

**VLADIMIR TISMANEANU**  
**AN ABRIDGED CV**

Professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park

Chair and Coordinator, Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania, 2006-April 2007 (appointed by Romania's President Traian Basescu).

Chair, Presidential Advisory Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania, April 2007-present (appointed by Romania's President Traian Basescu).

Chair of the Editorial Committee, East European Politics and Societies, (an ACLS quarterly journal published by SAGE) 2004-2008.

EEPS Editor (1998-2004)

Director, Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies, University of Maryland (1998-present)

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Born July 4, 1951. Married to Mary Frances Sladek. One son, Adam Volo Tismaneanu, born August 1995.

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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Ph.D. (1980) University of Bucharest; dissertation topic: "Critical Reason and Revolution: The Political Theory of the Frankfurt School."

B.A. (1974) University of Bucharest (Sociology). Graduated *summa cum laudae*. Thesis topic: "The New Left and the Frankfurt School."

**Languages:** English (excellent), Romanian (native), French , Spanish (both excellent); German (very good); Russian (good).

**SELECTED RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**

### **Books Authored:**

The Perfect Acrobat. Leonte Rautu, the Masks of Evil, co-authored with Cristian Vasile (Bucharest: Humanitas Publishing House, 2008). A biography of Romania's Stalinist propaganda czar.

The Devil in History: Communism, Fascism, and the Lessons of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (book contract with University of California Press, manuscript completed).

The Mist Curtain. Co-authored with Mircea Mihaies, in Romanian (Iasi and Bucharest: Polirom Publishing House, 2008).

Refusing to Forget (Bucharest: Curtea Veche Publishing House, 2007), in Romanian

Democracy and Memory : Essays on Communism, Fascism and Democracy (Bucharest: Curtea Veche Publishing House, 2006). In Romanian.

The Great Shock at the End of a Short Century. Ion Iliescu in Dialogue with Vladimir Tismaneanu -- Social Science Monographs, distributed by Columbia University Press, 2004. New edition, Social Science Monographs/ Columbia University Press, 2006. Reviewed in *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Original edition, (Bucharest: Editura Enciclopedica, 2004), in Romanian. French translation, Ed. du Rocher, 2004.

The End and the Means: Essays on Ideology, Utopia, and Myth (Bucharest: Editura Curtea Veche, 2004). In Romanian.

Skeletons in the Closet. Co-authored with Mircea Mihaies, in Romanian (Iasi and Bucharest: Polirom, 2004)

Stalinism for All Seasons: A Political History of Romanian Communism. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003). Romanian translation, Polirom, 2005. Polish translation forthcoming. The book received the 2004 Barbara Jelavich Award from the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

Letters from Washington: Reflections on the Twentieth Century (Iasi and Bucharest: Editura Polirom, 2002). In Romanian.

Specters of Central Europe (Iasi and Bucharest; Editura Polirom, 2001). In Romanian.

Fantasies of Salvation: Democracy, Nationalism and Myth in Post-Communist Europe, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998. Romanian translation, Editura Polirom, 1999; Polish translation, Muza Publishing House, 2001. Lithuanian translation, 2004. Major chapters translated in German, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Croatian. Recommended for the translation-publishing program, Open Society Institute.

The Phantom of Gheorghiu-Dej: Studies in Romanian Communism (Bucharest: Editura Univers, 1995), In Romanian. New edition, revised and enlarged, Humanitas Publishing House, 2008.

Reinventing Politics: Eastern Europe from Stalin to Havel, (New York: Free Press, 1993). Paperback edition with a new afterword. Romanian translation of updated version (Iasi: Editura Polirom, 1997). Major chapters translated into Polish, Hungarian, German. Ukrainian translation, 2002.

Reinventing Politics: Eastern Europe from Stalin to Havel, (New York: Free Press, 1992). Cloth edition. Romanian and Ukrainian translations.

In Search of Civil Society: Independent Peace Movements in the Soviet Bloc (New York: Routledge, 1990), editor and principal author.

The Crisis of Marxist Ideology in Eastern Europe: The Poverty of Utopia (London and New York: Routledge, 1988). Updated and expanded Romanian translation, Iasi: Editura Polirom, 1997. Chapters translated into Polish, Hungarian, French, German.

### **Edited:**

Stalinism Revisited (New York and Budapest: Central European University Press, 2009). Editor, author of introduction and chapter on Stalinist show-trials as diabolical pedagogy.

The Ethics of Remembrance, writings by prominent Romanian thinker and democratic intellectual Monica Lovinescu selected and with an introduction by Vladimir Tismaneanu (Bucharest; Humanitas Publishing House, 2008).

Final Report of the Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romanian 1945-1989. Senior editor, co-edited with Dorin Dobrinu and Cristian Vasile (Bucharest: Humanitas Publishing House, 2007). French translation under consideration.

World Order After Leninism (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2006), co-edited with Marc Howard and Rudra Sil. Author of chapter.

Hungary 1956: the Revolt of the Mind and the Demise of Communism (Bucharest: Curtea Veche Publishing House, 2006), co-edited with Doina Jela. In Romanian. The volume contains the first Romanian full translation of Nikita Khrushchev's 1956 Secret Speech.

Between Past and Future: The Revolutions of 1989 and Their Aftermath (Budapest: Central European University Press, 2000). Co-editor with Sorin Antohi, author of chapter.

The Revolutions of 1989 (London and New York: Routledge, 1999), volume editor and author of the introduction.. Romanian translation, Polirom, Bucharest and Iasi, 1999. Second edition, 2003.

Political Culture and Civil Society in the Countries of the Former Soviet Union (Armonk: N.J.: M. E. Sharpe, 1995), editor and co-author of the introduction.

Debates on the Future of Communism, (New York & London: St. Martin's Press & Macmillan, 1991), co-edited with Judith Shapiro. Introduction and chapter author.

### Chapters in Books:

“Truth, Memory, and Reconciliation: Judging the Past in Post-Communist Societies,” Foreword to Lavinia Stan, ed., Transitional Justice in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union (London and New York: Routledge, 2008), pp. XI-XIII.

“The Fate of Marxism in Eastern Europe: Fulfillment or Bastardization?,” in The Communist Manifesto Revisited, Jeffrey C. Isaac., ed. (New Haven: Yale University Press, forthcoming, 2009).

“Beyond Marx, Lenin, and Mao,” Foreword to Jeffrey N. Wasserstrom, China’s Brave New World—And Other Tales for Global Times (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2007), pp. IX-XI.

“Lenin’s Century: Bolshevism, Marxism, and the Russian Tradition,” in Vladimir Tismaneanu, Marc Howard and Rudra Sil, World Order after Leninism (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2006), pp. 19-33.

“Sociology and Truth,” in Stefan Dorondel and Stelu Serban, eds., Between East and West: Studies in Anthropology and Social History (Bucharest: Romanian Cultural Institute Publishing House, 2005), pp. 152-162.

“Legacies of Ceausescu’s Socialism,” in Alexandru Zub and Adrian Cioflanca, eds., Political Culture and Cultural Policies in Modern Romania (Iasi: Publishing House of the “Al. I. Cuza” University, 2005), pp. 273-290. Volume prepared for the 20th World Congress of Historical Sciences (Sidney, Australia, 2005).

“Understanding National Stalinism: Legacies of Ceausescu’s Socialism,” in Henry F. Carey, ed., Romania since 1989 (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2004), pp. 27-48.

“Reassessing the Revolutions of 1989,” in Larry Diamond and Marc F. Plattner, Democracy after Communism (Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002), pp. 115-119.

“The Leninist Debris; or Waiting for Peron,” in Arthur M. Melzer, Jerry Weinberger, and M. Richard Zinman, Politics at the Turn of the Century (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2001), pp. 209-235.

“Fighting for the Public Sphere: Democratic Intellectuals under Post communism,” in Sorin Antohi and Vladimir Tismaneanu, editors, Between Past and Future: The Revolutions of 1989 and Their Aftermath (Budapest and New York: CEU Press, 2000).

"Romanian Exceptionalism? Democracy, Ethnocracy, and Uncertain Pluralism in Post-Ceausescu’s Romania," chapter in Karen Dawisha and Bruce Parrott, eds., Democratization in Eastern Europe, (Cambridge, UK and New York: Cambridge University Press 1997), pp. 403-51.

"Fascism, Anti-Semitism, and Mythmaking in East Central Europe -- The Case of Romania," in Randolph Braham, ed., The Destruction of the Romanian and Ukrainian Jews During the

Antonescu Era (Rosenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies, CUNY, and East European Monographs, Boulder, distributed by Columbia University Press, 1997), pp. 303-48.

### Articles in Refereed Journals

“The Revolutions of 1989: Causes, Meanings, Legacies,” Journal of Contemporary European History, Summer 2009, special issue on the revolutions of 1989. Romanian translation, Idei in Dialog (Bucharest), January-June 2009 (eight issues).

--“Rethinking 1989,” Dissent online, September 2009.

“The Revolutions of 1989: Expectations and Disappointments,” Journal of International Relations and Development, 12 (2009):3. Invited.

“Democracy and Memory: Romania Confronts Its Communist Past,” Annals of the American Academy of Political Science, No. 617, May 2008, pp. 166-180 (Reviewed).

“The Ordeal of Whittaker Chambers,” Idei in Dialog (Bucharest), February 2009.

“Critical Intellectuals and the Struggle for Democracy in East-Central Europe,” Nexus (Amsterdam), Vol. 50, 2008, special issue on the forgotten language of European humanism, pp. 494-509.

“Ideology, Utopia, and Truth: Lessons from Eastern Europe,” Nexus (Amsterdam), special anniversary issue (Vol. 50), June 2008.

“Confronting Romania’s Communist Past,” Slavic Review, Vol. 66, No. 4, Winter 2007, pp. 724-727.

“Anticommunism and Antifascism as Political Passions,” Studies and Materials of Contemporary History, Romanian Academy, Vol. VI, 2007, pp. 237-245.

“Stalinism in East-Central Europe,” Idei in Dialog (Bucharest, Romania), January, February 2008.

“Koba the Terrible: Reflections on Stalin and Stalinism,” Idei in Dialog (Bucharest, Romania), October, November, December 2007.

“Leninist Legacies, Pluralist Dilemmas,” Journal of Democracy, Vol. 18, No. 4, October 2007, pp. 34-39. (Invited).

“Liberal Values and Nationalism in Post-Communist Europe,” Nexus (Amsterdam), Vol. 40, 2005, pp. 155-171 (in Dutch). Invited

“The End of Postcommunism in Romania,” Journal of Democracy, Vol. 16, No. 2, April 2005 (invited)—co-authored with Peter Gross. Reviewed.

“Discomforts of Victory: Threats to Liberal Values in Post-Communist Europe,” West European Politics, April 2002 (Reviewed).

“Communism, Nazism, and the Problem of Radical Evil,” Human Rights Review, Spring 2001.

“Rethinking 1989,” Journal of Democracy, Winter 1999 (invited).

“Understanding National Stalinism: Reflections on Ceausescu’s Socialism,” Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Vol. 32, No. 2, June 1999, pp. 155-174. (Reviewed)

"The Leninist Debris or Waiting for Peron," East European Politics and Societies, Vol. 10, No. 3, Fall 1996. (Invited). With a rejoinder by Daniel Chirot.

"Truth, Trust, and Tolerance: Intellectuals in Post-Communist Society," Problems of Post-Communism, March-April 1996, pp. 3-12. (Reviewed).

### **Other Recent Publications**

--“A Friend of the People,” a review of J. Arch Getty and Oleg Naumov’s new biography of Nikolay Yezhov (Yale University Press, 2008), Times Literary Supplement, February 13, 2009.

-- “By the Tongue,” a review of Paul Lendvai’s book on the Hungarian Revolution (Princeton University Press, 2008), Times Literary Supplement, September 5, 2008.

--introduction to new Romanian edition of Czeslaw Milosz, “The Captive Mind” (Bucharest: Humanitas Publishing House, 2008).

--review of Archie Brown’s book “Seven Years that Changed the World,” Perspectives on Politics, Fall 2008.

--bimonthly articles on the legacies of the revolutions of 1989, Radio Free Europe (2009-2009).

--Weekly editorial column in Evenimentul Zilei (Bucharest). Selected recent titles: “The Revolutionary Year 1989,” February 18, 2009; “The Twilight of a Stalinist Caudillo,” February 27, 2008; “Intellectuals and The Fascist Revolution,” February 20, 2008; “The Communist Temptation and Utopian Blindness” (September 4, 2007); “Laudatio for Leszek Kolakowski” (October 25, 2007); “Intellectuals and Politicians”, February 21, 2007; “Friends and Foes of the Open Society”, February 7, 2007; “Totalitarianism and Ethical Debility”, January 2007; “Communism after Communism?”, January 2007; “The Hungarian Revolution Revisited”, November 2006; “Adam Michnik’s Political Thought”, October 2006;

2006-2009: Over 100 interviews related to the activities of the Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania: New York Times, International Herald Tribune, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Gazeta Wyborcza, El Pais, BBC World Service, Radio Free Europe, Radio France Internationale, Radio Vatican, Romanian National Television, Romanian National Public Radio, etc.

--“Why Does Monica Lovinescu Matter?”, Radio Free/Radio Liberty online, April 28, 2008.

-- monthly articles in Romania's leading cultural-political monthly Ideii in Dialog

--"Parliamentary Putsch in Romania," Wall Street Journal (Europe), April 18, 2007 (co-authored).

"Hannah Arendt and the Problem of Evil," a series of five articles on Hannah Arendt, Evenimentul Zilei, March-April 2008.

"De-Sovietization and de-Stalinization," Evenimentul Zilei, February 28, 2008.

"The Need for Moral Clarity", Cotidianul (Bucharest), August 2006 (translated in Polish, Gazeta Wyborcza).

"Was It Worth the Fight? Rethinking the Meanings of 1989," Democracy at Large, Vol. No. 2, 2005, pp. 18-20

2005-2006: Weekly editorial column in Cotidianul (Bucharest). Selected titles: "Prophets of National Redemption" (March 10, 2006), "Shockwaves of Khrushchev's Secret Speech," (March 17, 2006); "The Communist Catastrophe" (February 2006); "Anti-American Nihilism" (December 30, 2005); "Morality and Politics" (November 25, 2005); "Arthur Koestler and the Communist Myth" (November 4, 2005).

"Stalin's Executioner," Wall Street Journal, February 24, 2006 (about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Khrushchev's 1956 Secret Speech). Translated into Russian, Polish, and Romanian.

"Nikita Khrushchev and the Demise of Bolshevism," Revista 22 (Bucharest), February 28-March 6, 2006 (in Romanian).

"Imre Nagy and Ceausescu: Two Visions of Socialism," Gazeta Wyborcza (Warsaw), December 28, 2005

"Divergent Paths: Romania versus Hungary", Times Literary Supplement, May 2005.

"Lenin's Supermen," Review of New Myths, New World. From Nietzsche to Stalinism, by Bernice Glatzer Rosenthal, Times Literary Supplement, February 6, 2004 (Romanian translation, Revista 22, March 2004).

"Romania from Iliescu to Iliescu, and Beyond," Politique Internationale, Fall 2004.

"The Post-Soviet-Political Mind," Journal of Democracy, Spring 2003.

"Apostate Apparatchik," Times Literary Supplement, February 21, 2003, p. 26

"Europe on the Horizon", review essay, Times Literary Supplement, October 25, 2002.

"Lenin's Century: Marxism, Bolshevism, and the Russian Tradition," Partisan Review, Summer 2002, pp. 408-415.

## Films

“The Ideals of 1989,” featured comments for the National Endowment for Humanities-sponsored film project on the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, George Mason University, Film released in 2008 and used as classroom material in numerous universities.

Consultant, “Reconstruction,” Komsomol Films (Boston), a film by Irene Lustig (2002)

“Ten Months that Shook the World,” main guest/commentator (together with Harvard’s Stanley Hoffman), CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Company), December 22, 1999

“Communism, Fascism, and the Lessons of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,” a filmed discussion with Vladimir Tismaneanu, three episodes, Romanian National Television (prime time), March 9, 16, and 23, 1998 (each episode: 50 minutes).

## Selected Research Funding

2009: Romanian Cultural Institute. Grant to organize international conference “Rethinking the Revolutions of 1989, Washington, DC., November 2009, co-sponsored by the Department of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, the Woodrow Wilson Center, the Embassy of Romania, and Georgetown University.

2008: Romanian Cultural Institute: Grant to organize international conference on “The Promises of 1968: Crisis, Illusion, Utopia,” Washington, DC, November 2008 (Wilson Center, U-MD’s Center for the Study of Post-communist Societies, Embassy of Romania, Georgetown University). I was conference convener, main organizer, keynote speaker, paper co-author.

2007: Romanian Cultural Institute: Grant to organize international conference on “Stalinism Revisited: The Establishment of Communist Regimes in East-Central Europe”, Washington DC, November 2007 (University of Maryland, Embassy of Romania and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars). I served as conference convener, main organizer, discussant, paper presenter, and keynote speaker. Volume forthcoming from Central European University Press.

2006: GRB Semester Research Grant to finish book on “Two Sisters: Communism, Antifascism and Jewish Identities.” October-November 2006. Most of the manuscript completed. During the same period, work for the Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania.

2003-2004: ACLS grant to GVPT, support for the journal East European Politics and Societies.

2003: Office of International Affairs grant to support symposium on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stalin’s death (held in May 2003)

2002: Office of International Affairs grant to support symposium on “Left and Right After Communism,” Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies, \$3,000.



Proposal writer, co-convener, international conference "Between Past and Future: The Revolutions of 1989 and Their Aftermath," Central European University and University of Maryland joint project, Budapest, March 25-27, 1999.

January-June 1999, Project Director, Soros Foundation, Romania, Maryland International Summer School, Timisoara. Grant amount: \$26,000. Topic: "The Revolutions of 1989: Causes, Meanings, Consequences," The school took place in Timisoara, Romania, June 1-14, 1999.

August 1996-July 1997, Project Director: "A Political History of Romanian Communism," grant awarded by the National Council for Eurasian and East European Research. (Grantee Institution: University of Maryland--College Park.). Project completed in July 1997.

September 1993--August 1994, Director of National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)-sponsored summer seminar, "Democracy and Ethnic Conflict in Eastern Europe," University of Maryland at College Park. (Grantee Institution: University of Maryland--College Park.)

### **Selected Editorial & Reviewing Activities for Journals and other Learned Publications**

2008—Member, Advisory Board, Rochester Studies in Central Europe, University of Rochester Press.

1996-present: Member, Editorial Board, East European Politics and Societies (1998- 2004, editor). Chair, Editorial Committee (2004-2008).

2005-2007—member, editorial board, Democracy-at-Large, published by the International Foundation for Electoral Systems.

2006—present: member, editorial board, Scandinavian Journal of East European Politics.

1998-present: Member, Editorial Board, Human Rights Review.

1993-present, Member, Editorial Board, Sfera politicii, a Romanian monthly of political analysis.

2000-present, Member, Editorial Board, Studia Politica, Romania's quarterly of political science.

1993-present, Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Democracy (reviewed approx. 2 manuscripts per year). Member of the Board, International Forum for Democratic Studies.

1992-1997, Associate Editor, Society (Transaction Publishers, Rutgers University).

Book manuscript reviewer for Princeton University Press, University of California Press, University of Pittsburgh Press, Harvard University Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, Oxford University Press, the Free Press, Yale University Press, and numerous others (at least two manuscripts per year).

### **Graduate Student Advising**

Supervised (Chaired) PhDs granted: Anamaria Dutceac (2009); Avital Schein (2007); Lawrence Olson (2006), Anthony Kammas (2005), Jennifer Skulte (2005), Jonas Brodin (2004), Michael Johns (2004), Kevin Curow (2000), Beata Czajkowska (1999), Jennifer Yoder (1997).

Currently Chair, (main advisor) Ph.D candidates: Alex Otruba, Summer Newton, Laryssa Chomiak, Cornel Ban, Ila Singh, Trevor Wysong, Helmuth Lotz, Peter Voitsekhovskiy, Zuzana Jelokova, Jenny Wustenberg, Benli Schechter.

2008: Committee member, Matthew Bowker (Thesis defended may 2008); Guy Ziv (Thesis defended, June 2008).

2007—present: external co-chair, Bogdan Cristian Iacob, Central European University (Budapest).

Committee member: Georgetown University, Political Science (John Gledhill) – PhD granted September 2007.

Member of dissertation committee for at least six other students at the University of Maryland, one student (Lan Chu) at George Washington University (defended in April 2005), Anca Pusca (American University); two students (Cristina and Dragos Petrescu), Central European University (Budapest), History Department. Co-supervisor, via the Open Society Educational Support Fund, for Laurentiu Stefan Scalat, University of Bucharest. Committee member, University of Bucharest, Political Science, one student (Oana Suciuc), November 2008.

2007: served on 7 comprehensive exams in Comparative Politics and Political Theory.  
2008: served on 5 comprehensive exams in Comparative Politics and Political Theory

### **Courses Taught in 2009**

Spring 2008

GVPT 459: Marxism and Post-Marxism

GVPT 889D: Comparative Perspectives on Communism and Fascism

Fall 2008-Spring 2009

On leave (Wilson Center Fellow)

### **Recent Honors Students Advising**

Thesis Committee Member (Spring 2008): Abraham Barranca (Understanding Mercosur).

Advisor (Fall 2007): Andres Garcia (independent study on comparative political justice, Chile and Germany).

Advisor (Spring 2007): Matthew Castillo (paper on East European dissent).

Advisor (Spring 2006): Laura Miller (independent study on Nikita Khrushchev and de-Stalinization).

Advisor and Chair: Debra Eisenman, Spring 2005 (passed with high honors), topic: Civil Society and De-communization in the Czech Republic.

Advisor and chair: Angelina LaRose (Spring 2004), topic, Russian foreign policy after communism

### **Selected Fellowships, Prizes & Awards**

2008-2009: Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars to complete book project on Democracy, Memory, and Moral Justice.

2007: Group for Social Dialogue Award for chairing and coordinating the Presidential Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship in Romania.

Jacharis Fellow, Woodrow Wilson Center, East European Studies, May-August 2005.

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellow, International Forum for Democratic Studies/National Endowment for Democracy, October 2003-July 2004.

Visiting Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, January 2003 (Invited).

Visiting Fellow, Remarque Institute, New York University, May 2002. (Invited)

Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, June-October 2001.

Visiting Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, June 2001 (Invited).

National Merit Order for outstanding contribution to the democratization of Romania, by Romania's president's decree, December 2000.

Award for Outstanding and Accurate Analyses of Romania's Transition to Democracy, Romanian Cultural Foundation, January 2001.

Book Award, the Romanian-American Academy of Arts and Sciences, for Fantasies of Salvation, August 1998.

"Marele Premiu" (the highest award), granted by the Union of Professional Romanian Writers, July 1997.

Summer 1996, University of Maryland, General Research Board (GRB) Summer Research Award to support further research and writing for Fantasies of Salvation and the political history of Romanian communism.

September 1994--January 1995, Research and writing grant, American Council of Learned Societies, to complete project on post-communist political mythologies. Project completed: Fantasies of Salvation (Princeton University Press, 1998).

### **Teaching Awards and Other Special Recognition**

Distinguished International Service Award, University of Maryland (2007). Official Citation by Maryland General Assembly in recognition of the excellence and contribution of my efforts to support the international life at the University of Maryland (November 15, 2007).

Distinguished Scholar Teacher, University of Maryland, 2003-2004.

“Doctor Honoris Causa,” National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania, official ceremony, June 2003.

“Doctoris Honoris Causa,” University of Timisoara. Official award ceremony, June 2002.

“Teaching/Mentorship Award,” University of Maryland, Spring 2001.

“Professor of the Year,” Most Influential Professor Award, granted by Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity, University of Maryland, May 4, 2000.

### **Presentations**

“Reinventing Politics: Promises and Legacies of 1989,” keynote address, conference on 1989 organized by the Romanian Cultural Institute and the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, March 27, 2009 Vienna, Austria.

“The Poverty of Utopia: The Rise and Fall of Communism as a Political Religion,” lecture, University of California, Berkeley, March 5, 2009.

“Confronting the Past after Communism,” lecture, University of California, Berkeley, March 6, 2009.

“Political Religions and Modernity,” participation, Liberty Fund conference, Atlanta, February 12-15, 2009.

“Democratic Consolidation in Romania”, lecture, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, December 4, 2008.

“Marxist Revisionism and the Demise of Communism,” lecture, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology, November 23, 2008.

“Political Religions and the Totalitarian Model,” lecture, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Political Science, November 25, 2008.

“World Communism and the Prague Spring,” keynote address, International Conference on “The Promises of 1968,” Woodrow Wilson Center, November 2008.

“Truth, Memory, and, and Moral Justice,” lecture presented at the Harriman Institute, Columbia University, May 14, 2008.

“Judging the Past in Post-Communist Romania,” presentation at Institut d’Etudes Politiques (Paris), June 20, 2008.

“Intellectuals and Democratic Reason,” presentation at the international conference “Identity, Please,” organized by Nexus Institute, Amsterdam, June 2008.

“Coming to Terms with the Past in Post-Communist Europe,” presentation, European Parliament, Brussels, June 21, 2008.

“Democracy, Memory, and Moral Justice: Mastering Traumatic Past in Post-Communist Romania,” Peace Studies Lecture, Florida Atlantic University, May 2, 2008.

“Working Through Romania’s Communist Past,” lecture presented at the Embassy of Romania, Washington, DC, April 16, 2008

“The Revolution of 1989: Causes, Meanings, Consequences,” paper presented at the conference on “Rethinking 1989,” Stanford University, March 14-15, 2008.

“The Fate of Marxism in Eastern Europe,” paper presented at the symposium “The Communist Manifesto Revisited,” Indiana University (Bloomington), February 29, 2008.

“The Diabolical Pedagogy of Stalinism,” keynote address, international conference “Stalinism Revisited,” Wilson Center, November 29, 2007.

“Political Religions and Totalitarianism,” lecture sponsored by the Romanian Embassy to Vatican and the Community Sant Egidio, Rome, October 14, 2007.

“Confronting Romania’s Traumatic Past,” keynote address, Conference “The Hour of Romania,” Indiana University (Bloomington), February 20, 2007.

“Democracy and Memory: Romania Judges its Dictatorial Past,” keynote address, GVPT conference, University of Maryland, September 2007.

“Rethinking Liberal Anticommunism,” lecture, Romanian Cultural Institute, Bucharest, June 2007.

“Post-Communist Political Justice: Memory, Truth ,and Reconciliation,” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, January 2007.

November 2006: National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Washington D.C., paper presented on "Jewish Radicalism and Communist Allegiances in the 20th Century". A second presentation on "Romania Confronts its Past".

November 2, 2006: presentation on “The End of the Soviet Bloc,” Romanian Cultural Institute, Bucharest, Romania.

November 7, 2006: presentation on “Legacies of Bolshevism,” Romanian Institute of Political Studies, University of Bucharest, Romania.

November 1, 2006: presentation on “The Hungarian Revolution and Romania,” University of Targu-Mures, Romania.

October 30, 2006: presentation on “Rethinking 1956,” Babes-Bolyai University, Department of Political Science, Cluj, Romania.

October 25, 2006: presentation on “Political Legacies of Communism,” National School of Political and Management Studies, Bucharest, Romania.

September 15, 2006: Romanian National Theater Lecture on “The Meanings of 1956,” Bucharest, Romania.

"Radicalism, Nihilism, and Modernity," contribution to the Conference "Jihad, McWorld, Modernity: Public Intellectuals Debate 'The Clash of Civilizations'", SALMAGUNDI, Spring-Summer 2006. Among other contributors: Benjamin Barber, Peter Singer, Orlando Patterson, Martha Nussbaum, Breyten Breytenbach, James Millar.

July 13, 2006: "The Cold War and its Aftermath: Eastern Europe from Stalin to Havel" lecture for the highschool teachers' seminar on the Cold War, Truman Presidential Library, Independence, Missouri (40 participants). Participation for discussion with teachers, two full days.

June 13, 2006: Microsoft Lecture on “1956: the Beginning of the Disintegration of Communism”, University of Sibiu, Romania.

March 30, 2006: Microsoft Lecture on “The Rise and Fall of Romanian Communism,” Seattle (Redmond) WA.

March 1, 2006: presentation on “Khrushchev and the Disintegration of World Communism,” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

February 25, 2006: Keynote speaker, “After Leninism: Ideological Conflicts in Post-Communist Societies,” Graduate Students Conference, University of Pittsburgh.

January 20, 2006: “Democracy, Romanian-Style,” Paper prepared for and presented the international workshop on post-communist transitions, Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia.

October 24, 2005: Keynote speaker on “The Demise of Leninism and the Future of Liberal Values,” international conference on “Utopian Thought during and After Communism”, Miami University, Ohio. Text of the paper, forthcoming, volume edited by Costica Bradatan, Indiana University Press.

August 2005: Senior Scholar participant (reader and commentator), Wilson Center, Junior Scholars Seminar on East-Central Europe.

June 25, 2005: lecture on Romania for US State Department and CIA analysts.

June 10, 2005: “The Grandeur and Decline of Secular Religions,” a Microsoft Lecture, University of Brasov (Romania).

May 10, 2005: Organizer and speaker, panel with Romania’s Foreign Minister Mihai-Razvan Ungureanu, co-sponsored by CSPCS and Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

### **Committees, Service**

2008 (fall): search committee, comparative politics (during unpaid leave of absence)

2008 (fall): tenure and promotion committee for Johanna Birnir (during unpaid leave of absence).

2007 and 2008: Graduate Admissions Committee

2007-2008: GVPT Executive Committee

2003—present, Member, Advisory Board, Pasts, Inc, Central European University

2001-present: Academic advisor, Romanian Students’ Association, University of Maryland

2002-present: Board Member, Civic Education Project.

1997-present: Board Member, International Forum for Democratic Studies, Washington, DC.

1996-2003: member, Committee on Eastern Europe, American Council of Learned Societies

1990-present: frequent commentator on political and cultural issues for BBC, Radio Free Europe, Deutsche Welle Romanian and international services, as well as Romanian National Radio (around 60 contributions per year).

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