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## **2 DECEMBER 2025 - Apor Palace (*Gabriel Bethlen Street, 5*)**

8.30-10.00 **REGISTRATION**

**WELCOME SPEECH (*Senatului Hall*)**

10.00-10.15 **Lucian MARINA**  
„1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

**10.15 PLENARY SESSION (*Senatului Hall*)**

10.15-10.45 **Claudiu COMAN** - Transilvania University of Braşov  
LIVING SPACE AND COUPLE'S HAPPINES: DOMESTIC  
INTIMACY HANDLING FOR A FULFILLING LIFE

10.45-11.15 **Dorota SZABAN** - University of Zielona Gora  
*MEASURING THE DEMOGRAPHIC ATTRACTIVENESS  
OF PLACES: A NEW APPROACH TO ANALYZING  
POPULATION CHANGE IN POLAND*

**11.15-11.45 COFEE BREAK**

**11.45 PLENARY SESSION (*Senatului Hall*)**

11.45 -12.15 **Mihai PASCARU** - „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia  
*PURE SOCIOLOGY AND APPLIED SOCIOLOGY  
IN THE FACE OF CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES*

12.15 – 12.45 **Mihnea PREOTESI** - Research Institute for Quality of Life  
*THE CURRENT BUDGET CRISIS IN TRADITIONAL VISUAL  
MEDIA. AN ANALYSIS FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF EQUITY  
AND SOCIAL JUSTICE OF THE RESPONSE OF THE  
GOVERNMENTS THE CRISIS. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS:  
MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE 2010-2011 ECONOMIC CRISIS  
AND THE 2025 BUDGET CRISIS*

**13.00 - 14.45 LUNCH BREAK**  
**CAROLINA HERITAGE RESTAURANT (*Unirii Street, 11*)**

**15.00 - 19.30 SECTIONS SESSIONS (*Apor Palace*)**

**15.00 - Apor Palace (Senatului Hall)**

**Session I - Transformations of Work, Education, and Governance in Contemporary Society  
Chairman: Valentina CORNEA & Lucian MARINA**

*LABOR MARKET DYNAMICS AND MINIMUM WAGE EVOLUTION IN ROMANIA (2020-2025):  
A STATISTICAL AND CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS*

**Răzvan Ionuț CIRICĂ** -Research Institute for Quality of Life

*ASPECTS OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND HEALTHCARE IN ROMANIA, AS THEY  
EMERGE FROM A RESEARCH ON RECENT PRESS ARTICLES*

**Mona SIMU** - Research Institute for Quality of Life

*ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND WORKPLACE ADAPTATION IN ROMANIA'S SERVICE SECTOR*

**Gonzague ISIRABAHENDA** „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

*AGGRESSION AND ADDICTIONS IN ADOLESCENTS CAUSED BY THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT*

**Andreea Valeria CRIȘAN (ANDRAS)** - West University of Timișoara

*CONTINUING EDUCATION IN SOCIAL WORK – A KEY FACTOR IN DEVELOPING RESILIENCE*

**Camelia UTA (PINTEC), Roxana -Maria POPA** West University of Timișoara

**Lavinia Elisabeta POPP** - „Babeș-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca

*SCHOOL AND CAREER GUIDANCE IN PRE-UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN ROMANIA:  
CASE STUDIES FOR EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENTS*

**Delia KRECH** - „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

*GENERATIONAL STEREOTYPES AND AGE-RELATED BIASES TOWARD SENIOR FACULTY: THE  
ROLE OF STUDENTS' EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE*

**Mădălina Ioana RAȚIU** „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

*UNIVERSITIES OF THE THIRD AGE AND THIRD AGE EDUCATION*

**Lucian MARINA** - „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

**16.45-17.15 COFFEE BREAK**

*ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY: FROM „CONCEPTUAL DISARRAY” TO AN INTEGRATIVE  
EVALUATION MODEL* **Valentina CORNEA, Sergiu CORNEA, Ina FILIPOV, Elena MANDAJI**

Cahul State University „Bogdan Petriceicu Hasdeu”

*ENERGY RENOVATION IN ROMANIAN APARTMENT BUILDINGS: IMPLICATIONS FOR ENERGY POVERTY,  
HOUSING COMFORT AND HEALTH A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW*

**Lucian MARINA, Gonzague ISIRABAHENDA, Bogdan Nicolae MUCEA**

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*FRAGMENTATION AND LEGITIMACY: AN ANALYSIS OF MAYORAL ELECTION RESULTS*

**Bogdan Nicolae MUCEA** - „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

*THE CONCEPT AND HISTORICAL EVOLUTION OF MINORITY RIGHTS*

**Ioan Sebastian BUDUROI, Victor STOICA, Diana Maria GROSU**

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*DEALING WITH INTERETHNIC CONFLICT IN EUROPE: HISTORIC AND RECENT EUROPEAN  
POLICIES IN MULTIETHNIC STATES AND REGIONS*

**Georgiana PODARU, Ciprian IFTIMOAEI** „Petre Andrei” University of Iași

*THE INFLUENCE OF SOCIAL MEDIA ALGORITHMS ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S PERCEPTION OF  
AUTHORITY: BETWEEN DIGITAL VALIDATION AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTESTATION*

**Claudiu ȘTEFANI** – „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

**15.00 - Apor Palace (Ștefan Apor Hall)**

**Session 2 - Inequalities, Social Vulnerabilities, and Practices of Inclusion**  
**Chairman: Mihnea PREOTESI & Petronela TALPAȘ**

*STRENGTHENING GENERATIONAL COHESION IN AN AGING SOCIETY. EVIDENCE OF IMPACT FROM AN INTERGENERATIONAL MODEL INTERVENTION*

**Daniel ARPINTE** - Research Institute for Quality of Life

*TRENDS IN CURRENT DRUG USE IN ROMANIA* - **Cosmin SICREA** - University of Petroșani

*HEALTH AND SOCIAL INEQUALITIES IN CROATIA: TWO DECADES OF CHALLENGES AND POLICY RESPONSES* - **Ivan MISKULIN, Ivana KOTROMANOVIC,**

**Nika Lovrinevic PAVLOVIC** - University of Osijek

*THE INFLUENCE OF PARENTING ON THE AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY*

**Mariana DUCIUC (DRĂGOTOIU)** - University of Bucharest, Romania

*ERASMUS STUDENTS' PERCEPTIONS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE ABROAD*

**Claudiu COMAN, Vlad BĂTRĂNU-PINȚEA** - Transilvania University of Brașov

**Alexandra MIOC** - West University of Timișoara

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*THE BUCOVINIAN FESTIVAL OF SCIENCE AS A LABORATORY OF DIALOGUE: INTERCULTURAL, INTERGENERATIONAL, AND INTERDISCIPLINARY INTEGRATION ON THE BORDERLAND -*

**Magdalena POKRZYŃSKA** - Univeristy of Zielona Góra

**16.45-17.15 COFEE BREAK**

*DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. A CONTINUING SOCIAL PROBLEM*

**Adrian NETEDU** - „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași

*AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ROLE OF RELIGIOSITY IN THE IDENTITY FORMATION PROCESS OF PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS IN THE ROMANIAN ARMY*

**Florina Malina VARTOLOMEI, Victor STOICA** - „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași

*INCLUSION, BARRIERS, AND NEEDS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE ACADEMIC CONTEXT* - **Felicia MORÂNDĂU, Dana ZAMFIRESCU MAREȘ, Raluca Elena DĂNUȚ**

„Lucian Blaga” University of Sibiu

*MASCULINITY AND SEXUAL IDENTITY IN CONTEMPORARY ROMANIA: CULTURE, GENDER PRACTICES AND HOMOEROTICISM* **Bogdan BĂLĂNEAN** - „Babeș-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca

*WAYS TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ROMA CHILDREN IN SCHOOL: CHALLENGES AND EDUCATIONAL SOLUTIONS IN ROMANIA*

**Petronela Maria TALPAȘ** - „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

**15.00 - Apor Palace (Consiliul de Administrație Hall)**

**Session 3 - Modernity, Technology, and Pathways to Inclusion in Adulthood and Older Age  
Chairman: Victor STOICA & Anca Iulia BUGNARIU**

*ADULT EDUCATION AND LIFELONG LEARNING IN ROMANIA'S TRANSITION TO THE THIRD AGE:  
EVIDENCE AND GAPS IN RESEARCH*

**Valentina CORNEA, Violeta PUȘCAȘU** - „Dunarea De Jos” University of Galați

*THE SOCIAL LIFE OF HISTORIC MONUMENTS AFTER THE INTERVENTIONS OF THE AMBULANCE  
FOR MONUMENTS: FROM SAFEGUARDING TO COMMUNITY VALORIZATION*

**Edi BESERMAN** - Făgăraș Research Institute

*PERSONALITY DISORDERS IN DETENTION: APPLIED RESEARCH AND IMPLICATIONS  
FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT*

**Andreea Cătălina FORTU** - National Administration of Penitentiaries, Romania

*DEPICTIONS OF ROMANIAN CULTURE IN RESIDENT EVIL 8: VILLAGE*

**Claudiu COMAN, Vlad BĂTRĂNU-PINȚEA, Livia Mihaela MITREA, Teodora DINCĂ**

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*FROM BURNOUT TO RESILIENCE: THEORETICAL AND PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVES IN  
PENITENTIARY - SOCIAL WORK* **Lucian BIRU** - Jilava Penitentiary, Bucharest, Romania

*SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES  
AND PATHWAYS FOR THE INCLUSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES*

**Sorina CORMAN, Dana ZAMFIRESCU MAREȘ** - „Lucian Blaga” University of Sibiu

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*THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGION AND MODERNITY THROUGH THE LENS  
OF SECULARIZATION THEORY AND ITS ALTERNATIVE THEORIES*

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*THE ARCHITECTURE OF FEAR: A SOCIO-POLITICAL FRAMEWORK FOR UNDERSTANDING  
HOW VALUES SHAPE THE FEAR OF TECHNOLOGY* **Victor STOICA, Ioan-Sebastian BUDUROI,**

**Mălina Florina VARTOLOMEI** - „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași

*DIVORCE AND FAMILY TRANSFORMATIONS IN ROMANIA: THE IMPACT ON SOCIAL STRUCTURES  
AND COMMUNITY COHESION* - **Ioan Mihail DAN** – „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

*BETWEEN CONNECTION AND ISOLATION EXCESSIVE TECHNOLOGY USE AND OLDER ADULTS'  
WELL-BEING POST-COVID-19* - **Monica Angela BARA** - „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

*SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF THE ELDERLY AND THE IMPACT OF CHRONIC DISEASES: FROM DIALYSIS  
TO COMMUNITY INTEGRATION* - **Anca Iulia BUGNARIU** - „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

*DIGITAL FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND THE REDUCTION OF INEQUALITIES*

**Călina Ana BUȚIU** – „1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba Iulia

### **3 DECEMBER 2025 - ONLINE SECTION<sup>1</sup>**

#### **Session 4 - Migration, Minorities, and Social Work Interventions in the Context of Contemporary Crises**

**Chairman: Bogdan Nicolae MUCEA**

**Topic: TKSD 2025**

**Time: Dec 3, 2025 10:00 AM (EET)**

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*MIGRATION REFUGEE CRISIS AND BORDER ISSUE: THE CASE OF EVROS*

**Maria VLACHADI** - University of Crete, Greece

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*BRIDGING WORLDS: THE SOCIO-CULTURAL INTEGRATION OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN ROMANIA*

**Silviu Lucian DINU** - Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy

*PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF HR PROFESSIONALS: STUDENTS VOICES*

**Sorana SĂVEANU, Raluca BUHAȘ, Claudia BACTER** - University of Oradea, Romania

*FACTORS AND CONDITIONS THAT TRIGGER AND REQUIRE CHANGES IN THE DYNAMICS OF PEASANT FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS IN RURAL-MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES*

**Dumitru BATĂR** - „Lucian Blaga” University of Sibiu

*FROM TRAINING TO EMPLOYMENT: SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION OF HUMAN RESOURCES GRADUATES*

**Sergiu Lucian RAIU** – „Ștefan Cel Mare” University of Suceava, Romania

*TRENDS IN HUMAN RESOURCES SUSTAINABILITY: SELF-ESTEEM AND WELL-BEING AS RESILIENCE FACTORS IN SOCIAL WORK IN THE 21ST CENTURY*

**Mariana CHIHAE** - State Pedagogical University “Ion Creangă” of Chișinău, Moldova

*STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVE ON CONDUCTING STUDIES AND PRACTICAL ANALYSES IN SOCIAL WORK*

**Nina Mihaela MIHALACHE** - „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, Romania

*THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY IN PROTECTING THE CHILD WITH DISABILITIES FROM EMOTIONAL ABUSE*

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*IDENTITY MARKERS AND SOCIAL RITUALS IN THE ROMA ETHNICITY*

**Bogdan-Alexandru HERȚANU, Cristina GAVRILUȚĂ** - „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, Romania

*WHEN TIME IS CRITICAL: EMERGENCY SOCIAL WORKER INTERVENTIONS IN CASES OF ADOLESCENT DEVIANCE*

**Mihaela-Gabriela TECȘA (IRIMIA)** - West University of Timisoara, Romania

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*HUMAN TRAFFICKING – A SOCIAL MALADY*

**Carmen PALAGHIA** - „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi, Romania

*SOCIAL WORK AND PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING*

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*THE AGGRESSOR-VICTIM DYNAMIC IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING*

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*PIERRE BOURDIEU'S THEORY OF CAPITAL AND THE UNDERSTANDING  
OF THE FORMATION OF A POLITICAL CAREER*

**Costel Marian DALBAN** - „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, Romania

*EUROPEANIZATION OF SOCIAL POLICIES AND THE IMPACT ON LOCAL PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.  
A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION  
PROCESS IN ROMANIA AND OTHER EUROPEAN STATES*

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*ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN THE INTERACTION BETWEEN SOCIAL WORKERS AND BENEFICIARIES:  
PERSPECTIVES AND SOLUTIONS*

**Viorica Mariana NEDEL, Remus RUNCAN** - „Aurel Vlaicu” University of Arad, Romania

*TRANSNATIONAL FAMILIES AND VULNERABLE CHILDHOODS: EFFECTS OF PARENTAL  
MIGRATION AND THE RESPONSE OF SOCIAL SERVICES*

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*MODEL OF PALLIATIVE INTERVENTION FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE  
WHO ARE CANCER SURVIVORS*

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*FALSE NARRATIVES AND METANARRATIVES IN THE RUSSO-UKRAINIAN WAR (2022–2025)*

**Marin GHERMAN** - „Stefan cel Mare” University of Suceava, Romania

*THE KOCH TREE THREE-PHASE DRAWING PROTOCOL: AN ORIGINAL MODEL FOR ASSESSING  
AND INTERVENING IN ACADEMIC ANXIETY IN RESEARCHERS*

**Oana Andreea GROSU** - State Pedagogical University “Ion Creangă” of Chișinău, Moldova

**Session 5 - Global Crises, Democratic Governance, Digitalization, and Public Health Chairman:  
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*A SYSTEMIC APPROACH TO PATIENT SAFETY IN ROMANIAN HEALTHCARE INSTITUTIONS*

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*REDEFINING FAMILY VALUES IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY*

**Cristina Mariana GROZAVU** - Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romania

*KAZAKHSTAN AS A TRANSIT CORRIDOR FOR MIGRANTS FROM RUSSIA*

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*WHEN AI MEETS PRESTIGE IN ART*

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*CHINA'S STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT AS A ROADMAP  
TO CAMEROONIAN ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE*

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*CHINA IN CAMEROON: NEO-COLONIALISM OR PARTNERSHIP*

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*KIRCHHEIMERIAN CATCHALLIZATION IN TURKISH POLITICS? RECENT CENTRIPETAL  
IDEOLOGICAL MOVEMENTS OF TURKISH POLITICAL PARTIES AND ELECTORATE*

**Murat İNAN** - „Abdullah Gül” University, Kayseri, Turkey

*TESTING ELECTORAL EFFECTIVENESS OF GREENING OF THE LEFT AS A POST-WAR  
ADAPTATION STRATEGY FOR WESTERN LEFTWING POLITICAL PARTY FAMILIES  
FROM A SUPPLY-SIDE PERSPECTIVE*

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*INTEGRATED SOCIO-MEDICAL NETWORKS IN VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES:  
A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR SOCIAL WORK IN 21ST CENTURY ROMANIA*

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*INFORMAL CARE AS SOCIAL POLICY IN ROMANIA: CASE STUDIES ON THE EXPERIENCES  
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*UNDERSTANDING SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DRIVERS  
OF PRIMARY SCHOOL DROPOUT IN RWANDA*

**Theophile NZABONIMANA** - The National Child Development AGENCY (NCDA), Rwanda

*UNDERSTANDING DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE: THREATS AND CHALLENGES  
IN THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY*

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*TRUST IN INSTITUTIONS DURING TIMES OF CRISIS*

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