At this occasion, the 10th anniversary of the Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations, I convey my warm salute to this journal, which I consider a valuable publication, worthy of consideration, within the Romanian academic landscape and the category of international publications. 

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Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations has already confirmed its importance and a relevant status within the Romanian scientific space.

The review has been a significant presence since its first apparition under this name in 2004, with a structure comprising six directions of investigation, re-united in chapters such as: International Relations, Political Philosophy, Political Sciences, Points of View, Rapports, and In Focus. Other chapters of the journal are: Scientific Life, Book Reviews, the Review of Reviews, and the Authors.

At this anniversary moment, number 2/2014 of Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations, determines and reconfigures the relationship among the journal, the authors, contributors, and specialists confirming its development, persistence and value.

DAN DUNGACIU

Editor,
Director of the Institute of Political Sciences
and International Relations, Romanian Academy

The ten years celebration of the journal is an occasion of justified and rewarding satisfaction as well for the Institute, which is its main laboratory. Also, its friends from the country and from abroad salute it for the merit in entertaining the collaboration of the researchers from our country with the colleagues and the public worldwide. It has passed all the tests of scientific rigor and clarity of language. We salute the probity, the exigency and the language of the journal, cutting now its path to wider skies. And once again we are expressing gratitude for the care to maintain these performances to the Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy, directed by Professor Dan Dungaciu, who also edits it. Happy anniversary to you and to your journal!

Academician MIRCEA MALIȚA

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10 years do not mean much, chronologically. Though, in a cultural order, age is measured by different “weights” and 10 years may mean either a lot or less. A journal, as any cultural fact, does not fall far from the rule. Its age is measured by its value, as it is applicable to the wise men, too. Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations is individualized in terms of value to a higher standard. It sums up to an opus.

Academician GHEORGHE VLĂDUȚESCU

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In the beginning there were the historical events of December 1989, heralding a period of cultural, ideological and institutional opening. Within this context, the Institute of Social Theory of the Romanian Academy was created (January 19, 1990). Since 1997, this academic Institute set to the publishing of two journals: one in Romanian and the second one in several languages of international circulation: Revista de Teorie Socială and Revue Roumaine de Théorie Sociale. After a decade of fruitful activity, the Institute of Social Theory of the Romanian Academy was reorganized as the Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy (ISPRI).

Personally, I was Director of both scientific institutions during 1997-2002. Or an year, the new Institute edited Revista de Teorie Socială (new series). Unfortunately, in 2003 ISPRI’s journals were not issued. The new series of the two publications started to appear again in 2004 and they continue to appear, until today.

Following “the desiderate-without-change” of resuming writing, cherished by the Romanian politician during interwar greater România, Constantin Argetoianu,
the anniversary moment of *Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations* ("the wheat sown in December in Oltenia must have sprouted by now") cannot be marked but as a telling ardent of the creative scientific and academic skills proven since 1998 and until the present day, as progress in the sense of activity oriented purposefully toward a specific aim.

The fragments of history are the signs of the present and of the future from which we claim ourselves; thus, the journal should emphasize its past and to open its future, marking as symbol a number /a pennant year. All the more that, with double facet — *Revue Roumaine de Théorie Sociale* (1998), respectively, *Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations* (2004) — this publishing approach has never operated a parting of the ways with the first direction characterized by the flux of original contributions, relevant for theoretical knowledge and practical verification, for the dissemination of knowledge and for the entering into the scientific national and international circuit, through the decoding and reassignment meaning of the concepts reticulated and circulated within political science, history, philosophy and international relations. All these cannot be sectioned apart from the re-declared warning that there is politics (political history) inside each of the segments of a human community’s life, as a corollary of history as a whole, a manner, or even a method, impressing the directions of development for all the domains of human activity, a control tower around which revolve all the other components of history.

The climate imagined by Mihail Kogălniceanu (referring to the overcoming of any provincialisms and of the analytical limitations, encouraging the activities leading to good Romanian productions connected with the autochthonous environment, though, considering the European characteristics, unity and existence) is described by the stages of consolidation of the journal, those established in the biannual session of communications of the Institute of Social Theory (June 10, 1998): communication, pertinent and sustained investigation, rigorous research, active thought, true knowledge, well-dosed effervescence, excellence.

And which is another sign of good and just ruling, of forming and qualitative approach that the Director, the researcher, the historian and the coordinator of the Editorial Department may have, if not to look forward and back, designing arches in time, always under Minerva’s shield, envisioning the lively contour of a journal initiated and shepherded – from meadows or from drought – with the constant feeling that it does not live to adapt, or to chance, but it is built and rebuilt with each issue, according to a vision.

**STELIAN NEAGOE**

Historian, Professor and Researcher,  
Former Editor of the *Revue Roumaine de Théorie Sociale*, 1997-2004
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AND IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

By accepting the reorganization of the Institute of Political Science and
International Relations (2001) and edited “Romanian Review of Political Sciences
and International Relations” (2004), Romanian Academy has agreed to be an active
player in the social arena through a qualitative and substantial contribution to the
development democratic political culture in Romania and the international
community.

The President of the Academy and of the Section of profile, and especially
Academician Mircea Malița, has positively received the argument that, in the
21st century, any internal policy decision requires thinking and projection whole
complex global interdependencies.

Therefore, “Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations”
(RSPRI) proposed to be a contributor to the development and modernization
of contemporary political culture, to participate in the debate and development
of concepts and strategies for today and tomorrow’s local policies, European
and international help to increase the capacity of analysis, formulation and
implementation of foreign policy of Romania and the European Union.

Also, RSPRI aims to make contributions to the dynamics of decision-making
processes in global politics and the international system, to engage in the effort
of government streamlining management processes and interactions of the actors
of international relations, to support the career aspirations of professionalism in
the field of European/international careers and in international communication, too.

Naturally, the program assumed a decade ago by RSPRI was ambitious and
extensive because so was perceived need for modernization and Europeanization
of Romania, within the context of globalization. Along with the amplitude of
international scientific communication in political science and international relations,
I am convinced that around RSPRI can develop a real school of research and analysis
of local, European and global political phenomena, involving the highest
expertise of the Romanian academia, of Europe and of the entire world.

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Faculty of European Study,
Former Editor of the Romanian Review
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2004-2007
Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations was launched as a review meant not to overtake the homologue review in Romanian language, but to be from the beginning an own creation, independent, expressed in the Western civilizations' languages. A Review meant to enter the contemporary ideas flux with newly and fresh intellectual forces coming from the Romanian and abroad academic mediums; a joy of creation in domains such as: political sciences, placed under investigation, the image of theory and philosophy, the European model dynamics, international relations, new concepts of thought in the scientific life, the intake of recent books and reviews. Ion Goian, Gabriela Tănăsescu, Cristian Ion Popa, Anișoara Șerban or Viorica Manolache (cited according to their entrance in the scene), from the Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, researchers with enlightened minds, with creator enthusiasm, with initiative and ideas, have concretized their thoughts, the collaborators' and ours into highly intellectual contributions. So be it further!

ION BULEI,
Professor and Historian,
Former Editor of the Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations, 2008-2011

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PER ASPERA AD ASTRA!

The anniversary of a decade of existence of the academic publication Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations constitutes, actually, a good opportunity for reflection on redaction life, but, at the same time, a happy occasion to thank all those – seriously, rigorously, with professionalism and passion – think, create, translate and publish the journal – during fortunate, or less fortunate, times.

It offers a lively and enticing portrait of the current or former Romanian microcosms, seen from the philosophical and social-political perspective. The minutiae and nuanced approaches (within the eight theme chapters of the journal) generate a clear scientific impact, as well at the national as at the international level. As a consequence, the scope and the results of the analyses gain, not only the freshness of an oasis, but also the exemplarity of a (direly needed) moral referential.

"Les choses ne valent que ce qu'on les fait valoir" [The things value as much as we value them] – said Molière once. Value is the “strength” of this publication breathing under the tall arches of the Academy... Long life, inspired authors and
passionate readers – these are my wishes. And, especially, let it be that the unending state of “wonder”, specific to the philosopher, never to cease!

DOINA FLOREA
Professor “Lucian Blaga” University, Sibiu,
Member of the Romanian Writers Union

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This year marks the 10th anniversary of the journal Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations. On this occasion, it is my pleasure to take note of this prolific periodical of the Romanian Academy, which is well worth stopping and looking through. The diversity and quality of the articles, authors and of the board is noteworthy. The journal offers a “telescopic” and informative view of Romanian and world politics. The punctuality of the editors, and of the appearance of the various numbers of the review, is very unusual and refreshing in comparison to many academic journals emanating from Eastern Europe. The strategic thinking of the journal’s managing team cannot be missed. So are the “clusters of expertise” and “big names” on some specific issues outside of Romanian studies (e.g., Italy, from which Romania draws cultural roots). The journal’s online version is widely available and read by many non-Eastern Europeanists, including many students, despite their often different areas of specialty. As I understand it, unlike some other recently founded Eastern European journals, it has been taken seriously as a location of scholarly accomplishment of the authors of articles in the United States of America. This is partly because of the accomplishments in terms of publication and editing by the managing team of the journal and partly because of the richness and variability within its tables of contents. In other words, the journal is clearly extremely professional, stimulating to critical thinking, and has been absolutely free of anything that might seem rigid, unreasonable, ideological, obsessive or whimsical. It has not scared away the proponents of any scholarly paradigm, whether rationalist, structuralist, culturalist, constructivist, realist or liberal; all the perspectives are welcome.

The journal has definitely promoted fresh scholarship which has attracted attention and has had resonance among some unexpected audiences, such as, for example, Africanists (specialists in African politics). Even so, many of its greatest admirers are various Eastern and Southern Europeanist specialized political scientists, historians or scholars in other disciplines who believe in the unadulterated standards of responsible, reasonable Western scholarship without exceptions, excuses, pomposity, orientalism, anti-intellectualism, tribalism, fundamentalism and academic intimidation.

IONAȘ AURELIAN RUS
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Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations keeps an open window to the international community of political scientists, facilitating a fruitful dialogue between Romanian and foreign scholars. The large variety of topics it deals with, the different ways of approaching them – from theoretical reflections to actual case studies – distinguishes this academic journal within its field. Many of the political issues that have been debated in its pages are directly linked to the Romanian current political world, and the solutions suggested may have a positive influence on policy makers if they would be willing to think about and consider them.

CECILIA TOHÂNEANU
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It is my pleasure to participate with a few lines in this special event in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations.

We are immersed in a difficult economic crisis context and we are witnessing, also, the seed of the dismantling of the welfare State. Citizen protests against cuts that plague almost all European countries, especially in the Mediterranean countries, can and should be reason enough for the European Union, which holds elections in the month of may 2014, and we can see new challenges to bring Europe closer to the citizens and likewise strengthen their rights.

I wish Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations many years of success so that it remains a critical reflection point on the international scene of political and social sciences.

VICTORIA RODRÍGUEZ BLANCO
Professor of Political Science University
UMH Spanish

By its etymology, as a term, a Review combines the freshness of a first glance at things, a view, the capture of an image, and the thoughtfulness of the prefix ‘re-’ that adds to the instant look the calm ‘wisdom’ of reiteration, reflection and reconsideration. Instead of the prefix damaging the spontaneity of vision (in all its polysemy), it preserves it the moment that it qualifies it with a pause for thought, a re-thinking and a distancing that blocks the hasty surrender to the descriptive undertones of viewing. In encapsulating all this and in embodying
and enacting the re-viewing of political reality, the Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations has, for ten years now, performed much more than just descriptions of its local or the global political world. It has not just detected, identified, considered, or accounted for the existent; it has also and far more importantly reshuffled and re-inscribed elements of the political realities that it studied; and it has re-visited the world that concerns it (the planet as well as the disciplines – the academic world – that studies global politics). As anniversaries provide occasions for interrupting the performance that has already been set on course and for reflecting on it in fresh light, the Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations is now folding back to its inauguration to rethink it while commemorating it, to review it while renewing its initial promise: to preserve the spirit of political vigilance and intervention, to seek ever new ways of reclaiming truth and justice and to find new modes of re-constructing its critical frames and recharging its energies. Taking the opportunity that this anniversary provides, I wish the Review a long interplay of promising, fulfillment of promises, and renewal of promising contents. In other words, let me wish 'a perseverance in reviewing', the kind of reviewing that suffuses the celebratory moment, the joy of having kept a promise, with a critical eye that always reconsiders the promise itself and the modes of keeping it.

MARIANNA PAPASTEPHANOU

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On this anniversary of the Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations it gives me great pleasure to honor the review for its stance towards academia as well as its role of syncretism within the international community.

The pursuit of knowledge and its exploration is not an exact science. In fact it is more of an art, an exploration of humanity and a means of self-expression aimed at moving forward towards an unknown teleological goal, but teleology nevertheless.

Viktor Frankl emphasized the power of teleology and spoke of a Vision of the Future and in our day and age it has become imperative not only to discuss teleology but also to involve oneself in sharing teleology. A shared teleology and the process of sharing meaning are important aspects of a united vision of the future.

The participation in this review of people from different pursuits has in mind an awareness of a greater good and a respect for the perspectives and meaning of others. It also presupposes that in the conglomeration of scientific and literary discussion one may be able to see and acknowledge the perspective of others. This is the stuff of unity and the stuff of meaning and of course the cherishing of purposive living.
To this purpose I want to congratulate the *Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations* and profess my admiration for my fellow contributors as we look towards the future together, as we look towards our future.

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I have been making research contributions to the *Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations* for two years. The Journal was recommended and introduced to me by one of my professors during my PhD studies in Romania. I have found the *Romanian Review* one of the best research Journals in Romania. In my view, the Journal merits praise for its peculiar qualities. First of all, in accordance with its name, the Journal gives equal coverage to the two most important subjects of political studies, namely Political Science and International Relations. Secondly, while the journal maintains its focus on Europe, it embraces sufficient research articles pertaining to political events and situations that fall outside the Europe. This is particularly important as many of Romanian research journals, and as a matter of fact many European research journals, are narrowly focused on specific European countries and regions. Thirdly, because of its wider thematic and geographic focus, the Journal provides fair opportunity to new researchers, especially doctoral students from different faculties of social sciences, for making research contributions. This is a great contribution on behalf of the Journal in academic research, as this helps bring more talent, more innovative ideas, and more devotion in the field of social science research.

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Heartfelt congratulations to the *Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations* on this 10th anniversary. A special thanks to Viorela Manolache, who first invited me to contribute to the journal. What I appreciate the most about the *Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations* is the free space created for writers to express new ideas in new forms. In that sense the journal functions like a laboratory, which is quite a fearless thing to do for any journal. I remember when I published my article "Destructive
criticism”, which was maybe one of the more unconventional articles I have ever tried to publish given its highly speculative and polemical nature. The *Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations* welcomed it with open arms and full support. I expect to continue to publish with the journal and hope it will push me to be the best and most fearless writer that I can be. Here’s to ten more years of the Romanian Review with continued growth and success.

**GREG DE CUIR, JR.**

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I had a wonderful experience with *Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations* when I first published my article on *Tangiers’ Eyes on America* by Abdellatif Akbib. The reviewing rounds were thorough and constructive and the editorial decisions prompt. The editor and the editorial staff were all positive and showed keen interest in publishing the best scholarly articles about cultural and political issues for a wide readership. Ten years have already passed by, but this exciting journal promises to be a rising intellectual outlet with all the top “must-haves” an author hopes for: meticulous yet promising and constructive reviews; responsive and communicative handling editorial staff who are always pleased to make academic research easily accessible.

I strongly believe that in the few coming years, *Romanian Review of Political Sciences and International Relations* will be seen as one of the leading journals in international relations.

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