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OPENING SESSION: 10h00 (9h00 Paris time) – 12h00 (11h00 Paris time)
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Moderator: Marie Leonte, ”Ștefan cel Mare” University of Suceava

Opening:

- **Stefan PURICI, Professor/ Vice-President of ”Ștefan cel Mare” / ”Stephen the Great” University of Suceava, ”CARPATHICA” Center of Interdisciplinary Studies**

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- **Serge SUR, Member of the Institut de France (French Academy of Moral and Political Sciences), Professor Emeritus, Public Law, Paris - Panthéon – Assas University**
- **Roseline LETTERON, Professor, Public Law, Sorbonne University, Paris, Member of the Center for the History of the 19th Century**

SESSION 1: 12h00 (11h00 Paris time) – 14h30 (13h30 Paris time)
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Moderators: Fabian KRAUSE, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen Nürnberg, Germany; Ivan OSADTSA, Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine; Liliana CREANGĂ, ”Ștefan cel Mare” Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Moldavia; Marin GHERMAN, ”Ștefan cel Mare” University of Suceava

DEMOCRACY IN TIMES OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS

- **Liliana CREANGĂ**, Professor, Public Law, **"Stefan cel Mare" Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Moldavia**: "Strategic Engagements for the Common Support of Peace and Inclusive Security"
- **Valentina MARINESCU**, Professor, **University of Bucharest, Romania**, **Ramona Marinache**, University Lecturer, **University of Bucharest, Romania** ; **Antonio Amuza**, University Lecturer, **Teodor Dumitrache**, University Lecturer, **University of Bucharest, Romania**: "From Fiction to Fear: Exploring Depictions of the Consequences of Thermo-Nuclear Wars"
- **Marin GHERMAN**, PhD, University Lecturer, **"Ștefan cel Mare" University of Suceava, Romania**: "Anti-Western Narratives as a Mechanism for the Erosion of democratic institutions: a comparative analysis of Romania and Ukraine"
- **Mariana COJOC**, Professor, **"Ovidius" University of Constanța, Romania**: "Multi-Level Governance and Democratic Public Decision-Making in a Regional Context: Real-Functionalist Solutions for the Extended Black Sea Area"
- **Fabian Krause, LL.M. (King's College London)**, Research Associate | Doctoral Researcher, Chair for Human Rights Law (Alexander von Humboldt Professur) **Centre for Human Rights Erlangen Nuremberg (CHREN), Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen Nürnberg, Germany**: "Transnational Repression – The litmus test of democracy?"
- **Oleksandr Korop**, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Faculty of History, Political Science and International Relations, **Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University Chernivtsi, Ukraine**: "War, Threat, and Democratic Resilience: A Quantitative Study of Russian Aggression and Democratic Attitudes in Ukraine"

DISINFORMATION, ANTI-DEMOCRATIC PROPAGANDA AND HYBRID WARFARE. ANTI-DEMOCRATIC INTERFERENCES

- **Alex MURARU**, PhD, **Member of the Romanian Parliament, Associate University Lecturer at the "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi, Romania**: "Hybrid War as a Technology of Democratic Erosion: The Operationalization of Russian Propaganda in Romania (2015–2025) and the Dynamics of Institutional Trust Undermining in an Euro-Atlantic Frontier State. Strategies, Narratives, and Architectures of Influence"
- **Simion ROSCA**, Professor, **"Stefan cel Mare" Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Moldavia**: "Disinformation – the key element of Russia's hybrid war against the Republic of Moldova"
- **Uchenna Jerome ORJI**, PhD, Lead Researcher, **African Institute for Cybersecurity & Tele-Informatics Governance, Asst. Professor of Law, School of Law, American University of Nigeria**: "Digital Disinformation Operations and the African Position on the Prohibition of Intervention in the Internal Affairs of States in Cyberspace"

- **Sirabana COULIBALY**, Researcher, Director of the Information and Communication Department (DSIC), **University Péléforo Gon Coulibaly (Korhogo), Ivory Coast**: "Information games and the fake news war on Facebook during the Ivorian election period: partisan avatars and threats to democracy"

- **Ivan OSADTSA**, Associate Professor, **Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University**, Faculty of History, Political Science and International Relations / Department of International Relations and Social Communications, **Ukraine**: "Using Artificial Intelligence to Detect and Verify Pro-Russian Disinformation Narratives Amid Russia's Hybrid War Against Ukraine"

- **Marie LEONTE**, University Lecturer, "**Ștefan cel Mare**" **University of Suceava, Romania**: "Responding to foreign interference in the European Union: multiple challenges, multidimensional solutions".

SESSION 2: 15h00 (14h00 Paris time) – 17h30 (16h30 Paris time)
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Moderators: Carlos Leonardo SANTANA BARENO, Legal professional of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace of Colombia; Ludmila ROȘCA, State University of Moldova, Geta MITREA, "Ștefan cel Mare" University of Suceava

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- **Mihaela RUS**, Professor, **Romanian Academy – Institute for Philosophy and Psychology**, Vice-president, Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences, "**Ovidius**" **University of Constanța, Romania**; **Florica BRAȘOVEANU**, Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences, "**Ovidius**" **University of Constanța, Romania**; **Constantin ANECHITOAIE**, Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences, "**Ovidius**" **University of Constanța, Romania**: "Democratic resilience and the protection of human rights in times of crisis"

- **Elena SPIRIDON**, Researcher, **Romanian Academy – Research Institute for the Quality of Life**: "Revised Modernization Theory and Representative Democracy: A Comparative Study"

- **Carlos Leonardo Santana Bareño**, Master in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, Legal professional of the Special Jurisdiction for Peace of Colombia: "Human rights in democracy? Challenges in democratic decision-making scenarios with respect to human rights"

- **Olga DOBĂ**, Assist. Lecturer, "**Ștefan cel Mare**" **Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Moldavia**: "Mechanisms for respecting the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms in the Republic of Moldova"

DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION : DEVELOPMENTS IN DECISION – MAKING PROCEDURES

- **Ludmila ROȘCA**, Professor, Researcher, **State University of Moldova**: "Participatory democracy – a condition for increasing the efficiency of public policies"

- **Sanda Maria ARDELEANU**, Professor, Former Member of the Romanian Parliament, Dame of the Legion of Honour: " At the Heart of Public Decision-Making – Fragments of a Member of Parliament's Journey"
- **Maxime MILLON**, Assistant Lecturer, Public Law, **Bordeaux University, Center for Comparative Studies and Research on Constitutions, Freedoms and the State CERCCLÉ** (UR 7436), Associate Member of the **University College Dublin Centre for Human Rights**: "Citizens' assemblies and the decision-making structure of deliberation. Consensus, voting, and decision preparation in representative government"
- **N'guessan Julien KOUAMÉ**, Researcher, Univ. Lecturer, Philosophy Department, **Alassane Ouattara University (Bouaké – Ivory Coast)**; **Kouadio Siméon KOUAKOU**, Political Philosophy and Ethics Department, **Félix Houphouët-Boigny University (Abidjan - Ivory Coast)**: "From political exclusion in Ivory Coast to democratic denial: when resistance becomes a bulwark?"
- **Mathew IDICULLA**, PhD Candidate and Teaching Fellow, **Faculty of Law & Justice, UNSW Sydney, Australia**: "Rethinking Democracy through Gandhi's Swaraj: Deliberative Local Democracy and Decentralized Constitutionalism in India"
- **Shubham YADAV**, Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India**: "Re-thinking Democracy as Jamhuriyat: The Case of Domestic Women Workers' Union and Inter-Personal Affective Bonds in Public Decision-making"
- **Geta MITREA**, PhD, Associate Professor, "**Ștefan cel Mare**" **University of Suceava, Romania**: "Democracy" of young adults and their rights: the implications of parental migration".
- **Anda-Elena GHILAN**, **University of Trento and Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italia**: "Mexico: Community oriented policing: genuine tool for reform or political legitimation?"
- **Frederick MBA MISSANG**, Assistant Lecturer CAMES (African and Malagasy Council for Higher Education), Department of Law and Political Science, associate researcher at Sciences-po Bordeaux and Lecturer at the **Omar Bongo University of Libreville, Gabon**; **Cyrille MICKALA**, Assistant Lecturer CAMES, Philosophy Department, **Omar Bongo University of Libreville, Gabon**: "The African guard body put to the test by democracy: the desacralization of the sacred and of the spoken word"

Friday, 5th of June 2026

Opening :

- **Florin PINTESCU, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of History, Geography and Social Sciences, "Stefan cel Mare"/ "Stephen the Great" University of Suceava, "CARPATHICA" Center of Interdisciplinary Studies**

SESSION 3: 9h30 (8h30 Paris time) – 13h00 (12h00 Paris time)

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Moderators: Mateusz BRZEZINSKI, University of Warsaw, Poland; Miruna Andreea BALOSIN, "Babes Bolyai" University of Cluj Napoca ; Belecciu Ștefan, "Stefan cel Mare" Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Moldavia; Marcela ȘLUSARCIUC, "Ștefan cel Mare" University of Suceava

EUROPEAN GOVERNANCE. DECISION-MAKING INFLUENCE AND INTEREST GROUPS

- **Ana Fernanda NEVES, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Lisbon, Portugal:** "EU Conditionality and Democratic Safeguards: Prospects for Portugal"
- **Mateusz Brzeziński, LLM DBA, PhD, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw, Poland:** "Leveraging Public Procurement for Social Change: A Comparative View of the EU and Poland"
- **Raikhan Zhanbulatova, Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Senior Lecturer of the Department of International Relations of the L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan :** Researcher at the Center «Energy Aspects of Kazakhstan»: „Cross-Border Partnerships and the Transformation of Democracy in European Border Regions"
- **Belecciu Ștefan, Professor, "Stefan cel Mare" Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Moldavia; Iurie Golban, "Stefan cel Mare" Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Moldavia:** "The mechanisms of European governance in the field of migration and asylum: implications for the Republic of Moldova as a candidate state for the European Union"
- **Marco SCIARRA, Phd Candidate - PhD Program in "Law & Social Change: The Challenges of Transnational Regulation", Law Department - "Roma Tre" University, Italie :** "Membership in the European Union as a self-imposed constitutional constraint on political pluralism (and therefore on democracy): a comparative analysis concerning Italy, Romania and France"
- **Miruna Andreea Balosin, University Lecturer, Faculty of European Studies, "Babes Bolyai" University of Cluj Napoca, Romania:** "European Union – wide Standards on Lobbying: a Reality in the Making"
- **Yegor Malov, PhD candidate, Chernivtsi National University of Yuriy Fedkovich, Ukraine:** "The role of interparty debate in shaping US geostrategy in the Indo- Pacific region"

DEMOCRACY AND THE INDIVIDUAL

- **Asiwal SAHIL**, Senior Research Scholar, Faculty of Law, **University of Delhi, New Delhi, India**, **SHIVANI Pawar**, Legal Associate, **Bombai High Court, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India**: „Child Labor: A Violation of Children's Rights in a Democratic Society”
- **Andra Bianca IACOB**, PhD candidate, Faculty of Law, **Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania**: ”From the Border to Constitutional Guarantees: Dignity and the Right to Protection for Non-Citizens in Europe”
- **Dragana Delić**, student, Faculty of Political Sciences, **University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina**: ”The Paradox of self – defense: militant democracy and the limits of tolerance in the 21st century”

SESSION 4: 14h00 (13h00 Paris time) – 17h30 (16h30 Paris time)
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Moderators: Nurullah GORGEN, Istanbul Medeniyet University, Türkiye; Răzvan Victor PANTELIMON, ”Ovidius” University, Constanța, Romania, Sorin IGNĂTESCU, ”Stefan cel Mare” University of Suceava, Romania

INSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES FOR MAINTAINING DEMOCRACY

- **Carl LEBECK**, Jur.dr. (Stockholm), LL.M. (Harvard) M.Sc. M.Jur. (Oxon) DEA (FUSL-Brussels), Assistant professor of Public Law, **Stockholm University, Sweden**: ”Towards a human right to an independent judge? From an individual right to fair trial to a structural protection of democracy”
- **Nurullah Görgen**, Assistant Professor, **Istanbul Medeniyet University, Türkiye** : ”Deparliamentarization and Democratic Decline in Weak Democracies”
- **Ari Niki-Tobi**, U.S.-based Nigerian researcher, founder of A.T. Socio-Judicial Consulting, and former magistrate-judge in Lagos, **Nigeria** : ”Democracy and the Courts in Uncertain Times: A Socio-Judicial Dilemma”
- **Răzvan Victor Pantelimon**, PhD, University Lecturer, Faculty of History and Political Science, **”Ovidius” University of Constanța, Romania**: ”Some Theoretical Considerations on the Concept of “Lawfare” and Its Use in Latin America”
- **Dayana LEON**, **Ecuador**, consultant/ auditor of electoral on public policies: ”Elections, Legitimacy, and Public Decision-Making in Latin America: The Ups and Downs of Democratization (2020–2025)”
- **Eric Stéphane MVAEBEME**, Assistant Lecturer CAMES (Public Law), Dschang University, Researcher at the Center for Constitutional, Administrative and Financial Studies (**CERCAF**) and at the Interdisciplinary Laboratory of Law, Public Finance Management and Taxation (**LABOFIP**) **Yaounde II University, Cameroon**, Associate Researcher at the Center for African Studies

at the **"Babeş-Bolyai" University of Cluj Napoca, Romania**: "Guarantees of democracy in Francophone sub-Saharan African states"

- **Maria Livia ŞTEFĂNESCU, Romanian Academy, Research Institute for the Quality of Life, Bucharest, Romania**: "The population's perception in March 2023 of institutions and organizations designed to protect and promote democracy in Romania"

- **Cristina TOMULEŢ, PhD Assistant Professor, "Babeş-Bolyai" University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, Department of Public Law**: "Militant Democracy in Romania"

- **Chung Nguyen, PhD, Law Lecturer – Faculty of Business and Law, FPT University, Vietnam**: "Social Rights Beyond Adjudication: Legislative Constitutionalism and Public Decision-Making in Vietnam"

- **Natalia GAVRILENCO, University Lecturer, Department of Procedural Law, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Law, State University of Moldavia, Republic of Moldavia**: "The judge of today in the democracy of tomorrow: provocations for judicial independence in the context of judicial reform in the Republic of Moldova"

- **Diana IONESCU, University Lecturer, Faculty of Law, "Babeş-Bolyai" University Cluj-Napoca, Romania**: "The Superior Council of Magistracy as a Democratic Guarantee: Between Constitutional Design and Institutional Practice"

- **Khrystyna Bidonko, PhD candidate, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine**: "Does it matter, who proposes the law? Emotional Framing and Source Credibility in Public Evaluation of Legislative Initiatives"

Saturday, 6th of June 2026

Opening :

- **Gheorghe ONIŞORU, Professor, Director of the Department of Human and Socio-Political Sciences, Faculty of History, Geography and Social Sciences, "Stefan cel Mare"/ "Stephen the Great" University of Suceava**

SESSION 5: 09h30 (8h30 Paris time) – 13h00 (12h00 Paris time)
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Moderators: Maria LAIU-TINCU, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iaşi, Romania; Monika AUGUSTYNIAK, Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce, Poland

HISTORY OF DEMOCRACY AND OF POLITICAL PARTIES

- **Nicoleta CHICINAŞ, University Lecturer, "Babeş-Bolyai" University Cluj Napoca, Faculty of European Studies/ Department of European Studies and Governance, Romania :** "Proclaimed Democracy, Controlled Press: The Case of Romania (1944–1950)"
- **Lucian Alexandru MEREUŢĂ, PhD candidate, "Ovidius" University of Constanţa, Romania:** "Constitution of the Dobrogea 1880 – 1909"
- **Caleb MOISE, PhD in Political Science from Université Paris Cité, Centre Maurice Hauriou pour la Recherche en Droit Public (EA 1515), France:** "Geopolitical Influences and Democratic Vulnerability in Emerging Democracies: the Case of Haiti Post – 1990"

LOCAL DEMOCRACY

- **Monika AUGUSTYNIAK, Professor, Institute of Law, Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce, Poland:** "Challenges facing contemporary local government: on the issue of hate speech and violence against councilors – experiences and prospects for change"
- **Alice MOSSUZ, PhD candidate, Political Science, Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University – CESSP, France:** "Democracy in the Making. The Everyday Crafting of Representation in/ by Citizen's Messages to French MPs"
- **Maria Laiu-Tincu, Assist. Lecturer, Faculty of Law, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iaşi, Romania:** „Local Democracy"
- **Liliana BELECCIU, Professor, "Stefan cel Mare" Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Moldavia; Persida-Marieta STAN, PhD candidate, "Stefan cel Mare" Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Republic of Moldavia:** "Intercommunity cooperation as an expression of European local governance"

- **Adriana - Daniela GIURCĂ (POPESCU)**, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Political Sciences, **Romania**: "Non Governmental Organizations as Actors of Local Democratic Governance in Rural Communities: Evidence from Educational Interventions"

- **Iulian NEGRU**, Assistant Lecturer, University of Bucharest, **Romania**: "Control, Access, and Inequality: Public Parking as an Infrastructure of Urban Conflict"

SESSION 6: 14h00 (13h00 Paris time) – 17h30 (16h30 Paris time)

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Moderators: Vasyl BARANETS, Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine; Imane EL MARZGUIOUI, Mohammed 5 University, Rabat, Morocco, Andreea Ioana COZIANU, "Ștefan cel Mare" University of Suceava

PEDAGOGICS OF DEMOCRACY

- **Dorin-Mircea DOBRA**, University Lecturer, "Babes-Bolyai" University of Cluj-Napoca, **Romania**: "Evolution of the fundamental concepts of democracy in Europe – Sovereignty of the people in relation to leaders or to other peoples"

- **Dieudonné Achille Ozi GAGBÉI**, Alassane Ouattara University, Bouake, Ivory Coast: "Thinking about the democratic crisis in Africa"

- **Silvia-Diana SCHECHTER**, University of Bucharest, Doctoral School of Political Science, **Romania**: "The Hesitant Electorate: Understanding Voter Reticence in Romania's 2025 Presidential Election"

E-DEMOCRACY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND PUBLIC DECISION – MAKING

- **N'dri Solange KOUAME**, Assistant Lecturer, Researcher, Félix HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY University, Ivory Coast /Abidjan – Cocody, UFR SHS (Philosophy Department): "Power, knowledge, and algorithms: artificial intelligence put to the test of philosophical critique"

- **Neha TRIPATHI**, Assistant Professor, School of Law, Mahindra University, Hyderabad, India; **Aditi NIDHI**, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Law, Mahindra University, Hyderabad, India: "Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Governance: Rethinking Accountability in Algorithmic Public Decision – Making"

- **Vasyl Baranets**, PhD candidate, Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Department of International Relations and Public Communications, **Ukraine**: "Artificial Intelligence and the Transformation of Democratic Decision-Making"

- **Ahou Florence AGNEY**, University Lecturer, Peleforo Gon Coulibaly University – Korhogo, Ivory Coast: "Changing Modes of Democratic Youth Engagement in Côte d'Ivoire from 2000-2025: From the Street to Digital Social Networks"

- **Imane EL Marzguioui**, Doctor in Public Law and Political science, Adjunct Lecturer at the Faculty of Legal Economic and Social Sciences, Mohammed 5 University, Rabat, Morocco: "E-

Participation and Public Decision-Making in Morocco: Digital Innovation or Limited Democratic Transformation?"

- **Mihai STEFANOAI**, University Lecturer, Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences, "Ștefan cel Mare" University of Suceava, Romania: "Democracy and human rights in a global and digital context"

- **Pierre CILUFFO GRIMALDI**, Professor, Sorbonne University, Paris, Institute Celsa: "Keys to understanding Honduras and its troubled election: a historic anti-democratic interference"

- **Patrick KOLLO NDOUMIN**, PhD – Dschang University, Cameroon: "Democracy under digital constraints: public decision-making, artificial intelligence, and power restructuring in Africa"

- **Valdo VALE MFEBE**, Researcher, Kinshasa University, Democratic Republic of Congo: "Democracy in Recomposition in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Promises, Risks and Reconfiguration of Public Decision-Making in Sub-Saharan Africa"

CHALLENGES FOR TOMORROW'S DEMOCRACY

- **Saad-Allah ADLI**, PhD, Researcher – Eklore Lab, ESC École Supérieure de Commerce de Pau/ Pau Business School, France: "From ideological divide to electoral segmentation: reshaping of political competition and transformations of democratic decision-making in the age of marketing"

CLOSING OF WORKS