

Greater Romania's National Projects: Ideological Dilemmas, Ethnic Classification, and Political Instrumentalisation of Ethnic Identities

~ Thurs. 10th – Sat. 12th of April 2008 ~

Convenors:

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Programme

Thursday, April 10th

Venue: Oxford Brookes University, Headington Hill Hall, the Green Room

18:00: Registration

19:00: Reception

Friday, April 11th

Venue: Oxford Brookes University, Buckley Building, Room BG10

10:00: Panel I: Greater Romania

Chair: Roger Griffin (Oxford Brookes University, UK)

- Rebecca Haynes (School of Slavonic and East European Studies, UK):
The Rise of the Political Right in Interwar Romania
- Sorin Antohi (Orbis Tertius Institute of Cultural Studies, Romania):
From Metaphysics to Biology: The Dark Side of Ethnic Ontology in Greater Romania
- Marius Turda (Oxford Brookes University, UK):
When Biology became Destiny: Biopolitics in Interwar Romania
- Vladimir Solonari (University of Central Florida, USA):
Visions of Ethnic Purity in Greater Romania

~12:30: Coffee Break~

13:00: Panel II: The Csángós

Chair: Robert Evans (University of Oxford, UK)

- Chris Davis (University of Oxford, UK):
The Csangos refashioned: History and Destiny of a Contested Ethnic Minority in Interwar Romania.
- Agnieszka Barszczewska (Polish Academy of Sciences Warsaw, Poland):
The Roman-Catholic Church and Its Influence on the Moldavian Csángó Identity in Greater Romania

~14:00: Lunch~

15:00: Panel III: The Hungarian Minorities

Chair: Robert Evans (University of Oxford, UK)

- Zoltán Pálffy (University of Cluj, Romania):
Majority and Minority vis-à-vis Nation-Building Education: the Case of Interwar Transylvania
- Stefano Bottoni (University of Bologna, Italy):
Creating Regional Identity in a European Periphery: Szeklerland 1918-1940
- Anders Blomqvist (Baltic and East European Graduate School, Södertörns Högskola, Sweden):
Ethnic Classification and Political Instrumentalisation in the de-Nationalised Zone: The case of Satu Mare

~Free Evening~

Saturday, April 12th

Venue: Oxford Brookes University, Buckley Building, Room BG10

10:15: Panel IV: The Roma, the Gagauz and the Aromanians

Chair: Rebecca Haynes (School of Slavonic and East European Studies, UK)

- Viorel Achim ('Nicolae Iorga' Institute of History, Romania):
The Roma Organisations and their Relations with Romanian Politics in the 1930s
- James Kapalo (School of Oriental and African Studies, UK):
Clerical Agency and the Development of Gagauz National Consciousness in Greater Romania
- Steliu Lambriu (Central European University Budapest, Hungary):
Aromanians and Political Radicalism in Interwar Romania

~12:00: Coffee Break~

12:30: Panel VI: The German Minorities

Chair: Paul Weindling (Oxford Brookes University, UK)

- Harald Roth (Südost Institut, Germany):
Patterns of Interwar Transylvanian Saxon Identity
- Tudor Georgescu (Oxford Brookes University, UK):
The Transylvanian Saxon Eugenic Discourse in Interwar Romania
- Mariana Hausleitner (IKGS, Germany):
The Danube Swabians in the Romanian Banat, 1918-1941
- Gerhard Seewann (University of Pécs, Hungary, and Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Germany):
Divided Loyalties, Uniformed Communities: Germans and Magyars within the Romanian Nationalising State

~14:30: Lunch~

15:30: Panel VII: The Jews

Chair: David Rechter (University of Oxford, UK)

- Răzvan Pârâianu (Orbis Tertius Institute of Cultural Studies, Romania):
'Romania to the Romanians' and the first Romanian anti-Semitic Legislation of 1938
- Camelia Crăciun (Central European University, Hungary):
Jewish Intellectuals' Responses to the Emancipation and Minority Protection Law in Post-WWI Romania

~16:30: Coffee Break~

17:00: Concluding Remarks

19:00: Dinner at 'The Chequers' (131 High Street, Oxford)