-Virgil Ierunca” Archive Collection.

The repatriation of the Lovinescu-Ierunca Collection from the family’s residence in Paris was made possible by the Humanitas Aqua Forte Foundation’s efforts. Monica Lovinescu and Virgil Ierunca had been preserving in their personal archive a significant number of manuscripts representing their personal correspondence and documents entrusted to them by other members of the Romanian exile. Furthermore, it was one of their keepers’ and initial owners’ aim, respectively, to establish an archive to testify to the memory of the Romanian exile. Dactylograms belonging to Ion Caraion or Mircea Eliade, Eugen Ionescu’s protest texts against the Romanian communist regime, the George Călinescu-Virgil Ierunca polemic, press files on personalities such as Ion Caraion or Mircea Eliade, the Romanian exile publication Europe employees’ testimonies, all count important documents.

Authors of the Romanian exile, literary highly regarded intellectuals, Monica had been themselves notoriously active anticommunist dissidence of the exile. In Radio Free Europe and Radiodiffusion employees for several decades, they were Romanian intellectual circles and the Romania was possible only after the fall when the publication of their texts was

The electronic format  
will be put at  
researchers’ disposal  
within the shortest  
period of time.

*Contrapunct* or Radio Free among this collection’s

critics, radio journalists and Lovinescu and Virgil Ierunca within the Romanian these positions or in those at the Française, where they served as highly influential on both the public at large. Their return to of the communist dictatorship, also retaken.

The IICCMRE “Monica

“Monica Lovinescu-Virgil Ierunca” Archive Collection will be made available to interested researchers at the IICCMRE’s headquarters beginning with September 15, 2011, marking also the initiation of a digitization process of the documents. Due to a simultaneous work of digitization by several IICCMRE employees, the electronic format will be put at researchers’ disposal within the shortest period of time.

*Damiana Oțoiu  
University of Bucharest*

## PATRON MEMBERSHIP

SRS honors Dan Dimancescu, its first patron member. Mr. Dimancescu is the Honorary Consul of Romania in Boston. He is a distinguished business leader, professor, author, and friend of Romanian studies.

## EVENT REPORTS

### The Ghița Ionescu Series – John Gledhill, University of Oxford

June 2011 saw the London School of Economics' research group on South Eastern Europe (LSEE) inaugurate a new series of events. The program has been named in honor of the late Prof. Ghița Ionescu, who started his academic career at LSEE in 1963. The series, which is being co-organized with the Romanian Cultural Institute, aims to promote awareness of, and debate over, contemporary political and economic developments in Romania. All program events are available as podcasts on the LSEE website:

<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/europeanInstitute/research/LSEE/Events/Podcasts.aspx>



The first event in the series was a lecture titled “Politics and the Pursuit of Welfare,” which was delivered by Romania’s president, Traian Băsescu, on June 6 2011. The president first presented his case for constraining the role of the state. Arguing that Central and Eastern Europe had witnessed the deleterious effects of pervasive state intervention while under communist rule, Băsescu told the audience that he had come to realize that “societies are composed of individuals who should be responsible for their own destiny.” Liberal democracy and a market economy, he argued, combine to create an institutional environment that endows individuals with that responsibility. The president then reflected on Romania’s efforts to move toward

democracy and the market over the past twenty years. After recognizing that the process of reforming the Romanian state has been a longer and harder task than many had expected, President Băsescu called for the West to continue its support for Romania – not only in the form of capital investment, but also through what he called “intellectual investment” in the country. Following a brief response to the president’s lecture from Prof. Vladimir Tismăneanu, the floor was open to questions. Among the questions posed was the issue of whether the president believed that Romania’s accession to the European Union had been premature, and what role he saw for the state in attending to the needs of Roma communities.

The second event was a policy-focused panel titled “Administrative and Economic Reform in Romania: Lessons for the Region.” The panel brought together a distinguished group of commentators, both Romanian and British. The first speaker of the evening was Ms. Monica Macovei, currently a Member of the European Parliament and a former Minister of Justice for Romania. A common theme that ran through the advice she offered was the need to have anti-corruption measures managed by an actor who comes from “outside” of the political or judicial system that s/he is investigating. The second speaker was Prof. Alan Smith of the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London, who brought the audience up to date on the latest developments in the Romanian economy. Speaking in the midst of Greece’s financial crisis, Prof. Smith’s message was clear; while a number of the root causes of the crises in Romania and Greece may be similar, the *degree* of the crisis that has unfolded in Romania pales in comparison with that of Greece. Finally, Dr. Cătălin Avramescu, a lecturer at the University of Bucharest, focused on the complex electoral reforms that were introduced in Romania in 2008. After providing the audience with an overview of what he described as a “bizarre system,” Dr. Avramescu went on to identify some of the curious outcomes that have been produced through that system and to discuss the political strategizing that underwrote its adoption. A lively discussion followed.

**“Germanness Beyond Germany”** – *Sacha Davis, University of Newcastle*

Held at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand, under the auspices of the Antipodean East European Study Group (<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/antipodean/>), the conference addressed how Germans outside of Germany imagined their collective loyalties, and in particular interactions between Germanness and other national loyalties. Paper givers presented on Germans in the Habsburg Empire and Romania, the Pacific and West Australia, highlighting attempts to find understandings of Germanness that were meaningful and politically useful in their local context.

Three papers will be of particular interest. Alexander Maxwell (Victoria University) examined how during the 1848 Revolution Germans in Hungary identified with the state as *Hungarian* Germans even as they lost faith in their ethnic-Hungarian counterparts and came to support Habsburg rule. Richard Millington (Victoria University) highlighted the individuality of national affiliation in his exploration of the work of the German author Leopold von Sacher-Masoch, who identified with the Ruthenians of his native Galicia. Sacha Davis (University of Newcastle, Australia) explored how Transylvanian Saxons attempted after 1919 to frame their local German identity within multiple contexts, including Romanian citizenship, multicultural Transylvanianism, and broader German nationalism. Identification with Germany and National Socialism became dominant by 1933 primarily because Saxons perceived Germany as best able to reinforce their local community. An edited volume on the conference topic is in progress.

**Art Exhibit in Amsterdam** - *Irina Livezeanu, University of Pittsburgh*

For several months this past summer and fall Amsterdam’s Jewish History Museum hosted a wonderfully rich exhibit entitled “From Dada to Surrealism: Jewish Avant-Garde Artists from Romania, 1910-1938.” Although the exhibit was (and still is) in virtual existence on the web site of the Joods Historisch Museum, the lure of actual objects provided an excellent excuse for me to travel to Amsterdam last August. Curated by Radu Stern and Edward van Voolen, the show included works from museums in Romania, France and Israel as well as items from private galleries and collections. The catalogue, with three essays by Radu Stern, is largely Stern’s work. Focused on the Jewish presence among the Romanian avant-garde—many of Romania’s interwar avant-garde artists, poets and editors were indeed Jewish—the show challenges viewers to puzzle over this phenomenon. Included in the show is not only an exciting collection of visual art, but also snapshots, documents, and videos with interviews that place the works and their authors in historical context. Stern’s introductory essay, “Why So Many Jews?” answers the question in the title by pointing not only to the anti-Semitism Jews encountered in modern Romania, but also to the obsession with “national specificity” among Greater Romania’s cultural elite. You can still enjoy the show at <http://exhibitions.europeana.eu/exhibits/show/dada-to-surrealism-en>.

*Attended an event with a Romanian focus lately? Send a short report to the editor, Roland Clark at [roloclark80@gmail.com](mailto:roloclark80@gmail.com).*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies at the University of Maryland, College Park and the Romanian Cultural Institute, in collaboration with the Wilson Center's Cold War International History Project, will run the conference **“Ideological Storms: Intellectuals and the Totalitarian Temptation”** on November 14-15, 2011, at The Wilson Center and at the Romanian Embassy in Washington D.C.

A postgraduate conference on **“Presentiment, experience, memory: perception of the Great War by city-dwellers of East-Central Europe and the Balkans”** will be held at the Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Warsaw on 23-25 November 2011. The conference will focus on the experiences of World War I by the urban population of East-Central Europe and the Balkans.

Oxford Brookes University, the University of Göttingen, and the Pulse Project are running an international conference on **“The German Archipeligo: German ethnic minorities and interwar eugenics”** at Balliol College, Oxford, on 16-19 December 2011. The conference sets out to investigate and compare how, when, and why German ethnic minorities engaged with, and related to, wider international discourses on eugenics, and the extent to which these ideas were internalized and adapted to suit their local needs.

The research group FRONTS (Frontières et relations internationales des pays anglophones) at the University of Paris will hold a conference on **“La Guerre froide et le Cinéma”** in Paris, France, on 27 January, 2012. The conference will focus on how the political and international tensions of the period were reflected in the cinema of both the West and the East.

**The 11th International Postgraduate Conference on Central and Eastern Europe** will be held at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London on 15-17 February 2012. The theme of the conference is “Crisis: Interruptions, Reactions and Continuities in Central and Eastern Europe.” Further information is available at: <http://www.ssees.ucl.ac.uk/postgradconf2012.htm>

The Holocaust Studies Program of Western Galilee College and the University of South California's Shoah Foundation Institute announce a second international interdisciplinary conference and workshop on **“The Future of Holocaust Testimonies”** to be held on 19-21 March 2012 in Akko, Israel. One day will be open to the public, while two days will be for researchers only.

**The 11th Annual International Young Researchers Conference** will be held at the Havighurst Center for Russian & Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio, on March 29 – April 1, 2012. The theme will be “Postcommunist Corruption: Causes, Manifestations, Consequences.” The purpose of this conference is to explore the analytical, conceptual and comparative dimensions of corruption in post-Socialist societies and to examine recent empirical findings and field work on corruption in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

The University of Leibniz in Hannover and the Technical University of Berlin will hold an international conference on 4-5 May 2012 in Berlin, Germany. The theme of the conference will be **“Imperiale Biographien: Elitekarrieren im Habsburger, Russischen und Osmanischen Vielvölkerreich (1850-1918).”**

An international conference on **“Cultural Exchanges between Byzantium, East and West in the Late Byzantine World (12th-16th centuries)”** will be held at Haifa University, Israel, on 16-17 May, 2012.

Romania's **National Theater Festival** will take place in Bucharest between 28 October and 6 November 2011. The theme of this year's festival is “Man, that strange creature....” and the event will include prominent theater personalities and critics from around the globe.

The Romanian Cultural Institute in New York and the Film Society of Lincoln Center are presenting the **6<sup>th</sup> Romanian Film Festival** from 30 November to 4 December 2011. Details are available at <http://www.icrny.org/364-6th-Romanian-Film-Festival-moves-on.html>

## ASEEES CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies will hold its 43<sup>rd</sup> annual convention at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, in Washington D.C. on 17-20 November 2011. The theme for the convention is *Authorities*. Key meetings for SRS members at the convention include:

FRIDAY, November 18, 2011, 6:30-7:30 pm, Director's Room  
**Society for Romanian Studies Meeting**

FRIDAY November 18, 2011, 7:30 pm, Palladian Ballroom  
**Central Europeanist's Reception**

SATURDAY, November 19, 12:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m., Palladian Ballroom  
**Southeast European Studies Association**

Panels and papers relating to Romania and Moldova include:

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

**SESSION I: 1:00-2:45 PM**

**PANEL 1-31 (Suite 268): *Folklore and Authority***, with Margaret Beissinger (Princeton University) as the discussant.

**SESSION II: 3:00-4:45 PM**

**PANEL 2-26 (Suite 209): *Borders, Authority, Myth-Making***, with a paper by Valentyna Vasylova (George Washington University) *(Re-)Shaping Ukraine – Moldova – Romania Borderlands: from Historical Provinces to Euroregions*.

**SESSION III: 5:00-6:45 PM**

**PANEL 3-19 (Hampton Ballroom): *The Soviet Bloc and the Middle East during the Cold War, 1967-1980***, with a paper by Mircea Munteanu (U.S. Department of State, Office of the Historian) *Romania's Back-channel Diplomacy in the Middle East, 1967-1977*.

**PANEL 3-28 (Suite 253): *Peace at the Local Level: Microhistories of the Transition from War to Peace***, with papers by Anca Glont (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) *No More Sacrifice for the Motherland: the 1918 Jiu Mining Strike and Negotiating Labor in Peacetime*, and Svitlana Frunchak (University of Toronto) *Difficult Peace: Soviet Takeover, Holocaust Survivors, and Jewish Culture in Postwar Chernivtsi, 1944-1949*.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**SESSION IV: 8:00-9:45 AM**

**PANEL 4-31 (Suite 268): Roundtable on New Books on Transitional Justice in Post-Communist Europe** with participants including Brian Keith Grodsky (University of Maryland), Monika Nalepa (University of Notre Dame), Lavinia Stan (St. Francis Xavier University), and Jelena Subotic (Georgia State University).

**SESSION V: 10-11:45 AM**

**PANEL 5-16 (Executive Room): *New Research on the Soviet Armed Resistance in the Occupied Territories During World War II***, with a paper by Vladimir Solonari (University of Central Florida) *Becoming a Partisan: Joining Armed Resistance in Romania-Occupied South Ukraine*.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

**SESSION VIII: 8:00-9:45 AM**

**PANEL 8-25 (Suite 200): *Diplomacy & the Visual Image: Constructing Reputations and Propagating Authority in Interwar Russia and Eastern Europe***, with a paper by Svetlana Suveica (Moldova State University) *Russian Bessarabia: Backstage Diplomacy and Propaganda during the Paris Peace Conference of 1919-1920*.

**PANEL 8-31 (Suite 268): *The Localized Geopolitics of Eurasian De Facto States***, with a paper by John O'Loughlin (University of Colorado, Boulder) *Destined to Divide? Contrasting Geopolitical Attitudes in Transnistria and Moldova*. Discussant: Rebecca A. Chamberlain (London School of Economics & Political Science)

**SESSION IX: 10:00-11:45 AM**

**PANEL 9-16 (Executive Room): Roundtable on *Persuading Peasants to Become Communists***, with participants including Gerald Creed (Hunter College, CUNY), Gail Kligman (University of California, Los Angeles), Martha Lampland (University of California, San Diego), and Lynne Viola (University of Toronto).

**SESSION X: 12:45-2:30 PM**

**PANEL 10-11 (Council Room): Roundtable on *What is East European History Now? Encounters between Central and South Eastern Europe in Modern History***, chaired by Irina Livezeanu (University of Pittsburgh), with participants including Ulf Brunnbauer (University of Regensburg), Stefan Troebst (University of Leipzig), Alex Drace-Francis (University of Amsterdam), Malgorzata Fidelis (University of Illinois at Chicago), and Irina Dimitrova Gigova (College of Charleston).

**PANEL 10-18 (Governor's Boardroom): *Confronting Religious Belief in Socialist States: Atheist Propaganda in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe after 1945***, with a paper by Zsuzsanna Magdo (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) *Towards a Godless Romania: Atheism and the Socialist Nation under Ceausescu*.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**SESSION XIII: 8:00 – 9:45 AM**

**PANEL 13-22 (Senate Room): *Intellectual Friendships in the Twentieth Century***. Chair Daniel Chirot (University of Washington), with a paper by Cristina Adriana Bejan (Georgetown University) *Rhinocerization: Political Activity and Allegiances of Romania's Young Generation 1935-39*. Discussant: Vladimir Tismaneanu (University of Maryland).

**SESSION XIV: 10:00 – 11:45 AM**

**PANEL 14-31 (Suite 268): *'National Projects' and the Holocaust in Bulgaria and Romania***, with a paper by Rebecca A. Chamberlain (London School of Economics) and Ovidiu Creanga (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum) *The Holocaust, Christian Religious Minorities, and Romanian Nation-Building During the Second World War in Southern Bessarabia*.

**SESSION XV: 12:00 – 1:45 PM**

**PANEL 15-11 (Council Room): *Conflict and Collaboration in Socialist Urban Spaces: Architects, Authorities, and Transnational Regimes of Expertise (1951-1972)***, with a paper by Emanuela Grama (University of Michigan) *Porous Expertise and Tense Urban Imaginaries: Romanian Architects between Moscow and Bucharest (1952-1965)*.

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## CALLS FOR PAPERS

**Conference:** Europeanisation after EU accession: Transformation, reform and compliance in recent EU member states

**Location:** Nice, France

**Dates:** March 23-24, 2012

**Deadline for paper proposals:** November 15, 2011

**Theme:** With the accession period being over and after some years of full EU membership, the question arises how europeanisation continues after conditionality: Have the transformation processes kept the same pace or have they slowed down? Did membership strengthen the capacity and political willingness for reform? How can the European Union enforce compliance without being endowed with a sanction mechanism? Did accession countries fulfill certain demands only under pressure and took the opportunity to back-pedal as soon as being full members of the club?

**Call for papers:** <http://europeanizationofturkey.wordpress.com/2011/09/22/europeanisation-after-eu-accession-transformation-reform-and-compliance-in-recent-eu-member-states/>

**Conference:** Romanian Studies Conference

**Location:** Bloomington, Indiana

**Dates:** March 30-31, 2012

**Deadline for paper proposals:** December 5, 2011

**Theme:** The organizers welcome paper proposals from graduate students and recent PhDs on any topic related to Romania, Moldova, or the Romanian diaspora in any discipline or methodology. Especially encouraged are papers that take an interdisciplinary approach.

**Contact:** Catalin Cristoloveanu at [RomSO@indiana.edu](mailto:RomSO@indiana.edu)

**Conference:** Death in Central and Eastern Europe. Past and Present

**Location:** Munich, Germany

**Dates:** April 23-24, 2012

**Deadline for paper proposals:** December 15, 2011

**Theme:** Funerary customs, rites and practices related to death lie at the intersection between the private and the public spheres. While rites of passage in general are landmarks of an individual biography, they are also public events, which often carry political meaning.

**Call for papers:** <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/termine/id=17453>

**Conference:** North East Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference

**Location:** South Orange, New Jersey, USA

**Dates:** March 24, 2012

**Deadline for paper proposals:** December 15, 2011

**Theme:** Scholarly papers and panels are welcome on any aspect of Slavic and East European and Eurasian Studies.

**Contact:** Alice Speh at [aspeh@wcupa.edu](mailto:aspeh@wcupa.edu)

**Conference:** European Networks: The Balkans, Scandinavia, and the Baltic World in a time of Economic and Ideological Crisis

**Location:** Târgoviște, Romania

**Dates:** May 25-27, 2012

**Deadline for panels and roundtables:** December 31, 2011

**Deadline for paper proposals:** February 1, 2012

**Theme:** Contemporary problems facing the Balkan and Baltic regions during a period of severe global economic instability. These include the rise of extremist political groups with violent aims in the Baltics, the continued activity of Balkan-origin organized crime groups in Scandinavia, and the role that Baltic states may play in helping Western Balkan countries integrate politically and institutionally with the EU.

**Call for papers:** <http://www.arsbn.ro/conference-2012.htm>

**Conference:** Graduate Organization for the Study of Europe and Central Asia 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA

**Dates:** February 24-26, 2012

**Deadline for paper proposals:** December 16, 2011

**Theme:** “Rightly Stated? Contemporary and Historical Considerations of the State in Eastern Europe and Eurasia.” The European Union, which challenged traditional concepts of state sovereignty and presented itself as a “post-state” future, is struggling with the potentially fatal contradictions of a supranational economy layered over still very traditional state-centric polities. In short - the former communist states are still searching for models, but these no longer flow so unambiguously from the West.

**Call for papers:** <http://goseca.pitt.edu/ocs/index.php/goseca/2012>

**Conference:** International Graduate Student Conference on the Cold War

**Location:** London, United Kingdom

**Dates:** April 19-21, 2012

**Deadline for paper proposals:** January 8, 2012

**Theme:** The conference is an excellent opportunity for graduate students to present papers and receive critical feedback from peers and experts in the field. The organizers encourage submissions by graduate students working on any aspect of the Cold War, broadly defined. Of particular interest are papers that employ newly available primary sources, non-traditional methodologies, or under-investigated aspects of the Cold War.

**Call for papers:** <http://www.history.ucsb.edu/projects/ccws/events/index2.html>

**Conference:** Pan-European Conference on EU Politics

**Location:** University of Tampere, Finland

**Dates:** September 13-15, 2012

**Deadline for paper proposals:** January 15, 2012

**Theme:** The ECPR Standing Group's Pan-European Conference is the largest academic conference on the European Union in Europe and brings together scholars working on the European Union from all over the world.

**Call for papers:** <http://ecpr-sgeu.sabanciuniv.edu/node/11>

**Conference:** 6th Annual Graduate Conference in European History

**Location:** Vienna, Austria

**Dates:** May 3-5, 2012

**Deadline for paper proposals:** January 15, 2012

**Theme:** Transformation in European History. Preconditions – Processes – Perceptions. A very broad working definition would characterize transformation as a “period of especially intense and accelerated structural changes on a political, social, economic, and cultural level” that were caused by major political and social upheavals such as the breakdown of the continental empires in 1918, the French Revolution in the late 18th century, or the Reformation. In what way can this concept of transformation be applied to contemporary, modern and early modern contexts? What kind of adjustments of the concept are required for the historicization of transformation?

**Call for papers:** <http://www.univie.ac.at/graceh2012/>

**Conference:** Religious Plurality in the Village. Eastern Europe in the 19th Century

**Location:** Munich, Germany

**Dates:** June 22-23, 2012

**Deadline for paper proposals:** January 31, 2012

**Theme:** The workshop will focus on the role of religious plurality for intergroup relations in the village of the 19th century. Two overlapping arrays of questions structure the workshop: 1) Which forms of interaction, distinction and communication existed between the different religious denominations? 2) How did religiously defined collectives maintain their borders, and how did they adjust to the general challenges and changes of the 19th century?

**Call for papers:** <http://hsozkult.geschichte.hu-berlin.de/termine/id=17659>

## FELLOWSHIPS & PRIZES

The **Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program** (IARO) run by IREX provides students, scholars and professionals with support to conduct policy-relevant field research in the countries of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. The deadline for applications is November 16, 2011. More details are available at <http://www.irex.org/project/individual-advanced-research-opportunities-iaro>

The **IREX Short-Term Travel Grants Program** (STG) is a short-term, flexible program for postdoctoral scholars and professionals to conduct targeted, policy-relevant research in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. The deadline for applications is February 1, 2012. More details are available at <http://www.irex.org/project/short-term-travel-grants-stg>

The George Washington University's Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES) is pleased to announce a call for applications for the **Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship in Cold War/Post-1945 International History** for 2012- 2013. Applicants need to have completed archival research for their dissertation in two or more countries and be at the final writing stage of their dissertation. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2012. More details are available at <http://www.gwu.edu/~ieresgwu/academics/mellonfellowship.cfm>

The **Kokkalis Program** strives to support individuals committed to invigorating the public sector in Southeastern and East-Central Europe by providing fellowships for study at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. The Kokkalis Program strives to provide promising leaders and current public executives from the region with scholarships to pursue master's degree studies at the Harvard Kennedy School. The deadline for applications is January 6, 2012. More details are available at [http://www.hks.harvard.edu/kokkalis/educational\\_opportunities.html](http://www.hks.harvard.edu/kokkalis/educational_opportunities.html)

IREX, in collaboration with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars' Kennan Institute (WWC), is pleased to announce its **2012 Regional Policy Symposium, "Transnational Crime and Corruption in Eastern Europe and Eurasia."** The research symposium, supported by the United States Department of State (Title VIII Program), will bring American junior and senior scholars and members of the policy community together to examine and discuss transnational crime and corruption in Eastern Europe and Eurasia from multi-disciplinary perspectives. The deadline for applications is December 9, 2011. More details are available at <http://www.irex.org/project/regional-policy-symposium>

The Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars is offering **Title VIII Research Scholarships** for 3-9 months. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2011. More details are available at <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/opportunity/title-viii-research-scholarships>

The Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars offers **Summer Research Grants** to the Washington D.C. area for May-September 2012. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2012. More details are available at <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/opportunity/kennan-institute-summer-research-scholarships>

The Kennan Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars offers **Short Term Grants** for research in the Washington D.C. area. The next deadline for applications is December 1, 2012. More details are available at <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/opportunity/kennan-institute-short-term-grant>

The applications for the 2012-2013 **David L. Boren Scholarships and Fellowships** are now available at [www.borenawards.org](http://www.borenawards.org). Boren Awards provide funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study in Central & Eastern Europe. The deadline for Boren fellows is January 31, and for scholars February 9, 2012.

The Center for Research on Rumanian Jewry at the Hebrew University is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for **the Rudich prize for 2012 in the field of Romanian Jewish History**. The prize will be given for works of research that were published in the last two years or for works that are complete and ready now for publication. Email [rumjewry@vms.huji.ac.il](mailto:rumjewry@vms.huji.ac.il) for more details.

The **Cantemir Institute is offering Dphil Fellowships for doctoral study at Oxford University**. The deadline for applications is January 20, 2012. More details are

available at

<http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/research/cantemir/index.htm>

The **Eurasia Program** run by the SSRC offers three types of fellowship support in 2011, providing financial and academic support to graduate students in the early stages of dissertation development, Ph.D. candidates near completion of their doctoral programs in the social sciences and related humanities, and young scholars within five years of the completion of their Ph.D.

Deadline for applications is November 15, 2011. More details are available at

<http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/eurasia-fellowship/>

The Council for European Studies invites eligible graduate students to apply for the 2012 **CES Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowships**. Applications are due (along with all supporting materials) on or before February 1, 2012. More information is available at

<http://www.councilforeuropeanstudies.org/grants-and-awards/faqs>

The **Barbara Jelavich Book Prize** – named after a former president of the SRS – is given for a distinguished monograph published on any aspect of Southeast European or Habsburg studies since 1600, or nineteenth- and twentieth-century Ottoman or Russian diplomatic history. The 2011 prize was awarded to Sean McMeekin, *The Berlin Baghdad Express: The Ottoman Empire and Germany's Bid for World Power* (Belknap Press/Harvard University Press). McMeekin is Assistant Professor of International Relations at Bilkent University in Ankara.

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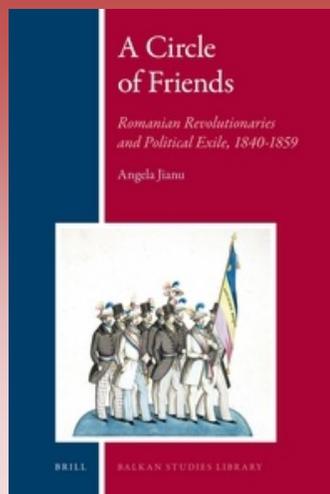
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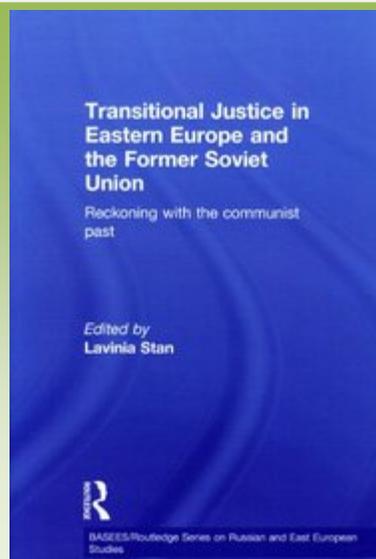
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