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Let me begin by looking back briefly to the ASEEEES conference last November which afforded us the delight of re-connecting with colleagues and friends while hearing or discussing each other's papers or describing new jobs, projects or publications. Many of us also shared the very special pleasure of accepting Romanian Ambassador Adrian Vierița's invitation to all Romanian Studies scholars in town to visit the Romanian Embassy. The Embassy staff worked hard to organize a mid-day reception on November 18 and they welcomed us *à la roumaine* with beautiful food and drink. His Excellency's generous greeting evoked the special relationship since 1990 between Romania and the United States and he encouraged the SRS, its friends and members, to count on the Embassy's assistance in our scholarly endeavors. I responded by sharing some details about the history of the SRS and my real gratitude for the Embassy's warm welcome and the staff's effectiveness. Many, many thanks again Ambassador Vierița for your hospitality!

The SRS has gone through its first round of nominations and elections to the National Board since the beginning of my presidential term. The four-year terms of Sasha Bley-Vroman, Peter Gross and Adam Sorkin expired last December. We thank them for all their ideas and hard work and for their companionship in our email discussions. In their place three new people have agreed to serve on the National Board. Here is a brief description of each of our newest Board members:

James Koranyi obtained his Masters and PhD from the University of Exeter, UK. His PhD project investigated the changing nature of Romanian German identities in the twentieth century. He has been teaching nineteenth and twentieth century European history at the University of St Andrews since 2009 and is the coordinator of the Central and Eastern European Studies M Litt



programme and the Deputy Director of the Centre for Transnational History. His main focus lies in Romanian history, as well as more broadly speaking south-eastern European and German history. He is currently completing a monograph on Romanian Germans in the Twentieth Century. He has published on ethnic Germans from Romania and on the Banat and regularly contributes to journals dedicated to Transylvania and the Banat (such as *Transylvanian Review*, *Spiegelungen*, and *Zeitschrift für Siebenbürgische Landeskunde*). He is also working on a new project concerned with the discovery of the Carpathian Arc by travellers (mainly British) and local organisations (mainly in Romania) 1860-1914. He is keen to promote Romanian Studies more widely and to broaden the network to include scholars from outside the US (mainly the UK, but also Germany and Romania) in order to create a more comprehensive society for Romanian studies scholars. He has links to groups such as the Romanian-Moldovan Studies Group in the UK and Studium Transylvanicum in Germany, as well as the Universities in Timișoara and Cluj.

Jill Massino is Assistant Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she teaches courses on Modern Europe, the Eastern Bloc, Gender and the Nation, and History and Memory in Twentieth Century Europe. Her research explores the interplay between state constructions of gender and citizenship and the everyday lives of women and men in socialist and post-socialist Romania. Some of her recent publications include, "Something Old, Something New: Marital Roles and Relations in State Socialist Romania," *Journal of Women's History*, 22/1 (2010); "Constructing the Socialist Worker: Gender, Identity, and Work under State Socialism in Brașov, Romania," *Aspasia: The International Yearbook of Central, Eastern, and Southeastern European Women's and Gender History*, 3 (2009); and *Gender Politics and Everyday Life in State Socialist Eastern and Central Europe*, co-edited with Shana Penn (New York: Palgrave, 2009). She is currently working on a book manuscript entitled "Ambiguous Transitions: Gender, the State, and Everyday Life in Romania from Socialism to Postsocialism." It draws on archival research and oral history interviews she has conducted in Romania since 2001.

Paul E. Sum received his Ph.D. in Political Science from Northwestern University in 1996. He came to the University of North Dakota in fall 2000. He teaches courses in Comparative Politics, Democratization, Human Rights and Research Methodology. Sum is also an accomplished international evaluator and consultant. He has worked with the U.S. Agency for International Development, the World Bank, the Council of Europe, OSCE, Democracy International, the National Democratic Institute, World Learning, the International Research & Exchanges Board, and the American Council for Learned Societies. Sum's research agenda addresses the role of political culture and citizen mobilization during processes of democratization. His region of expertise is post-communist Europe. His current interests explore determinants of generalized trust in terms of dispositions, experiences and contexts. Toward this end, he is involved in two projects: one evaluates trust among Romanian migrants, the second considers the formation of trust among high school students. He also continues to be interested in the effectiveness of civil society development assistance, especially the extent to which such assistance furthers the development of social capital through non-governmental organizations. Sum maintains a special relationship with Romania. He held the position of Lecturer and Fellow at the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration at Babeș-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania (1996-98). Since 2007, he has held an academic appointment there for the Masters in Research Design and Data Analysis Program. In

The Society for Romanian Studies (SRS) is an international inter-disciplinary academic organization founded in 1973 to promote professional study, criticism, and research on all aspects of Romanian culture and civilization, particularly concerning the countries of Romania and Moldova.

2009-10, Sum was the recipient of a Fulbright Scholar Award to Romania where he lectured and conducted research. He is the Chair for the Society for Romanian Studies related groups section of the American Political Science Association.

In addition to Koranyi, Massino and Sum, Margaret Beissinger was re-elected and resumed serving on the Board in January. James, Jill, and Paul welcome!

The SRS conference planning committee has been laboring intensely to prepare for our upcoming conference “Europeanization and Globalization: Romanians in their Region and the World” scheduled for July 2-4 in Sibiu. The response to our call for papers last fall and winter was abundant and heartening, although as with all such events, most proposals arrived in the last days before the deadline. The organizers thus had plenty of time to worry, foolishly in retrospect, that we might receive only sparse submissions. This particular fear turned out to be quite misplaced. Instead, since January, our challenge, while crafting a program of seven different parallel two-hour sessions, has been to schedule the panels and round-tables wisely so that they won’t compete with each other too blatantly. (As a fall-back I’m working on developing my skills in omnipresence.) The planning committee led ably by Matthew Ciscel (and including Monica Ciobanu, Catherine Hansen, Lavinia Stan and myself) is still hoping to find more partners, beyond that of ICR (Institutul Cultural Roman in Bucharest) and the Lucian Blaga University, to support the conference both intellectually and financially. The list of panels on pages 13-15 looks most exciting. Please register for the conference earlier rather than later to let us know your commitment, and do let me know if you have suggestions for possible co-sponsors or partners in this venture.

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As is usual this time of year, SRS has launched an announcement for the fourth edition of the graduate student essay prize. If you value the work of an MA or Ph.D. student who writes on Romanian culture, history, politics, society, etc. urge him or her to submit a paper or thesis chapter to the essay prize committee, which is this year chaired by Margaret Beissinger. Paul Sum and James Koranyi are also on the jury. Note that this committee has decided to accept submissions written in English without regard to the physical location of the author. This is a new direction from previous essay prize competitions in keeping with the increasingly international profile of the SRS. Details appear on p. 4.

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SRS GRADUATE STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE

The Society for Romanian Studies is pleased to announce the Fourth Annual Graduate Student Essay Prize competition for an outstanding unpublished essay or thesis chapter written in English by a graduate student in any social science or humanities discipline on a Romanian subject. The 2012 prize, consisting of \$300, will be presented at the ASEES National Convention in New Orleans. The competition is open to current M.A. and doctoral students or to those who defended dissertations in the academic year 2011-2012. If the essay is a seminar paper, it must have been written in 2011-2012. If the essay is a dissertation chapter, it should be accompanied by the dissertation abstract and table of contents. Essays/chapters should be between 25 and 50 pages double spaced, including reference matter. Expanded versions of conference papers are also acceptable if accompanied by a description of the panel and the candidate's conference paper proposal. Candidates should clearly indicate the format of the essay submitted. If you have questions, contact Margaret Beissinger at mhbeissi@Princeton.edu.

Please send a copy of the essay and an updated CV to each of the three members of the Prize Committee below. Submissions must be sent no later than July 1, 2012.

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Cristina Onose, winner of the 2011 Graduate Student Essay Prize, together with Lavinia Stan at the ASEES Convention in Washington D.C.

FROM THE SECRETARY



The big news, of course, is the 2012 July Society for Romanian Studies Conference in Sibiu. Our last conference was in 2007 in Constanța, so this will be a time to renew old acquaintances, form new ones, and assess the progress of Romanian studies over the last half decade. This newsletter is crammed with information about this event so check it out.

Our annual graduate student prize competition deadline is approaching. Details may be found on page 4 and on our websites. Note that essays by graduate students residing anywhere in the world are eligible. And although this is an off year, it's not too early to think about participating in the biennial book prize competition, which will be in 2013. For a look at past prize winning graduate papers, see our website at www.society4romanianstudies.org/awards-prizes.

Last fall we completed our interim election cycle. The next round of elections comes up in fall 2013 for terms of office running from 2014 to 2018, including the officers and several board members. If you know someone who you think would make a good SRS officer or board member, please send their names and contact information to Irina Livezeanu or myself. Any and all suggestions and self-nominations are welcome, but nominees should,

of course, be members in good standing of the SRS. Speaking of that, though we have expanded our reach, considerably, we hope to keep growing. We welcome all new members, especially ones from outside North America. The best way to increase our membership is to introduce potential recruits to our websites and activities. If an invitation message would be helpful, send me the person's contact information and I will be happy to provide a synopsis of the benefits and value for money that the SRS is to individuals and institutions involved with Romanian studies.

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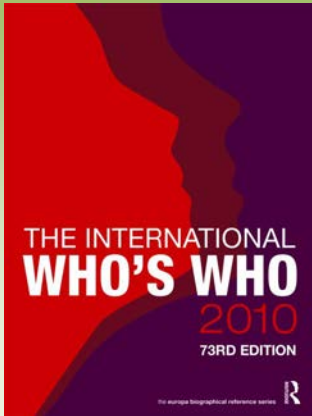
Lastly, let me remind SRS members in North America that you can get a terrific deal on joint membership with the South East European Studies Association (SEESA), which publishes the journal *Balkanistica*. I strongly encourage you to support SEESA. By the way, *Balkanistica*, Vol. 25

(2012), in two parts, is hot off the press. You can see a comprehensive index of Vols. 1-25 at www.olemiss.edu/depts/modern_languages/Balkanistica.html

See you in Sibiu!

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HONORS



Professor Waldemar Matias has been honored for his contribution to the field of Life-long learning and international education by having his biography included in the latest edition of *The International Who's Who*, a prestigious reference work now coming into its 74th edition. As a member, he can recommend other Romanian-Americans who have distinguished themselves in any field of human endeavor (business, engineering, fashion, education) in Romania, the US, or elsewhere. If you are interested, please contact him by email (dr.waldemarmatias@hotmail.com) or at 219-937-7092.

PROMOTIONS

In fall 2011 Dr. Monica Ciobanu was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice at Plattssburgh State University of New York. She was also an invited guest speaker at the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs at Middlebury College, presenting a talk on "Between Memory and Amnesia: Romania after 1989." Bringing her research to the wider public, Dr. Ciobanu spoke on WAMC radio's Academic Minute about "Lessons from Romania." You can listen to her at http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wamc/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE_ID=1880645



INSTITUTIONAL SPONSORS

The Society for Romanian Studies is proud to have **Balkananalysis.com** as an organizational sponsor. Balkananalysis.com is a leading independent website that provides analytical coverage of SE Europe, with input from journalists, academics, researchers and others professionally involved with the region.

In March, Balkananalysis.com a very [detailed study of recent changes atop Romania's intelligence service](#) and implications for politics, media, and international business, by [Elena Dragomir](#) in Romania and Balkananalysis.com Director [Chris Deliso](#). In coming weeks, [Balkananalysis.com](#) publications will include: more on Greece and LNG; Byzantium and Bulgaria (book review); updates on Serbian organized crime; new eco-tourism developments in Macedonia's Katlanovo Blato marshland, and an interview with Eduard Kukan, Chair of the European Parliament's Delegation for relations with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo.

In May 25-27 2012, Balkananalysis.com is running a **conference in Romania** together with the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies. The event, *The Balkans, Scandinavia and Nordic Countries in a Time of Economic and Ideological Crisis*, is fully explained on [the Association's website](#). To see the list of speakers and topics, [please click here](#).

OBITUARY: ALEX LEO ȘERBAN (1959-2011)



Alex Leo Șerban died at 51, unexpectedly. A year has passed already this April 8 since I heard the sad and overwhelming news late at night in New York, while it was early morning in Bucharest.

Leo loved T. S. Eliot and the cruelest month of April proved no better to him. Leo also loved many other things in this vast 'Waste land' that we call our world. He loved a star like Marilyn Monroe and a painter like Vieira de Silva; he loved chatting with friends or taking photo shots, all alone, in any city or any place he was; he loved reading, writing and making jokes but also intensely debating and educating others about cinema, visual art, poetry and freedom of expression. His legacy for Romanian critical journalism is both diversified in array and unique in style.

A very dedicated, knowledgeable and passionate film critic, an original thinker and an out-of-the-ordinary intellectual, a personality that mixed great taste for the modern and a deep sensitivity for metaphysics, Alex Leo Șerban was a distinct voice of the qualities and ardors of the Romanian intelligentsia of the 1990's.

Translator and writer, poet and dandy, columnist for *Dilema Veche* in Romania, but also a critic who was published by *Cahiers du Cinema* and American magazines, Leo accompanied and imposed the voice of the Romanian new wave in film, created an informed critical context and promoted the interactive dynamics between the young voices of cinema criticism, those growing along together with the new wave's development.

Fully conscious of the difficulty of promoting Romanian film as a legitimate and important form of art within Romanian culture, his multifaceted and subtle militant attitude provided glamour to an area of criticism that was rarely taken seriously by the literary and intellectual world at home. He formed other critical voices for film in Romania and discovered, encouraged and launched many of the young and witty art critics in other fields. His sharp creative curiosity and deep sense of intellectual sharing was endless.

His novel *The Parlayed Letter* (*Litera din scrisoarea misterioasa*) published by Polirom in a Romanian translation after he passed away, was written directly in English: Leo liked to challenge himself and others so much.

In writing these lines, so insubstantial when compared to Alex Leo Șerban's intense persona, I can only remember how much our yearly rendez vous at the Romanian Film Festival in New York was a celebratory moment for everyone. Informed and tasteful connectors like him are rare. He was and still remains the complete intellectual partner and an adviser anyone would like to have close.

Corina Șuteu
Director
Romanian Cultural Institute in New York

OBITUARY: LEON VOLOVICI (1938-2011)

Leon Volovici, the outstanding Israeli researcher of the history of literature and of the history of political ideas, passed away on December 1, 2011. He was born in Romania on August 10, 1938, in the city of Iași, where he lived and worked until 1984, when he moved to Israel. In Romania, he worked as a researcher at the “Alexandru Philippide” Institute of Philology from Iași, while in Israel he was researcher at the Yad Vashem archives and at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Leon Volovici authored several books, including *The Appearance of the Writer in Romanian Culture* (1976) and *Nationalist Ideology and Antisemitism: The Case of Romanian Intellectuals in the 1930s* (published at Pergamon Press, Oxford, 1991), and many more essays and studies on East-European anti-Semitism and on Jewish intellectual life in Romania. He edited the sections on Romanian Jewish history of the

The YIVO Encyclopedia Jews in Eastern Europe (Yale University Press, 2008) as well as the works of several Romanian Jewish writers, including Mihail Sebastian (*Journal*), Benjamin Fondane and many others.

After the fall of the communist regime in Romania, Leon Volovici stood out as a champion of Israeli/Jewish-Romanian cultural dialogue. Thus, he founded (together with Costel Safirman) the Cultural Circle in Jerusalem, which was meant to be a place for meetings and debate with the Romanian intellectuals that visited Israel. Also, he frequently visited Romania during the last two decades. He was a member of the International Commission for the Study of Holocaust in Romania, presided by Elie Wiesel. He lectured at universities from Bucharest, Cluj and Iași, therefore contributing to the formation of several generations of students in the spirit of dialogue and in assuming national history, being a respected teacher. All those who had the chance to know Leon Volovici perceived his departure as an irreparable loss.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

If you are interested in reviewing books for the SRS Newsletter, please contact Roland Clark at roloclark80@gmail.com.

Balogh, Béni L. *The Second Vienna Award and the Hungarian-Romanian Relations 1940-1944*, trans. Andrew Gane
Boulder CO: East European Monographs, 2011.

Kovács Kiss, Gyöngy ed. *Studies in the History of Early Modern Transylvania*. Trans. Matthew Caples and Thomas Cooper. Boulder CO: East European Monographs, 2011.

Stănescu, Mircea. *The Reeducation Trials in Communist Romania (1952-1960)*. Trans. Nicolae Damaschin. Boulder CO: East European Monographs, 2011.

Vlad, Ion. *The Novel of Crepuscular Universes*. Trans. Delia Drăgulescu. Boulder CO: East European Monographs, 2010.

SOUNDBITES ON ROMANIA

Romanian Politics – A Rocky Start for 2012

Lavinia Stan, St. Francis Xavier University

If the impetuous President Traian Băsescu ever wished he had kept silent, then 9 January 2012 was that day. In an uninspired gesture, Băsescu publicly blasted Dr. Raed Arafat for criticizing the government's health care bill. In response, the founder of the widely lauded emergency-response system (SMURD) handed in his resignation as under-secretary of state in the Ministry of Health. After thousands took to the street in support of Arafat, Băsescu retracted his accusations and after three more weeks of protests his Democratic Liberals sacked Prime Minister Emil Boc and his entire cabinet, not before unceremoniously dismissing Minister of Foreign Affairs Teodor Baconschi for publicly deriding the protesters. The new Prime Minister Mihai Răzvan Ungureanu, seen as a potential presidential candidate, has been Minister of Foreign Affairs (2004-2007) and head of the External Information Service (2007-2012), but also, in an earlier era, an alternate member of the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League (1985-1989). His cabinet, which is supposed to lead the country until the November parliamentary elections, is considered unlikely to enact significant policies due to lack of time and experience on the part of its members. But it could give the Democratic Liberals the time to prepare the electoral campaign and boost their popularity, which has been gravely affected by the austerity measures of 2010.

Romania's Economic Outlook

Narcis Tulbure, University of Pittsburgh

Although the Romanian economy grew by 2.5 percent in 2011, the slight economic decline during November and December has generated worries about the sustainability of growth and the lack of government measures to stimulate the economy. The estimates for the first trimester of 2012 also suggested a slight economic decline. Such forecasts have been reinforced by the severe February snowstorms that disrupted commerce and the acquisition of supplies by domestic companies. At the same time, low inflation, well within the target set by the central bank, joining the European fiscal responsibility pact, and the limited influence of the Greek turmoil on the domestic economy have been read as signs of Romanian macroeconomic stability; leading to a drop in government bond yields and easier access to money on international financial markets.

De'Longi, the Italian household appliances manufacturer, has bought the production facilities owned by Nokia at Jucu (Cluj). Soon after, the German giant Bosch announced a green-field investment in the same area where they will produce electronic components for automobiles. Such news was advertised by the government and the local authorities to show that Nokia's decision to close its Romanian factories was due to production optimization criteria rather than to problems with the Romanian economic environment.

Further measures to stimulate Romania's economy have been announced by the authorities. While the president recommended an increase of salaries in the public sector to bring them close to their 2010 levels, the prime minister has discussed stimulating the private sector by reducing the social security contributions paid by Romanian companies. Although both measures can have stimulating – if differential – effects on the economy, independent analysts worry that they are populist measures adopted before the elections this year. As no postsocialist government in Romania has yet resisted the temptation to abuse the budget in an election year, such worries are well grounded.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The European Community Studies Association will hold its 9th Biennial Conference on 27-29 April 2012 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The theme of this year's conference is **"Europe in an Age of Austerity: Integration, Disintegration, or Stagnation?"** A full conference program is available at <http://web.uvic.ca/ecsac/biennial2012/program.html>

On 10 May, 2012, a group of university students will arrive in Cluj for the sixth annual **Research in Romania (RIR) program**. RIR is a field-based program in empirical research methods for the social sciences. Students will spend four weeks in Romania designing studies, collecting and analyzing data, and writing up results on a wide range of topics. Past topics have included the development of English skills, inter-racial relations, attitudes about disabilities, the development of democracy, social engagement, and environmental issues, among others. The students will also travel through Transylvania, Maramures, and southern Romania during their four-week stay. The program has already yielded many published articles and conference presentations by both students and faculty. For more information about Research in Romania and collaboration opportunities, please contact: Bob Ives, Associate Professor, University of Nevada, Reno (rives@unr.edu).

Balkananalysis.com and the Romanian Association for Baltic and Nordic Studies will run the conference **"The Balkans, Scandinavia and Nordic Countries in a Time of Economic and Ideological Crisis"** on 25-27 May 2012 in Târgoviște, Romania. A full conference program is available at <http://www.arsbn.ro/user/image/program-version-1.pdf>

The Department of Letters and Foreign Languages at Hyperion University, Bucharest, will be running a conference on **"Multiculturalism and/or Transculturalism"** on 6-7 June 2012. Keynote speakers include Rob Kroes (Utrecht University) and Ileana Orlich (Arizona State University). For more details, contact Sorina Georgescu (eu_sorina@yahoo.ie).

The Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies will be running a conference on **"Academic setting, Jews and anti-Semitism at universities in Europe between 1918 and 1939"** on 15-16 June 2012. The aim of the conference is to contribute to a comparative view of the situation of Jews at European universities during the interwar period and to debate the correlation between the crisis of democracy and the growth of antisemitic trends at European educational establishments. For more details, see <http://www.vwi.ac.at>

A workshop on **"The German Diaspora in Eastern and Central Europe and the former Soviet Union"** will take place at Durham University on 22-23 June 2012. For more information, please contact Ruth Wittlinger (ruth.wittlinger@durham.ac.uk).

The annual **Transylvania International Film Festival** will take place this year in Cluj (1-10 June) and in Sibiu (13-17 June). The focus of the festival will be silent films. For more details, see www.tiff.ro

The Society for Romanian Studies' international conference **"Europeanization and Globalization: Romanians in their Region and the World"** will take place at the Lucian Blaga University in Sibiu on 2-4 July 2012. See pages 13-15 of this newsletter for a preliminary list of panels. For a full, up-to-date program see <http://www.society4romanianstudies.org/conferences>

The Romanian Cultural Institute will be running its annual **Romanian Language, Culture and Civilization course** in Braşov from 3-28 July 2012. For more details, see http://www.icr.ro/cursuri_brasov

The Faculty of Letters and Communications Science at the Ştefan cel Mare University in Suceava will organize its first **Summer School in Romanian Culture and Civilization** from 16-27 July 2012. More information is available at <http://www.usv.ro/index.php/ro/21/%C5%9Ecoala%20de%20Var%C4%83%20de%20Cultur%C4%83%20%C5%9Fi%20Civiliza%C5%A3ie%20Rom%EF%BF%BDn%C4%83/439/7/261>

ASN CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Association for the Study of Nationalities will hold its 17th annual convention at Columbia University in New York on 19-21 April 2012. The theme for the convention is *The Wages of Nationhood: Conflicts, Compromises and Costs*.

Panels and papers relating to Romania and Moldova include:

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

SESSION I: 11 AM – 1 PM

PANEL CE 8: *Roma Nation-Building and Advocacy within the European Union*, with a paper by **Ioana Vrăbiescu** (National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania) *The Political Framework for Roma Nationalism*.

SESSION I: 11 AM – 1 PM

PANEL N10: *Political Myths about the Nation and its Others: I*, with a paper by **Ioana Bunescu** (Malmö University, Sweden) *The Creative Use of Mainstream Myths in Legitimizing Transnational Minority Representation: The Case of Romanian Roma Kings*.

SESSION III: 3:40 – 5:40 PM

PANEL CE19: *Secret Files, Public Revelations: Exploring the Social Lives of the Communist Secret Service Archives*, chaired by Katherine Verdery (CUNY Graduate School).

SESSION IV: 6 – 8 PM

PANEL BO5: *Book Panel on Gail Kligman and Katherine Verdery's Peasants Under Seige: The Collectivization of Agriculture in Romania, 1949-1962 (Princeton, 2011)*. The panel will be chaired by Aleksandra Sasha Milicevic (University of North Florida), with participants including Gerald Creed (CUNY Graduate School), Jane Burbank (New York University), Gail Kligman (UCLA), and Katherine Verdery (CUNY Graduate School).

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

SESSION V: 9 – 11AM

PANEL CE14: *National Identity and Political Contestation in Post-Communist Central Europe*, with a paper by **Marius Matichescu** (West University of Timișoara, Romania) *Ethnic Recruitment and Changing Electoral Rules in Romania*.

SESSION V: 9 – 11 AM

PANEL U12: *Armed Resistance in Ukraine and Romania*, with a paper by **Monica Ciobanu** (Plattsburgh State University of New York) *Reconstructing the History of Early Communism and Armed Resistance in Romania*.

SESSION VII: 2:50 – 4:50 PM

PANEL CE17: *Gender and Nation-Building in Central Europe*, with papers by **Oana Sînziana Păltineanu** (Central European University, Hungary) *Romanian Women's Activism in Austria-Hungary: A Case Study*, **Stefan Bosomitu** (Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes, Romania) *Resistance From Within: Women Antifascist Volunteerism/Activism During World War II in Romania*, **Luciana M. Jinga** (Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes, Romania) *From Housewife to Minister: Gender (Re)construction in Communist Romania*, **M. Roscoe Loustau** (Harvard University) *"She Taught me the Language of Thieves": Marian Devotionalism, Abortion, and the Politics of Gender at the Șumuleu Ciuc Pilgrimage Center, Harghita County, Romania*, and **Oana Petrică** (York University, Canada) *Gendering Capitalist Formations and Postcommunist Migration of Highly Skilled Eastern Europeans: The Case of the Romanian Migration to Canada (1990-2008)*.

SESSION VII: 2:50 – 4:50 PM

PANEL U1: *Pasts Present and Global: The Culture and Politics of Post-World-War-Two and Post-Holocaust Memory in Ukraine and Romania*, with a paper by **Andrei Muraru** (Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes, Romania) *The Fields of Berezovka: Crimes and Abuses Against Jews Investigated in the War Criminal Trial of 1949*.

SESSION VIII: 5:10 – 7:10 PM

PANEL CE15: *World War II Pogroms in Romania*, with papers by **Alexandru Muraru** (“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, Romania) *The Memory of a Blood Summer: First Massacres of the Romanian Holocaust: Dorohoi and Galați Pogroms in 1940*, **Adrian Cioflanca** (“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, Romania) *Missionaries of Death: The Anti-Semitic Propaganda Before the Iași Pogrom*, **Mihai Chioveanu** (University of Bucharest, Romania) *The Security Dilemma, The Destruction of the Enemy and the Vertigo of Impunity: An Attempt to Frame the Logic Behind the Iași Pogrom*, and **Anca Ciuciu** (University of Bucharest, Romania) *Ethics and Aesthetics in Holocaust Images: Study Case: The Iași Pogrom (June 1941)*. **Felicia Waldman** (University of Bucharest, Romania) will be the discussant.

SESSION VIII: 5:10 – 7:10 PM

PANEL CE 16: *Identity Struggles in Moldova*, chaired by **Ionas Aurelian Rus** (University of Cincinnati Blue Ash). With papers by **Matthew Ciscel** (Central Connecticut University) *Moldova Divergence: Evidence from a Survey of Language Learning Motivation*, **Julien Danero Iglesias** (University Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium) and **Magdalena Dembinska** (University of Montréal, Canada) *Moldovan Identity in Transnistria*, **Erin Hutchinson** (Harvard University) *Between a Russophone and Turkic National Identity: The Gagauz of Moldova*, **Vitalie Sprinceana** (George Mason University) *Sacred, Secular, Globalization: Moldova’s Orthodox Church and the State*, and **Meredith Bacon** (University of Nebraska at Omaha) *Religion and Moldovan Identity Formation*. **Thijs Rommens** (KULeuven, Belgium) will be the discussant.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21**SESSION IX: 9 – 11 AM**

PANEL CE9: *Nationalism, Ideology and Resistance in Romania*, with papers by **Petre Matei** (US Holocaust Memorial Museum) *The Gypsies in Romania: From Labelling to Deportation*, **Maria Lupas** (US Holocaust Memorial Museum) *The Nationalist Conversion of Romanian Interwar Intellectuals: The Axa Newspaper*, **Cristinana Oghina-Pavie** (University d’Angers, France) *When Nationalism Rewrites the History of Science: The Case of Biology in Communist Romania (1947-1989)*, and **Irina Nastasa-Matei** (Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania) *The Romanian Students in the Interwar Period: Between Nationalism, Anti-Semitism and Resistance*. **Damianos Serefidis** (Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland) will be the discussant.

SESSION X: 11:20 AM – 1:20 PM

PANEL CE10: *Geopolitics, Foreign Policy, and Nationalism in Central Europe*, with papers by **Ionas Aurelian Rus** (University of Cincinnati Blue Ash) *The Role of Exogenous Shocks on Nation-Building: The Union of Bukovina with Romania in 1918* and **Margarita Balmaceda** (University of Greifswald, Germany) *When Rent-Seeking Meets Secession: The Impact of the Transnistrian Conflict on Moldova’s and Regional Energy Security*.

SESSION XII: 5:10 – 7:10 PM

PANEL N8: *Autonomy as Parceling the State*, with a paper by **Zoltan Szasz** (Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania) *Institutional Representation Policies and Instruments for Ethnic and National Minorities*.

SRS 2012 CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY LIST OF PANELS

The Society for Romanian Studies will be running a conference on “**Europeanization and Globalization: Romanians in their Region and the World**” at the Lucian Blaga University in Sibiu on 2-4 July 2012. The program committee is composed of Matthew Ciscel, Irina Livezeanu, Monica Ciobanu, Lavinia Stan, Margaret Bessinger, and Catherin Hansen. The logistics committee in Sibiu is made up of Alexandra Mitrea, Mihaela Grancea, Mirela Ocinic, and Anca Iancu. You can register and download a full program from <http://www.society4romanianstudies.org/conferences>

MONDAY, JULY 2

9:30 – 10 AM: *Conference Welcome*

10:15 AM – 12:15 PM: *Concurrent Session A*

- A1 Local History, Transnational Memory in the Romanian Holocaust
- A2 Democratization and Transitional Justice
- A3 The Social, Political and Ideological Implications of Globalization in Romania and Moldova
- A4 Narratives of Travel Abroad and Into Romania
- A5 Imperial Spaces, Local Identities
- A6 Policies and Practices of Health and Illness
- A7 Language and Linguistic Issues in Contemporary Romania

12:15 – 2 PM: *Break for Lunch*

2 – 4 PM: *Concurrent Session B*

- B1 Not so Brief Encounters. Individual and Everyday Identity in Romania after 1918
- B2 Transitional Justice and the Impact of Old Elites in Post-Communist Romania
- B3 Access to Information in Post-Communist Romania: Libraries and Archivise
- B4 National Essence, the West, and the Canon
- B5 Interwar Intellectuals, Nationalism, and Modernity
- B6 Students, Stories, and Extremism in Globalized Romania
- B7 Language, Identity, and Globalization

4:15 – 5:30 PM: *Plenary I*

Tom Gallagher (University of Bradford) *Romania 2012: A Mute State and Society in a Tormented Europe*

5:30 – 7 PM: *Opening Reception*

TUESDAY, JULY 3

9 – 11 AM: *Concurrent Session C*

- C1 Student Migration and Cultural Transfers in the Pre-Communist Era
- C2 The Role of Institutions in Romania, the EU Member State
- C3 *La Trahison des Clercs?* The Role of Intellectuals in Romanian Politics (Roundtable)
- C4 Cosmopolitan Cultural Critics of the Twentieth Century
- C5 Romania and Europe’s Great Powers in the Twentieth Century
- C6 Romanian Social Science and Political Practice in the Twentieth Century
- C7 Citizenship, Migration, and European Integration in the Republic of Moldova

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM: Plenary II

Igor Cașu (Moldova State University, Chișinău) *USSR, Romania and the Impact of the 1968 'Prague Spring' on the Moldavian SSR*

12:30 – 2:15 PM: Break for Lunch

2:15 – 4:15 PM: Concurrent Session D

D1 Romanian Universities: Managing their Integration into the International Academic Community

D2 Paradoxes of Romanian Democracy since 1989: Romania Under Băseșcu

D3 The Romanian Avant-Garde: Globalization *avant la lettre*

D4 Home and Abroad: Romanian/Moldovan Literature in the Twentieth Century

D5 Ultra-Nationalism and Fascism Reconsidered

D6 Political Issues in Contemporary Romania

D7 The Politics of Identity and Affiliation in the Republic of Moldova

4:30 – 6:30 PM: Concurrent Session E

E1 Romanian Universities during Communism: European Patterns vs. National Imperatives in Higher Education Planning (Roundtable)

E2 The 2012 Elections: Continuity or Change? (Roundtable)

E3 The Romanian City and European Identity: Perspectives from Literary and Cultural History

E4 Memory and Forgetting

E5 Jews and Anti-Semitism

E6 Censorship and the Press

E7 The Republic of Moldova's Path to the EU

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

8:45 – 10:45 AM: Concurrent Session F

F1 Cultural Networks, Nation Building, and the Social Sciences in Romania and Hungary (1900-1945)

F2 A World in Movement: Migration and Romania's Post-Socialist Economy

F3 National vs. European: Building the Memory of Communism in Post-Communist Romanian Films

F4 Religion in Romania and Moldova

F5 Strategies of Resistance to Communism

F6 Villages on the Move

F7 Transnistrian Separatism

11 AM – 1 PM: Concurrent Session G

G1 History, Ethics, and Self-Censorship

G2 Migration, Globalization and Medicine

G3 Traditional Music and Dance in Romania: The Intersection of Communist and Post-Communist Worlds

G4 The Foreignness of Language: Interferences among Romanian, English, and German

G5 Communist Policies and Post-Communist Challenges

G6 Migration from Romania and Moldova

G7 Multilingualism in Moldova, Transnistria, and Ukraine

1 – 2:45 PM: *Break for Lunch*

2:45 – 4:45 PM: *Concurrent Session H*

- H1 Romanian Historiography and Europe
- H2 The European Union: A Community of Clashes in the New Romanian Cinema
- H3 Working with Others: Collaborations and Comparisons Within and Between Disciplines
- H4 Identities, Practices, and Perceptions of Roma
- H5 Post-Communist Historiography, Social Science, and Cultural Practice
- H6 Business and Politics in Post-Communist Romania
- H7 Ethnic Interactions near the Black Sea

5 – 6 PM: *Plenary III*

Bogdan Murgescu (University of Bucharest) *Historians and the Study of Romanian Communism*

6-7 PM: *Finale and Reception*

In order to assure that the conference is accessible to scholars from across the Atlantic region and to those from Romania and the Republic of Moldova, the conference fees will be quite modest. For scholars from North America, the fee will be 40 USD, for those from the Eurozone and other world regions, 40 Euros, and for participants from Romania, Moldova, and post-Communist realms, 40 Romanian Lei. For those pre-registering through our website the fee is either \$40 or \$12, respectively. Graduate students will be exempt from this fee. SRS membership will also be required and additional for those paying in USD and Euros, but included for those paying in Lei.

Pre-Registration is required of all participants no later than 1 June 2012. Paper presenters and panelists who do not pre-register by 1 June 2012 will be removed from the program. On-site registration will be available for those who are not on the program.



Piața Mică in Sibiu

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Journal: *Interstitio. East European Review of Historical and Cultural Anthropology*

Important dates: Submission deadline for abstracts: 6 April 2012; Submission deadline for papers: 31 May 2012; Target publication date: 10 September 2012.

Theme: Special issue on “Time, Space and Agency in (Post)Socialist Festive Culture”

Guest Editors: Ludmila Cojocari and Jennifer R. Cash

Call for papers: <http://genealogies.enrs.eu/time-space-and-agency-in-postsocialist-festive-culture-2/>

Conference: Warsaw East European Conference

Location: Warsaw, Poland

Dates: July 15-18, 2012

Deadline for paper proposals: April 15, 2012

Theme: “Old and New: Past, Present and Future of the Post-Communist World”

Call for papers: <http://www.studium.uw.edu.pl/upload/files/call%20for%20papers%20weec%202012.pdf>

Workshop Series: Engaging the Law in Eurasia and Eastern Europe

Location: Online exchanges culminating in a final meeting in Washington D.C.

Application deadline: May 7, 2012

Aim: Given the passage of two decades since the disintegration of the Soviet bloc, the time is ripe for an assessment of the role of law in the region. The workshop series is designed to encourage cross-disciplinary exchanges and will facilitate the creation of a cohesive cohort of young scholars focusing on legal reform in Eurasia (the former states of the Soviet Union) and Eastern Europe.

Call for papers: <http://www.reeec.illinois.edu/events/law.html>

Collected Volume: Societal Evolution or Social Ruin? Universities and Elite Formation in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe

Editors: Harald Heppner and Florian Bieber

Application deadline: May 31, 2012

Languages: English or German

Call for papers: <http://www.iacbg.org/board/index.php?showtopic=2367>

Conference: National Archives of Romania

Location: Bucharest, Romania

Dates: September 21-22, 2012

Deadline for abstracts: June 10, 2012

Theme: “Archives, History and Politics in Romania during the XIX – XXI Centuries”

Call for papers: http://www.arhivelenationale.ro/images/custom/image/Elena/Call%20for%20papers%20ANR_Archives-history-politics_21-22%20sept%202012_English%20v6.pdf

Conference: Antipodean East European Study Group

Location: Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand

Dates: September 8-9, 2012

Deadline for abstracts: July 30, 2012

Theme: “Tonics, Elixers, and Poisons: Psychoactive Substances in European History and Culture”

Call for papers: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/antipodean/upcoming-events.aspx>

FELLOWSHIPS & PRIZES

East European Studies of the Woodrow Wilson Center and the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research are soliciting applications for the twenty fourth **annual training seminar for junior scholars in East European studies**, to be held during August, 2012. All domestic transportation, accommodation and meal costs will be covered by the sponsors. The deadline for receipt of this year's JSTS applications and supporting materials is April 15, 2012. For more details see <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/opportunity/east-european-studies-junior-scholars-training-seminar>

The **Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies** (VWI) invites applications for senior, research, and junior fellowships for the academic year 2012/2013, beginning October 1, 2012. The VWI is an academic institution dedicated to the research and documentation of antisemitism, racism and the Holocaust. Application deadlines are April 28, 2012. Please see the information sheets on the different fellowships for further particulars on application modalities, aims, selection process and grant sums. These can be downloaded from the homepage of the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies (VWI), <http://www.vwi.ac.at>

Each year, the **School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ**, invites about twenty scholars to be in residence for the full academic year to pursue their own research. The School welcomes applications in economics, political science, law, psychology, sociology and anthropology. Applicants must have a Ph.D. at time of application. Each year there is a general thematic focus that provides common ground for roughly half the scholars; for 2013-2014 the focus will be The Environmental Turn and the Human Sciences. The application deadline is November 1, 2012. For further details, see www.sss.ias.edu/applications.

The **Fraenkel Prize in Contemporary History** is awarded for an outstanding work of twentieth-century history in one of the Wiener Library's fields of interest,

i.e. the history of Central and Eastern Europe; Jewish history; the two world wars; anti-semitism; and the ideologies and movements of political extremism and totalitarianism. The closing date for entries is April 30, 2012. For further details, see <http://www.wienerlibrary.co.uk/educationandoutreach/fraenkelprize.aspx>

The core competition for **2013-2014 Fulbright Scholar Program** is currently open. With the exception of the seminar offerings, the deadline for all awards is August 1, 2012. For more details, see <http://catalog.cies.org/>

The **Kathryn W. Davis Travel Grant** helps subsidize travel costs for graduate students presenting papers at the 2012 ASEEEES Convention. The organization is especially committed to subsidizing those graduate students who are attending the convention for the first time or who have no local institutional resources for travel support. Students may only receive one Davis Graduate Travel Grant over the course of their graduate studies. Deadline: April 15, 2012. For more information, go to <http://aseees.org/convention/davisgrant.html>

The **ASEEEES Graduate Student Essay Prize** is awarded for an outstanding essay by a graduate student in Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies. The winner of the competition receives free roundtrip domestic airfare to and room at the ASEEEES Annual Convention and an honorary ASEEEES membership for the following year. The prize is presented during the awards presentation at the Annual Convention. Deadline: June 1, 2012. For more information go to <http://www.aseees.org/prizes/studentprize.html>

Collegium Carolinian, an LMU institute specializing in the Habsburg Monarchy, is offering doctoral funding for two positions. The research project is titled "Ordering Diversity. Concepts of Federalism in the Habsburg Monarchy and its Successor States." With a

clear focus on federalist concepts of order from the perspective of social diversity, the project is in effect a history of federalism “from below” – including concepts of nation, economy, religion and region in their relation to federal ideas. The fellowship is granted for three years, encompassing funds for archival work. Additional information is to be found on our website. Please pass an outline of your project and your CV to us by May 15th. For more information, go to <http://www.collegium-carolinum.de/en/research/concepts-of-social-order-and-their-practical-implementation/concepts-of-federalism.html>

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies invites nominations for the 2012 Competition for the **Heldt Prizes**, awarded for works of scholarship. To be eligible for nomination, all books and articles must be published between 15 April 2011 and 15 April 2012. Nominations for the 2012 prizes will be accepted for the following categories: (1) Best book in Slavic/Eastern European/Eurasian women's studies; (2) Best article in

Slavic/Eastern European/Eurasian women's studies; (3) Best book by a woman in any area of Slavic/Eastern European/Eurasian studies. Deadline for nominations: May 15, 2012. For full details, see <http://www.sras.org/the-association-for-women-in-slavic-studies-invites-nominations-for-the-2011>

The Centre National du Livre and Institutul Cultural Român will run a **translation seminar** in Bucharest and Paris to develop professional translation skills between September 2012 and July 2013. The deadline for applications is May 11, 2012. For further details, see <http://www.icr.ro/bucuresti/anunturi/concurs-seminar-de-traductologie-organizat-de-cnl-si-icr.html>

The Cantemir Institute at the University of Oxford is now offering senior and junior fellowships for scholars wishing to make use of the institute's resources. The deadline for applying for the next round of fellowships is June 15, 2012. Cantemir DPhil Fellowships will also be available shorting. For further details, see <http://www.cantemir.ox.ac.uk/fellowships.html>

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Balogh, Béni L. *The Second Vienna Award and the Hungarian-Romanian Relations 1940-1944*, trans. Andrew Gane. Boulder CO: East European Monographs, 2011.

Berghoff, Getta. *Comorile Arielei*. Cluj Napoca: Editura Napoca Star, 2011.

Biliarsky, Ivan, Ovidiu Cristea and Anca Oroveanu, eds. *The Balkans and Caucasus: Parallel Processes on the Opposite Sides of the Black Sea*. Bucharest: New Europe College, 2012.

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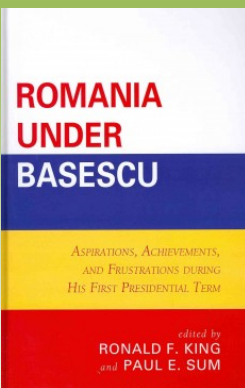
Cămărășescu, Zoe. *Amintiri*. Bucharest: Editura Ponte, 2011.

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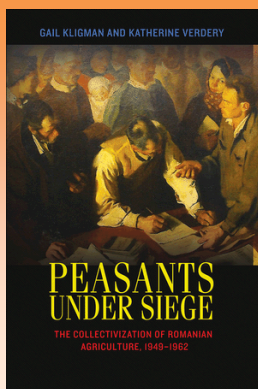
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King, Ronald Frederick, and Paul E. Sum, *Romania under Basescu: Aspirations, Achievements and Frustrations during his First Presidential Term*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2011.

Traian Basescu was elected president of Romania in December 2004 on a platform promising political reform and economic revitalization. To many, Basescu's election signaled the final defeat of the communist-successor political party and the end of the difficult transition period from authoritarianism to full democratization. *Romania under Basescu* examines the complex and contradictory mixture of societal reactions during this period. It was a time in which Romania finally joined the European Union and was included fully among the European family of nations, yet it was also a period remarkable for bitter political controversy and limited reform success.



Kligman, Gail, and Katherine Verdery. *Peasants Under Siege: The Collectivization of Agriculture in Romania, 1949-1962*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2011.

In 1949, Romania's fledgling communist regime unleashed a radical and brutal campaign to collectivize agriculture in this largely agrarian country, following the Soviet model. *Peasants under Siege* provides the first comprehensive look at the far-reaching social engineering process that ensued. Gail Kligman and Katherine Verdery examine how collectivization assaulted the very foundations of rural life, transforming village communities that were organized around kinship and status hierarchies into segments of large bureaucratic organizations, forged by the language of "class warfare" yet saturated with vindictive personal struggles.

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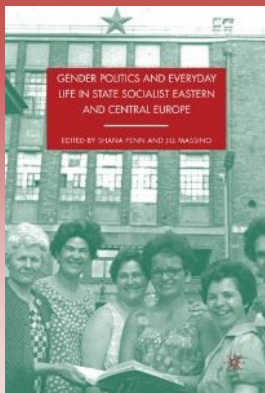
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Penn, Shana, and Jill Massino eds. *Gender Politics and Everyday Life in State Socialist Eastern and Central Europe*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.

Did socialism liberate women? Twenty years after the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, this collection of essays from European and North American scholars examines socialist policies and women's everyday lives to demonstrate that this question cannot be answered with an emphatic 'no,' but has multiple answers that require attending to many voices and stories. Focusing on a range of issues – such as worker identity, marital and family relations, consumer culture, leisure, sexuality, reproduction, activism, and resistance – *Gender Politics and Everyday Life* reveals that women experienced socialism in diverse, ambiguous, and in some cases empowering ways. These nuanced and multidisciplinary investigations provide new depth to the study of state relations, and women's and men's lives, illustrating that there is no simple, coherent narrative of life under state socialism, but rather multiple, competing, and often contradictory ones.

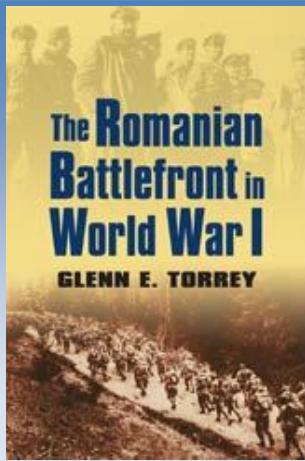
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Quinney, Anne, ed. *Paris-Bucharest. Bucharest-Paris. Francophone Writers from Romania*. Amsterdam and New York: Rodopi, 2012.

Schumann, Andrew ed. *Logic in Central and Eastern Europe History, Science, and Discourse*. Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America, 2012.

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Torrey presents the most authoritative account yet of the heavy fighting during the 1916 campaign and of the renewed attempt by Austro-German forces, including the elite Alpine Corps, to subdue the Romanian Army in the summer of 1917. This latter campaign, highlighted here but ignored in non-Romanian accounts, witnessed reorganized and rearmed Romanian soldiers, with help from a disintegrating Russian Army, administer a stunning defeat of their enemies. However, as Torrey also shows, amidst the chaos of the Russian Revolution the Central Powers forced Romania to sign a separate peace early in 1918. Ultimately, this allowed the Romanian Army to reenter the war and occupy the majority of the territory promised in 1916.

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