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Roundtable

***The necessity to engage:
the Eastern Partnership and grassroots involvement***

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Chișinău, Republica Moldova,
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EaPpeal
Jean Monnet project

**The Eastern Partnership under strain -
time for a rethink?**



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About the EaPpeal project

EaPpeal seeks to confer a sound framework for policy debate with regards to the Eastern Partnership region. The *EaPpeal* project also tries to provide novel answer of the intrinsic and extrinsic challenges both the EU and EaP countries face in a changed geopolitical context marked by instability, territorial tension and armed conflict.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- ↳ To transmit knowledge about the EU and its international role especially in the Eastern neighbourhood ;
- ↳ To forge an academic and professional cooperation platform which will gather some of the most appreciated experts in the EaP domain, researchers, young professionals, students, civic activists, policy-makers from the EU and EaP countries and Russia who will provide invaluable expertise, exchange ideas and policy-recommendations for increasing the effectiveness of the EU policies towards its eastern neighbourhood;
- ↳ To draw together scholars who could fill the theoretical gap with respect to the conceptualization of the EaP and who could provide answers to the increasingly demanding questions about the position of the EaP countries in future European configurations;
- ↳ To improve understanding of the current topical issues from the eastern neighbourhood and stimulate the theoretical and professional skills of participants;
- ↳ To encourage participants to actively engage with the current debate vis-à-vis the future of the EaP region;
- ↳ To familiarise participants with the interplay of the multiplicity of actors and decision-making processes from the EaP region (i.e. the antagonistic views of Russia and the Euro-Atlantic community).

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17:00-17:30 Registration of participants

17:30-17:50 Welcoming remarks

- Prof.dr. Grigore Vasilescu (State University Moldova)
- Assoc.Prof.dr. Alexandru Solcan (State University Moldova)
- Prof.dr. Valentina Teosa (State University Moldova)
- Prof.dr. Gabriela Carmen Pascariu ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi)
- Assistant Prof.dr. Teodor Lucian Moga ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi)

17:50-19:10 Roundtable debate

- *"Building resilience in the EU's neighbourhood countries. New approaches for a more effective Eastern Partnership"* – Gabriela Carmen Pascariu, Ramona Frunză (Țigănașu) ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi)
- *"Debating the effectiveness of the EaP and the impact of the Association Agreements"* – Teodor Lucian Moga, Loredana Simionov ("Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi)
- *"University Education in multicultural society of the Republic of Moldova: challenges of integration in the context of EU neighbourhood policies"* - Valentina Teosa (State University of Moldova)
- *"Determinants and perspectives of Republic of Moldova's foreign affairs vis-à-vis its eastern neighbourhood"* - Svetlana Cebotari, (State University of Moldova)
- *"The EU factor in the process of European integration of Moldova through the Eastern Partnership"* - Cristina Morari (State University of Moldova)

19:10-19:30 Q&A sessions

End of roundtable, Coffee Break &
Refreshments / Networking opportunities

Departure of participants



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As major fields of interest, the institution is focused on European policies, internal market, trade, interregional and trans-border cooperation etc. We are also interested to intensify our research concerning issues of regional development migration, local and regional governance, European cohesion policy, cross-border cooperation, European Neighbourhood Policy and Eastern Partnership.



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