

## *SCIENTIFIC LIFE*

### **THE BOOK: OUT OF THE USSR. REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: PARLIAMENTARY DEBATES (1990-1991)**

IISD and ISPRI presented in Chişinău

28 January 2013

Gheorghe Cojocaru — historian and writer, author of “Out of the USSR. Moldova: Parliamentary debates (1990-1991)” — considers that Parliament has played a crucial role in gaining independence of Moldova in 1991.

The volume contains transcripts retrieved from the Parliament archive and the list of persons who voted for independence in 1991.

The book was published with the support of the Institute of History, State and Law of the Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy published at ISPRI Publishing House, 2013. The volume was presented by Prof. dr. Dan Dungaciu, director of the Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy.

### **THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY**

30 January 2013

The yearly conference of the Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy took place in the Council Room of the Institute. After the registration of the participants, the Director of the institute, university professor Dan Dungaciu, PhD, sustained an Introductory Speech, followed by the first section of the conference entitled “International Relations and European Evolutions” (moderator: Dan Dungaciu) with several interventions such as: “USA External Politics Between Truman and Bush Doctrine” (Cristina Vohn); “The Impact of the Euro-Atlantic Enlargement on the Triangular Relation EU-Russia-Baltic States” (Oana Simion); “The European Construction Reflected in the Theories of Integration” (Ruxandra Iordache); “The Position of the European Union in International Relations — Alternative to Power or Model of Alternative Power” (Sanda Cincă); “The Cultural Diplomacy of the European Union: Aspects in Debate” (Lucian Jora); “Directions of External Politics of Romania in 2013” (Dan Dungaciu). There followed questions, commentaries, answers and discussions through which the ideas proposed were better set within context and clarified in their importance for the international relations seen also from Romanian perspective.

The second section of the conference was entitled “Res Publica in the Current Political Philosophy” (Moderator: Ion Goian). The contributors were: Aristide Cioaba with the topic “Structural Inadequacy of the Political Class in Terms of Democratic Consolidation of the Current Regime in Romania”; Henrieta Şerban — “American Republicanism in the Light of the Civil Rights and Liberties”; Viorella Manolache — “Republicanism: An Alternative Way to (Re) Thinking Politics and State”; Cristian Popa — “Tax Treaty Meanings — A Constitutional Economic Perspective”; Răzvan Pantelimon on the transition from the revolutionary model to the democratic model, and the transformation of the Socialist Party of Chile between '60s – '90s of the twentieth century. The section continued with Pol. Sc. Int. Rel., X, 2, p. 177–181, Bucharest, 2013.

questions, comments, answers and discussions by which republican reality was illuminated via theoretical perspectives.

Section III of the conference was entitled “Electoral Processes and Contemporary Legitimizing of Political Power” (Moderator: Aristide Cioabă). Constantin Nica discussed “Legitimacy — the Current Definition and Meaning”; Gabriela Tănăsescu presented analytically “Electoral Legitimacy and Substantial Legitimacy or the Legitimacy and Authority”; Bogdan-Mihai Popescu commented the “Parliamentary Elections 2012 — Stakes, Strategies, Effects of the Electoral System”; Lorena Stuparu presented “The Legitimacy Function of the Political Imaginary”; Adela Deliu submitted to attention the subject “Complementary Modalities of Democratic Legitimacy”.

Section IV was entitled “Political and Diplomatic Personalities, Identity and Image” (Moderator: Cristian Popa). Ion Goian presented “Machiavelli in Romanian Culture — Influence and Interference”; Cristinel Pantelimon capitalized the personality and work of Jacques Bainville, Florin Müller presented a picture of the political thinker Nae Ionescu in a paper entitled “Nae Ionescu — Landmarks of Political Thought in 1930”; Ileana Stănculescu proposed another project of recovery of a major personality of Romanian culture, C. Karajda, in her paper “C. Karajda — European Diplomat”; Carmen Burcea presented an investigation of the current relationship between migration, social integration and country image in “Transnational Destinies and Country Image” and Enache Tusa approached the topic “Social Memory and Political Identity Aromanians settled South Dobruja”. The comments were raised on migration, social and political identity, accompanied by questions, answers of interest for the Romanian socio-political realities.

The conclusions of the conference were summarized by prof. Dr. Dan Dungaciu, Director ISPRI, who highlighted the relevance of the topics and debates, their complexity and timeliness. According to relevance and interest, the communications are to be published in ISPRI’s Yearbook 2013.

### **INTERNATIONAL PROJECT ADVANCED POLITICAL LEARNING FOR HIGHLY MOTIVATED YOUNG LEADERS IN MOLDOVA**

IDIS Viitorul, Republic of Moldova and Heins Seidel foundation

6-10 February 2013

The International project aimed at training young political leaders from Moldova, based on interactive learning application political methods. Theoretical courses are held weekly and are supported by a team of experts from academia, the business and public administration, career diplomats and other public actors.

Dan Dungaciu claimed the project, courses on “European Integration and identity issues” and debate with project participants on the topic of European integration and the issue of identity in Moldova.

### **“EUROPEAN PUBLIC SPACE- WHERE TO?”**

Faculty of Political Science, Christian University “Dimitrie Cantemir”  
and Institute of Political Science and International Relations,  
Romanian Academy, Bucharest

9 May 2013, Bucharest

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry into force of the Maastricht Treaty on European Union, a legal act by which the European project, launched in the 50s of the twentieth century, as the European Coal and Steel Community, try to go beyond economic integration in a political union formula which nature, powers and functions remain a constant source of academic dilemmas, political controversy

and institutional ambiguities. On the occasion, the Faculty of Political Science Christian University “Dimitrie Cantemir” Bucharest, together with the Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy, organized the conference “European public space — where to?”.

The conference debated the issues that the academic, political and journalism area in Europe and, to some extent, the European public as well as policy and institutional sustainability of the Union or its ability to respond with policies its objectives and expectations made by Member States and citizens. The conference has explored ideas insufficiently treated in the Romanian research in political science and communication sciences, such as the consistency and coherence of the ‘European public space’, starting from Jurgen Habermas’s term of “public space” as a framework for the openly and transparently political debate.

### **THE RAPPORTS BETWEEN THE STATE POWERS IN THE ROMANIAN CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM — AN EVALUATION FROM THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION**

Faculty of Political Science, Christian University “Dimitrie Cantemir”, International  
Institute for Human Rights and Institute of Political Science and  
International Relations, Romanian Academy, Bucharest

11 March 2013, Bucharest

The Plenum Session was opened by Rector Christian University “Dimitrie Cantemir”, prof. Dr. Corina Adriana Dumitrescu, presenting *University Autonomy and Constitutional Project — Assessment and a Proposal of Lex Ferenda*. The President of the Romanian Senate and the Chairman of the Constitution Review Committee, Crin Antonescu delivered the speech about *The Necessity, Premises, Risks and Chances for the Review of the Romanian Constitution*. In a distinct perspective that emphasized the merits of the Constitution drafted in 1991 the speech developed also the need to revise the current Constitution to eliminate ambiguities that generated abusive interpretations, the Chairman of Senate emphasized that a “good faith in reading of the Constitution” could avoid confrontations, crises and critical moments in recent years and during a process depreciating credibility of the constitutional system. Constitutional revision was defined as a change that addresses the need improve the credibility and legitimacy of politics, and also that “transcends conjunctures” that “starts from a situation open to all forces and to the entire society”, while it is designed to strengthen the framework for “the rules should not be interpreted in terms of separation of state powers “and power control mechanisms through the democratic institutions. There were presented views on the need of Constitutional revision, and a discussion on the extent the revision is necessary, the current context within which the specific constitutional traditions are discussed: prof. Dr. Momcilo Luburici, prof. Dr. Cristian Ionescu — *The Role of the President of Romania in the Procedure of Appointment of the Prime Minister: Constitutional controversies*, Gyorgy Frunda UDMR leader, now legal adviser to the prime minister, Mihnea COSTOIU, delegate minister for higher education, scientific research and technological development, prof. Dr. Cristian Dumitrescu, vice president of the Romanian Senate, prof. Dr. Ecaterina Andronescu, Chairman of higher education, scientific research and technological development, Dr. Florin Iordache, MP, member of the Constitution Review Committee.

Plenary works were held in the presence of a large audience, were followed by works carried out in two sections: (I) *The relationship between state powers. Institutionalized normative and political practice*, moderators prof. Dr. Cristian Ionescu, prof. Dr. Alexandru Radu, Dr. Gabriela Tănăsescu CS III; (II) *Theoretical problems on some fundamental legal institutions generated by the revision of the Constitution*, moderators Lecturer Mădălina Tomescu, PhD, Lecturer John Molnar, PhD, assistant professor Daniela Ciochină, PhD. Communications presented in the first section were: professor Stephen Deaconu, PhD, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest *Romanian Constitutional*

*Relations between the President and the Parliament*, professor Florin Negoită, PhD, Faculty of Law and Administration of the UCDC in Bucharest: *Separation of Powers and Relations with Parliament President Romanian Constitutional System*, assistant professor Mihaela Elena Fodor, PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Law Cluj-Napoca UCDC: *The Constitutional Principle of Supremacy of the Constitution*, assistant professor Tudor Oniga, PhD, Faculty of Law Cluj-Napoca UCDC: *Is Parliament the Sole Legislative Authority?*; assistant professor Petra Lăzăroiu, PhD, Constitutional Court: *Constitutional Court's Competence to Resolve Legal Disputes of a Constitutional Nature Between Public Authorities. Limits and conditions*; university professor Cristian Dumitrescu, PhD and Marian Popa, Ph, Faculty of Political Science of UCDC in Bucharest: *The Constitution of the Fifth French Republic and Some Issues Relevant to the Romanian Constitution*; lecturer Varga Atilla, PhD, Law Faculty of Sapientia University in Cluj-Napoca: *The Relations of the Parliament with the Constitutional Court*; university professor Gheorghe Iancu, PhD, Law Faculty of Bucharest University: *Reflections on a New Revision of the Constitution*; assistant professor Cristian Jura, PhD, Faculty of Juridical and Administrative Sciences of UCDC in Bucharest: *The International Representation of Romania and Competence Conflict Between The President of Romanian and the Prime-Minister*; associate professor Benonica Vasilescu, PhD, Faculty of Juridical and Administrative Sciences of UCDC in Bucharest: *Some Considerations on the Componence of the Government Vested after the General Parliamentary Elections in 2012*; Scientific Researcher I Constantin Nica, PhD, Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy: *The Constitution of Romania — from Syntheses and Originality to Perfectibility*; Scientific Researcher III Gabriela Tănăsescu, PhD, Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy: *Constitutional and Extra-Constitutional Aspects in the Functioning of the Dual Executive Authority of Romania*; university professor Cristian Ionescu, PhD, Faculty of Juridical and Administrative Sciences of UCDC in Bucharest: *The Conception of the Constituent Assembly Concerning the Constitutional Role and Functions of the President of Romania*; university professor Alexandru Radu, PhD, Faculty of Political Science of UCDC in Bucharest: *Material Constitution vs Real Constitution*; PhD candidate Bogdan Dima, Law Faculty of the University in Bucharest: *Romanian Post-Communist Semi-Presidential System — Theories, Norms and Practices*; lecturer Gheorghe Ciascai, PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences of UCDC in Bucharest: *The Implications of Romania's Accession to the European Union on the Constitutional Reform*; lecturer Mihaela Agata Popescu, PhD, Faculty of Juridical and Administrative Sciences of UCDC in Bucharest: *The Character of Government's Accountability in Front of the Parliament and the Procedural Rules Concerning Government's Undertaking Responsibility on Art. 114 in the Revised Constitution*; lecturer Camil Tănăsescu, PhD, Faculty of Juridical and Administrative Sciences of UCDC in Bucharest: *The Constitutional Responsibility of the President of Romania*.

**LUMEN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE LOGOS  
UNIVERSALITY MENTALITY EDUCATION NOVELTY (LUMEN 2013)**

ISI WEB OF SCIENCE INDEXED

10-13 April 2013, Jassy

*Lumen International Conference Logos Universality Mentality Education Novelty* is an international scientific manifestation with multidisciplinary character, whose general objective is to promote scientific excellence, encouraging a broad spectrum of contribution of scientific papers in social sciences. Conference proceedings will be published by Elsevier; all papers published in **Procedia-Social and Behavioral Sciences** are also indexed by **Scopus** and **Science Direct** and submitted to Thomson Reuters Conference Proceedings Citation Index-Science (**ISI Web of Science**) for evaluation for inclusion in the list.

Scientific researcher III, PhD., Viorella Manolache and scientific researcher III, PhD., Henrieta Anișoara Șerban, ISPRI, have participated with the study: *VIRTUAL LOGOS — AN INCLUSIVE — (LY) POLITICAL ALTERNATIVE*.

Scientific researcher III, PhD., Lorena Păvalan Stuparu has participated with the study: *Identity: a Substantial Reality or a Convention?*

### **THIRD CONFERENCE: AFTER COMMUNISM. EAST AND WEST UNDER SCRUTINY**

Craiova, House of the University

5-6 April 2013

Scientific researcher III, PhD., Lorena Păvalan Stuparu has participated with the study: *Romania's European Identity between Substantialism and Conventionalism*.

### **“FRANCISC I. RAINER” SYMPOSIUM**

Institute of anthropology “Francisc I. Rainer” of the Romanian Academy

18 April 2013

The theme of the symposium — ANTHROPOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT — has proposed, continuing the tradition of previous years, to bring together the contributions of anthropology latest development directions approaching bio-socio-cultural frames, in the context of biodiversity.

Scientific researcher III, PhD., Viorella Manolache has participated with the study *A technical assemblage: molar formulas and / or molecular environment*, approaching the ambient environment as assumed from modernity, an institutionalized form and / or as postmodern alternative to external formulas on reality constructed by intersecting with bio-and ecological environment.

### **3rd GLOBAL CONFERENCE, *FEMINITIES & MASCULINITIES***

Inter-Disciplinary.net, a Global Network for Dynamic Research and Publishing,  
Prague, Czech Republic

21-24 May 2013

The study of gender is an interdisciplinary field of academic research on the issues of femininity and masculinity in their social and cultural contexts. Since their emergence from feminism, gender studies have become one of the most deliberated disciplines. The following project aims at an interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and perspectives on the issues of femininity and masculinity in the 21st century. It invites ground-breaking research on a plethora of topics connected with gender, to propose an interdisciplinary view of its frontiers and to stake out new territories in the study of femininity and masculinity. The project explores and assesses a number of key core themes: 1. Representations of femininity and masculinity; 2. Gender borders and transgressions; 3. New directions in femininity and masculinity studies; 4. Global and regional perspectives on gender; 5. Gender in relationships; 6. Gender in experience.

Scientific researcher III, PhD., Viorella Manolache has participated with the study *Feminisms in the Alternative Space of 'Trans-': the Cultural Appeal* and as the chair of the Session 13, Queer Cultural Texts.