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We have the pleasure of inviting you to the international conference

## *New Loyalties, Old Dramas: Jewish Community Life in the Aftermath of the Great War in Central and Eastern Europe*



on

**Friday, May 11, 2018, h 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**  
**Saturday, May 12, 2018, h 10:30 am - 1:30 pm**  
at New Europe College (Plantelor 21)

Conveners:

Camelia CRĂCIUN, Mihai-Răzvan UNGUREANU

Participants:

Daniel COHEN, Andrei CORBEA-HOIȘIE, Camelia CRĂCIUN,  
Attila GIDO, Armin HEINEN, Lucian LEUȘTEAN, Michael MILLER,  
David RECHTER, Liviu ROTMAN,  
Mihai-Răzvan UNGUREANU, Elisabeth WEBER

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The conference focuses on the impact of the aftermath of the Great War on the dynamic structures generated in Eastern and Central Europe, especially on the dramas involved by the civil loyalty changes in connection with the new national states created in the region, as well as on the consequences of the rise of the anti-Semite extreme right movements. The topic has been rarely touched upon by historians or social sciences academics interested in the political, social and cultural changes occurred in the first years after WW1. Borders changed design, new nation states appeared in Central and Eastern Europe due to the Versailles Treaties or local territorial wars. Minorities, such as the Jewish, were looked upon as potential foes to the majority state, and consequently treated as such. The conference could therefore spark an academic debate upon what historically happened to the larger Romanian Jewish community in the first decade after 1918, and how changes deeply affected the communities' status.

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May 11-12, 2018  
New Europe College, Bucharest

Conveners:

Univ. Prof. Mihai-Răzvan UNGUREANU  
Faculty of History, University of Bucharest  
Fellow of the Institut fuer Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna

Univ. Lect. Camelia CRĂCIUN  
Jewish Studies Department, Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of  
Bucharest

**Friday, May 11, 2018**

10:00 Welcome and Opening remarks

Introductory Considerations:  
Mihai-Răzvan UNGUREANU, Faculty of History, University of Bucharest  
Fellow of the Institut fuer Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna  
*Why This Topic? Why Today?*

10:30-13:00 Panel I

Moderator: Univ. Lect. Camelia CRĂCIUN, Jewish Studies Department,  
Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Bucharest

David RECHTER, University of Oxford, OCHJS, UK  
*The Strange Disappearance of Habsburg Jewry*

Michael MILLER, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary  
*Hungarian-Speaking Jews in the Successor States*

Andrei CORBEA-HOIȘIE, Faculty of Letters, University of Iasi, Romania  
*Les Juifs de Bucovine et leurs choix identitaires après 1918: option nationale,  
religieuse, culturelle*

15:00-18:00

Panel II

Moderator: Daniel COHEN, Rice University, Houston, USA; EURIAS *Visiting Fellow* to the Institut fuer Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria

Mag. Elisabeth WEBER, Junior Fellow to the Simon Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, Vienna, Austria

*"Who Do Our Jews Sympathize With?" – Jewish Identity and Loyalty during WWI in Romania*

Attila GIDO, Romanian Institute for Research of the National Minorities (ISPMN), Romanian Government, Romania

*Transylvanian Jewish Self-Identifications After 1918*

Lucian LEUȘTEAN, Faculty of History, University of Iași, Romania

*Old Loyalties, New Dramas: The Educational Question for Jewish Communities in Inter-War Romania*

**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

10:30-13:00

Panel I

Moderator: Univ. Prof. Mihai-Răzvan UNGUREANU

Armin HEINEN, University of Aachen, Germany

*Explaining the Romanian Holocaust. A View on Cultural Geography, Narratives and Social Networks*

Liviu ROTMAN, National School for Political Science and Administration (SNSPA), Bucharest, Romania

*Două imagini cu valoare de simbol: începutul și sfârșitul unei perioade istorice*  
[Two Images of Symbolic Value: the Rise and the Dawn of a Historical Period]

Camelia CRĂCIUN, Jewish Studies Department, Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Bucharest

*Jewish Intellectuals and the Great War - Revisiting Traumas and Memories*

13:00-13:30

Closing remarks