

Invitation to the 15th edition of the International Symposium
“Ideologies, values and political behaviors in Central and Eastern Europe”
Organized by the Politics Department, West University of Timisoara

Place and date: West University of Timisoara, Romania, 24-25 March 2017

Deadline for proposals: 01 March 2017

Dear Madam / Sir,

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the upcoming 15th edition of the International Symposium *“Ideologies, values and political behaviors in Central and Eastern Europe”*.

The event aims to bring together researchers interested in Central and Eastern European politics. We welcome paper proposals from scholars on political topics in Central and Eastern Europe as detailed below. The proposal should be no longer than one page and it should include a short *Curriculum Vitae*. All selected participants will be informed before the 15th of March 2017.

Selected papers will be published in a forthcoming volume of the *Political Studies Forum*, a journal edited by the Politics Department of the West University of Timisoara.

The conference will include panels like the following:

- European capitals of culture (panel coordinator: Lect. Dr. Corina Turșie, West University of Timișoara)*(see panel description at the end)
- Higher education policies (panel coordinator: Prof. Dr. Robert Reisz, West University of Timisoara)
- Political History: Theoretical Perspectives and Case Studies (panel coordinators: Prof. Dr. Vasile Docea and Lect. Dr. Mihai Panu, West University of Timișoara)
- Political ideologies in a changing world (panel coordinator: Lect. Dr. Lecturer Emanuel Copilaș, West University of Timișoara)

- Political parties (panel coordinator: Dr. Laurențiu Ștefan, Presidency of Romania)
- Political psychology (panel coordinator: Lect. Dr. Sorin Predescu, West University of Timișoara)
- Politics of development (panel coordinator: Lect. Dr. Lucian Vesalon, West University of Timișoara)
- Social movements (panel coordinators: Dr. Viorel Proteasa, West University of Timisoara and Associate Professor Dr. Liviu Andreescu, University of Bucharest)
- The politics of science and scientometry (panel coordinator: Senior Researcher Bogdan Voicu, Romanian Academy of Sciences, Research Institute for Quality of Life)

These are just some of the scientific topics that will be addressed during the conference. We also welcome contributions on similar topics from the fields of political science and international relations.

There is no participation fee. Unfortunately, the organizers cannot cover the costs for travel and accommodation, and we recommend you to apply to your own university for such funds. We can, however, assist you with reservations in the university dormitory and other practicalities.

For further information, details and for sending the application please contact Mr. Emanuel Copilaș at emanuel.copilas@e-uvt.ro, copilasemanuel@yahoo.com

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Timișoara!

Conference Board

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 Panel Description

European Capitals of Culture – pretext for an interdisciplinary dialogue on urban policies

Since Timisoara will be the European Capital of Culture(EMCoC) in 2021, this panel aims to bring together academics and practitioners in an interdisciplinary dialogue regarding urban policies, meant to highlight the challenge and great opportunity that our city is having in the

following years. Practitioners can offer valuable experience by presenting case studies of best practices related to past, present and future ECoCs, especially related to cities coming from Central and Eastern Europe. Academics can present interdisciplinary approaches regarding several topics: the role of arts and culture in regional and urban development; urban regeneration; city branding; politics of memory, constructing new identities for cities; intangible and tangible urban heritage; place making; shaping and changing the city social space; the European dimension of cities; creative industries, cultural vibrancy of cities and sustainability; social inclusion, strategies for boosting cultural access and participation; the role of tourism in urban development. For details, please contact the panel chair: corina.tursie@e-uvt.ro