

International Conference, **21-22 May**, 2025

Pavilions and Perspectives

History, National Identity and Contemporary Art at the

Venice Biennale

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Day 1 – Wednesday, 21 May

- 09:30–10:00 Registration
Opening Remarks
- 10:00 – 10:15 **Prof. Dr. Marian Preda**, Rector, University of Bucharest
- 10:15 – 10:30 **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Matei Gheboianu**, Dean, Faculty of History, University of Bucharest
- 10:30 – 10:45 **Lecturer Dr. Daniela Zaharia**, Director Department of Ancient History, Archaeology and History of Art
Faculty of History, University of Bucharest
- Keynote Speaker**
- 10:45 – 11:30 **Brâncuși at the 30th Venice Biennale, 1960**
Dr. Doina Lemny, Curator and researcher at the Centre Pompidou, Paris
- 11:30 – 12:30 **Țuculescu: Afterlife in Venice**
Dr. Erwin Kessler, Art historian, philosopher, curator, and founding director of the Museum of Recent Art (MARE), Bucharest
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 – 15:30 **Panel 1 – Romania at the Venice Biennale**
Romanian Pavilion: What's Next?
Lecturer Dr. Ioana Ciocan, Romania's Commissioner for the Venice Art Biennale
Călin Dan, Director, National Museum of Contemporary Art (MNAC)
Moderator: Lecturer Dr. Vladimir Constantin Crețulescu
- 15:30 – 16:10 **Italian Pavilion: Past and Present**
Prof. Ludovico Pratesi, Professor of Museology, Accademia di Belle Arti Napoli; Founder, Spazio Taverna
- 16:10 – 16:50 **A cognitive Space** (Hungarian Pavilion 2015)
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kinga German, Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design, Budapest

Day 2 – Thursday, May 22

- 10:00 – 10:40 **Pavilion of Turkey 2009, Pavilion of North Macedonia 2015**
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Basak Senova, University of Applied Arts Vienna
- 10:40 – 11:20 **Turkish Pavilion**
Kevser Güler, Director, Istanbul Biennial
- 11:20 – 12:20 Break
- 12:20 – 13:00 **Romania at the Venice Biennale, 1990–2024**
Dr. Daria Ghiu, Art historian
- 13:00 – 13:40 **Bulgarian Pavilion**
Vasil Vladimirov, Curator of the Pavilion of Bulgaria 2024 „The Neighbours”, Director KO-OP / FIG, Bulgaria
- 13:40 – 14:40 Lunch Break
- 14:40 – 15:20 **National Pavilion: Case Study Croatia**
Dr. Branko Franceschi, Director, National Museum of Modern Art, Zagreb
- 15:20 – 17:20 **Panel 2 – The Body: From Tradition to AI**
The body and the global south
Lecturer Dr. Veronica Toma, Faculty of Arts and Design, West University of Timișoara
Data, Body, Consciousness
Dr. Alexandru Bălășescu, anthropologist, Associate Faculty at Royal Roads University, Victoria BC
Interfacing Worlds, Covering the Gaps: Romania at the Venice Biennale, 1999
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Horea Avram, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj
Moderator: Lecturer Dr. Vladimir Constantin Crețulescu