

CALL FOR PAPERS



THE 12TH ANNUAL ROMANIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

APRIL 10-12, 2020

INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: December 31, 2019

The **Romanian Studies Organization at Indiana University** is pleased to announce the 12th Annual Romanian Studies Conference, taking place April 10-12, 2020, on the Bloomington campus. We welcome proposals from graduate students and recent PhDs on any topic related to Romania, Moldova, or the Romanian diaspora, in any discipline or methodology. Past panels have included: “Landscapes of Heritage in Romania,” “Politicizing Ethnicity: Individual and Collective Identities,” “Agency and Authenticity under Socialism,” “The Pain of Transition: Continuities and Changes between Regimes,” and “Civil Society, Corruption, and Resistance in (Post) Communist Romania.” We particularly welcome interdisciplinary approaches but we regularly accept papers from historians, political scientists, economists, sociologists, anthropologists, folklorists, linguists, literary critics, and musicologists.



The keynote address, titled “**The Bucharest Underground**,” will be delivered by **Dr. Bruce O’Neill**, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Saint Louis University. Over the last fifteen years, Professor O’Neill’s ethnographic research has explored the social and spatial dimensions of governance, class formation, and material development in Bucharest, Romania. Professor O’Neill is the author of *The Space of Boredom: Homelessness in the Slowing Global Order* (Duke University Press, 2017). The book takes a widely shared sense of boredom among Bucharest’s homeless population as a window into the cultural politics of displacement from the global economy. His current project, *The Bucharest Underground*, is an ethnography of subterranean Bucharest and examines the way post-socialist urban life unfolds beneath the sidewalk down inside Metro stations, basements, and cemeteries, for example. Professor O’Neill’s research has been supported by grants and fellowships from the Wenner-Gren Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, the Fulbright-Hays and the Fulbright programs.

Please submit abstracts of 250-300 words, along with your contact information and a brief biography, in a single .doc, .docx, or .pdf document to Leah Valtin-Erwin at romso@indiana.edu by December 31, 2019. We will send notifications of acceptance by January 30, 2020.

Any inquiries about the conference or the program may be directed to Leah Valtin-Erwin at romso@indiana.edu.

Please forward this request for proposals to anyone who might be interested.