



# The Hungarian Optants Question in transnational perspectives

International organizations and legal dispute settlements of economic and minority problems

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Panduri Street, no. 90, sector 5, Bucharest

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**Thursday, 15 June 2023**

**10:00-10:30**

**Bogdan Murgescu**, Vice-Rector of the University of Bucharest,  
*Welcome speech*

**Dietmar Müller** (University of Bucharest/University of Leipzig), *The Hungarian Optants Question in Transnational Perspectives*

**10:30-12:30 1<sup>st</sup> Panel**

***Legal and transnational dimensions of the Optants Question***

*Moderator: Adrian Vițălaru* (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași)

**Jakob Zollmann** (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung),  
*The Politics and Law in the Decisions of the Mixed Arbitral Tribunals*

**Antal Berkes** (University of Liverpool), *The Romanian-Hungarian Optants Case and Transnational Litigation Networks*

**Marius Diaconescu** (University of Bucharest), *The Legal Value of the Paris Agreements of April 28, 1930 and the Legal liability of the Agrarian Fund*

Discussant: **Alexandra Iancu** (University of Bucharest)

**13:00-14:00** Lunch break

**14:00-16:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Panel**

***International diplomatic interventions***

*Moderator: Andrei Florin Sora* (University of Bucharest)

**Lucian Leuștean** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași), *Great Britain and the Optants Dispute in Romania*

**Réka Marchut** (Eötvös Lóránd Research Network - Centre for Social Sciences), *The Influence of Germany on the Diplomatic Debates between Hungary and Romania Referred to the Optants Case*

**Julia Bavouzet** (University of Vienna), *The Hungarian Optants Question and the League of Nation: a Nébuleuse of Actors*

Discussant: **Daniela Popescu** (University of Bucharest)

**16:00-16:30** Coffee break

**16:30-18:30 3<sup>rd</sup> Panel**

***The Romanian diplomacy and the League of Nations***

*Moderator: Dietmar Müller* (University of Leipzig)

**Andrei Florin Sora** (University of Bucharest), *Nicolae Titulescu and the Decision-making Process in the Optants Question*

**Adrian Vițalaru** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași), *Advisor, Liaison, Negotiator. Nicolae Petrescu-Comnen and the Hungarian Optants Question*

**Sebastian-Dragoș Bunghez** (Romanian Society for Historical Sciences), *The League of Nations and the Beginning of the Problem of Hungarian Optants in Romania*

Discussant: **Bogdan Popa** (Nicolae Iorga Institute of History, Bucharest)

**18:30-19:30** Dinner

## **Friday, 16 June 2023**

**9:00-11:00 4<sup>th</sup> Panel**

**Economic and citizenship dimensions**

*Moderator: Marius Diaconescu* (University of Bucharest)

**Gábor Egry** (Institute of Political History, Budapest), *Ownership of Foreign Corporate Assets, Economic Nationalism and Economic Transition in Early Interwar Romania*

**Cornel Micu** (University of Bucharest), *Estate vs Plot: Perspectives on Land during the 1921 Agrarian Reform*

**Ingrid Schiel** (Siebenbürgen Institut, Gundelsheim), *The Conflicting Interests on the Questions of Married Women's Nationality in the Interwar Period in Romania*

Discussant: **Claudiu Crăciun** (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest)

**11:00-11:30** Coffee break

## 11:30-13:30 5<sup>th</sup> Panel

### Case studies

*Moderator: Gábor Egry* (Institute of Political History, Budapest)

**Bianca Șendrea** (University of Bucharest), *Opportunism and Duplicity in Eugene Karátsonyi's Strategy to Diminish the Effects of Agrarian Reform*

**Maria Alexandra Pantea** (University of Bucharest), *Robert Zselenszky's Reaction to the Expropriation Measures*

**András Tóth-Bartos** (Székely National Museum, Sfântu Gheorghe), *Land Property as an Instrument of Power. The Case of the Landholdings of I.C. Barbul, Former Senator of Satu Mare, after the Second Vienna Award*

Discussant: **Sergiu Delcea** (New Europe College, Bucharest)

## 13:30-13:45 Closing speeches

## 13:45-15:00 Lunch

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