

International Summer School

The Black Sea and Caspian Basins: History, Traditions, and Multicultural Perspectives



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Faculty of Letters
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Tuesday, September, 9th
(Ion Simionescu Room, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University)
Chair: Ludmila Bejenaru

10.00-10.45: Summer School Opening and Welcome Speeches

Mihai Chirica, Mayor of the City of Iași

Liviu-George Maha, Rector of “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University
of Iași

Lucrețiu Mihailescu-Bîrliba, Dean of the Faculty of History,
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Indira Dzaganja, Head of International Relations and Intercultural
Communications Department, Tbilisi (Sokhumi) University,
Georgia (online)

Serhii Lukaniuk, Head of International Office of Yuriy
Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine (online)

Ivailo Petrov, Shumen University, Bulgaria

Nidjat Aliyev, Masterad, Baku University of Languages

10.45-11.00: Ludmila Bejenariu („Alexandru Ioan Cuza”
University of Iași), *The UAIC Azerbaijani Multiculturalism
Centre* – an important pillar in promoting the image of
the Other

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First Session

Two Seas: Multicultural Experiences Between Past and Present
Chair: Cristian Ploscaru

11.00-11.45: Keynote Speaker

Irina Kunina (Azerbaijan University of Languages), *Features of the Azerbaijani model of Multiculturalism*

11.45-12.00: Coffee Break

First Workshop

12.00-12.45: Dumitru Șerban, Radio Iași journalist, producer of *Intercultural Dialogues: Debate about Traditions and Delicious Food of National Cuisines*

Second Workshop

12.45-13.30: Plenary Debate, Chair: Veronica Voroneanu-Tudose
(“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași)
My native language – Greetings and introductions in Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Georgian, Bulgarian, Ukrainian, Turkish, and Romanian

13.30-14.30: Lunch – Restaurant “Casa Universitarilor”

16.00-17.30: Visit to the University Museum

18.00-19.00: Dinner – Restaurant “Casa Universitarilor”

19.00-20.30: Cultural Evening: Getting to Know Our Friends –
presentation of the countries and universities of the participant

Wednesday, September, 10th
(Ion Simionescu Room, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University)

Second Session
Between Shores of the Seas: Linguistic and Historical Identities
Chair: Irina Kunina

09.30-10.15: Keynote Speaker

Ludmila Bejenaru (“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University), *The Black Sea and Caspian Sea Basins: Mythology and the Cult of Heroes*

Third Workshop

10.15-11.00: Dumitru Prisăcaru (“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University)
Photo collage – *Our Friends in Our Multi-ethnic Countries*

11.00-11.30: Coffee Break

11.30-12.15: Keynote Speaker

Ivailo Petrov (Shumen University), *The Black Sea and Caspian Sea Basins: History, Traditions, Literatures in Dialogue*

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Fourth Workshop

12.15-13.00: Ștefan Baciș, Ioana Viziteu-Gogoi (“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași)

Literary essay – *My Country / My University in the Next Half-Century*

13.00-14.30: Lunch – Restaurant “Casa Universitarilor”

16.30-18.00: WCM Maria Anistoroaei (European and national champion), *Simultaneous chess exhibition*

18.00-19.00: Dinner – Restaurant “Casa Universitarilor”

19.00-20.30: *Dialogue Between Friends* – online meeting with Kamal ABDULLA, People’s Writer from Azerbaijan

Thursday, September, 11th
(Ion Simionescu Room, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University)

Third Session
At the Crossroads of Civilisations: Cultural Representations in
National Context
Chair: Ivailo Petrov

09.30-10.15: Keynote Speaker

Natela Tchotchua (Tbilisi University, Georgia), *Georgian Personalities in the Romanian Space: Besiki – Poet and Diplomat* (online)

Fourth Workshop

10.15-11.00: Dialogue between students

“What I know about the Other” – representations and images of the Romanian, Azerbaijani, Moldavian, Turkish, Bulgarian and Ukrainian peoples

11.00-11.30: Coffee Break

11.30-12.15: Keynote Speaker

Xosé M. Núñez Seixas (University of Santiago de Compostela),
A Transnational Approach to the History of National Movements in Europe: Some Proposals

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History, Traditions, and Multicultural Perspectives

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**Conclusions and discussions regarding the organisation of the
second edition**

13.00-14.00: Lunch – Restaurant “Casa Universitarilor”
In vino veritas – Local wine tasting: Bohotin Wine Cellar

**16.00-17.00: sculptor Vladlen Babcinețchi, *Guided tour at the
Contemporary Art Center of Iași***

17.00-19.00: Visit to the Palace of Culture

19.00-20.30: *Gala Dinner* – Restaurant “Casa Universitarilor”
Awards and certificates of participation