

ROMANIAN IDENTITY IN THE WIDER EUROPEAN CONTEXT

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Application deadline: August 1, 2008.

Date: November 21-23, 2008.

The selection decision will be communicated by August 15. Late applications are not considered. The application form is available at <http://www.polito.ubbcluj.ro/cpa/en/index.html>, it should be filled and send to cpaconf08@yahoo.com. The languages of the conference are English and Romanian.

The organizers provide room and board for the days of the conference. There is no participation fee.

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Identity is a contemporary problematic issue approached almost everywhere in the world, while post-modernism, regional integration, and globalization bring new challenges to national identities. We speak more and more about the identity crisis at various levels, and multiple explanations, causes and implications have been identified.

In this context, the Centre for Political Analysis is launching a debate regarding the issue of Romanian identity in the European context, trying to answer questions like: Who are we, the Romanians? What is the substance of our national identity? What brings us together and what differentiates us from the rest of the EU and Europe? What can Europe provide and what can we provide? Are Romania and Europe facing an identity crisis?

Given the topic, we choose a multi- and inter-disciplinary approach that results in eight broad topics that supplement two plenary sessions with lectures given by known researchers and activists in the field of (Romanian) identity. The workshops will allow participants to present their own work, to receive and provide comments, and to develop networks with peers from other universities and departments.

We encourage graduate students and researchers to apply with a paper on one of the following topics:

1. the contemporary components of Romanian identity;
2. identity and religion in Romania;
3. individual and collective perceptions of identity;
4. forms of representing the Romanian identity in everyday life (representation in art, literature, traditions, beliefs);
5. from history to historical: the Romanian identity between »natural growth« to »cult construction«;
6. modern dilemmas and contemporary challenges: The dynamics of Romanian identity in the European and global contexts;
7. romanian self-perception and perception of the other;
8. the influence of minorities on the Romanian identity.