

Conference

LIMITS OF THE STATE CONTROL IN ROMANIA AND BULGARIA IN THE AGE OF TOTALITARIANISM(S)



Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 11:00

**The Conference Hall “Parter Vest”, in the House of the Romanian
Academy (the West Wing)**

Calea 13 Septembrie, no. 13, Sector 5, Bucharest

**(access to the conference venue from the entrance opposite the
Bragadiru Palace)**

PROGRAM

11:00 – Opening remarks

11:05 – 12:35: Section I

Chair: Cristina Diac

- **Acad. Alexandre Kostov** (Institute of Balkan Studies – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), *“Austria as a trade and economic partner of Bulgaria and Romania during the Cold War.”*
- **Dobrinka Parusheva, PhD** (Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv / Institute of Balkan Studies – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), *“Cold War Everyday Life: Black and White.”*
- **Adelina Ștefan, PhD** (University of Saarland/University of Ostrava), *Consuming Socialist Spaces: Tourist Encounters in Socialist Romania, 1960s-1980s.*
- **Lyudmila Mindova, PhD** (Institute of Balkan Studies – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), *“The Communist State Security in the Novels by Gabriela Adameșteanu, Blaga Dimitrova, and Tsvetan Marangozov.”*
- **Constantin Buchet, PhD** (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism/National Council for the Study of the Securitate Archives), *“The Disclosure and Vetting through Research of Darzhavna Sigurnost. From Andreev Commission to COMDOS.”*
- **Carmen Stratone, PhD** (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism), *Power and literature during the realist-socialist movement in Bulgaria and Romania: strategies of control and submission.*

12:35–13:00: Discussions

13:00 – 14:30: Break

14:30 – 15:15: Section II

Chair: Corina Doboş

- **Cristina Diac, PhD** (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism), *Rank and File Female Members of the Communist Parties in Romania and Bulgaria, 1945-1947.*
- **Aneta Mihaylova, PhD** (Institute of Balkan Studies – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences), *“Western Glimpses of the Advent of the Cold War in Romania”*
- **Alexandru Voicu, PhD student** (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism), *The image of revolutionaries in Romanian historiography during the communist era: Cristian Racovski*

15:15 – 15:30: Discussions

15:30 – 15:45: Coffee break

15:45 – 16:30: Section III

Chair: Aneta Mihaylova

- **Florin-Răzvan Mihai, PhD** (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism), *The 'Sonnenfeldt Doctrine', a New American Approach to Relations with the Eastern Bloc – Myths and Realities.*
- **Ana-Maria Cătănuş, PhD** (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism), Dan Cătănuş, PhD (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism), *"Envisioning a More Equitable Form of Socialism: Challenging the Constraints of Communist Ideology in 1980s Romania."*
- **Corina Doboş, PhD** (The National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism), *Demographic Concerns and Population Policies in Late Socialist Bulgaria: UNFPA Family Planning Assistance.*

16:30 – 16:45: Discussions

16:45 – 17:00: Concluding remarks

