

**Heads of State: The Authoritarian Dynamic of
Political Power in Romanian Constitutional History**

Sibiu, 13-14 September 2019
Faculty of Law, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu

- Conference Programme -

Friday, 13th of September

8.30-8.45 Registration

I. Morning Session (Aula Magna)

8.45–8.50 Welcome Speech (Dean of the Law Faculty)

8.50–9.00 *The Social Foundations of Constitutional Authority* – **Denis Galligan** (Oxford University) / **Bogdan Iancu** (University of Bucharest)

9.00-10.15 Panel 1: Heads of State: The Authoritarian Dynamic of Political Power – A Central-Eastern European Perspective

Chair: Bogdan Dima (University of Bucharest)

200 Years of Romanian Head of State's Authoritarianism: A Curse or a Blessing?! **Manuel Guțan** (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)

Presidents-Monarchs, Puppets and Kingmakers. Central-Eastern European Heads of State between Incorporation and Dissociation of Power - **Przemysław Tacik** (Jagiellonian University in Kraków)

10.15-10.30 Coffee break

10.30-12.00 Panel 2: Patterns of Monarchical Authoritarianism in Eastern and Western Europe – 18th and 19th centuries / Modèles de pouvoir monarchique autoritaire en Europe des XVIII^e et XIX^e siècles

Chair: Cosmin Cerel (University of Nottingham)

Forces réformatrices et facteurs d'inertie sociale dans la société roumaine pré-moderne: entre la Monarchie des états et le modèle absolutiste – **Oana Rizescu** (N. Iorga Institute of History, Romanian Academy)

Le régime politique de Principautés Roumaines: entre Phanar et Occident – **Cristian Clipa** (West University of Timișoara)

Bonapartisme et libertés publiques à la fin du Second Empire: le passage d'une démocratie autoritaire à un Empire Libéral – **Dominique Massineo** (Université d'Orléans)

II. Lunch (12.00-13.00)

III. Afternoon Session (Room 101)

13.00-14.30 Panel 3: The Origin and the Confines of the Romanian Parliamentary Monarchy (1866-1938)

Chair: Manuel Gutan (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)

*Simion Barnutiu, Edward Gibbon and the Question of the Foreign Prince for the Romanians – **Tudor Avriganu** (A. Rădulescu Institute for Legal Research, Romanian Academy)*

*Separation of Powers in the Romanian Constitutions of 1866 and 1923: Peripheral Modernization as Generator of Structural Authoritarianism – **Bogdan Iancu** (University of Bucharest)*

*In 1866 and back in the future with a déjà vu. The fall and revival of the head of state authoritarianism – **Răzvan Roghină** (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)*

14.30-14.45 Coffee break

14.45-16.15 Panel 4: The Electoral Roots of the Head of State's Authoritarianism

Chair: Bogdan Dima (University of Bucharest)

*Electoral Politics and the Nature of the Political Regime in the Old Kingdom (1866-1914) – **Silvia Marton** (University of Bucharest)*

*Presidents as Party Leaders in Post-Communist Romania – **Alexandra Iancu** (University of Bucharest)*

*“Strongman” leadership of Romanian political parties – symptom or cause of Romanian tendencies towards authoritarianism? – **Lucian Bojin** (West University of Timișoara)*

16.15-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-18.15 Panel 5: Right-wing Authoritarianism in Romania

Chair: Bogdan Iancu (University of Bucharest)

*Under the Shadow of the Exception: the Romanian Head(s) of State in the Age of Extremes – **Cosmin Cercel** (University of Nottingham)*

*Right-wing Politics and the Corporatist Design of State Reconstruction in Romania, 1926-1944: Changing Attitudes and Shifting Allegiances – **Victor Rizescu** (University of Bucharest)*

*Le chef d'État et l'état de siège. Constructions normatives et interprétations doctrinaires dans la Roumanie de l'entre-deux-guerres / The Head of State and the state of siege. Normative constructions and doctrinal interpretations in interwar Romania – **Dan Constantin Măță** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași)*

*Notes for a History of Reversed Law-making. The Decree-Laws in Interwar Romania – **Mihai Ghițulescu** (University of Craiova)*

IV. 19.30 – Dinner (Hotel Ibis, Room Faust 1, floor 1)

Saturday, 14th of September

I. Morning Session (Room 101)

9.00-10.30 Panel 6: Shaping and Dismantling Semi-presidentialism in Post-Communist Romania

Chair: Bogdan Iancu (University of Bucharest))

We need a chief of state, and to this we are going to tie everything –
Bogdan Dima (University of Bucharest)

The Legal Consecration of the Semi-Presidentialism in Romania –
Valentin Constantin (West University of Timișoara)

Shaping and dismantling Semi-presidentialism through constitutional adjudication – an ongoing Romanian experience –
Benke Karoly (Romanian Constitutional Court)

10.30-10.40 Coffee break

10.40-12.10 Panel 7: Semi-presidentialism in Comparative Perspective

Chair: Bogdan Dima (University of Bucharest)

Semi-Presidentialism, Executive Coordination and Political Leadership in Finland, Lithuania and Romania –
Thomas Sedelius (Dalarna University)

Recourse to the People in Semi-presidential Systems: A Comparative Analysis of Referendum Practice during Periods of Cohabitation -
Silvia Șuteu (University College of London)

The Perils of Semi-Presidentialism: some lessons from Romania –
Dragoș Dragoman (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)

12.10-12.20 Coffee break

12.20-13.20 Panel 8: A (Much) More Powerful President for Post-communist Romania?!

Chair Manuel Gutan (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)

An Executive President for Romania? - A Constitutional Debate about the Future Executive Powers of the President of Romania –
Daiana Vesmaș (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)

*Authoritarian Propensities or Constitutional Anomy? Reflections on the Powers of the Head of State in Romania – **Marius Balan** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași)*