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14 NOVEMBER (Amphitheatre A01, UVT)
18:00 Formal opening of the conference. Welcome address by Her Excellency, the Ambassador of Israel to Romania, Tamar Samash. Welcome speeches by Luciana Friedmann and Adrian Cioflâncă
18:30-19:15 Keynote address by Armin Heinen (University of Aachen): “Structural Heterogeneity: Global Scientific Research and the Broken Social Knowledge about the Shoah in Romania”
20:00-22:00 Conference dinner at the Jewish Community of Timișoara

15 NOVEMBER (B.C.U.T Auditorium)
09:00-09:45 Keynote presentation by Dan Stone (University of London, Holocaust Research Institute Royal Holloway): “Fascists Incarcerated: The Iron Guard in German Concentration Camps as Seen through the Archives of the International Tracing Service”
09:45-10:30 Keynote presentation by Michael Shafir (“Babes-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca): “Four Pitfalls West and East: Universalization, Double Genocide, Obfuscation and Competitive Martyrdom as New Forms of Holocaust Negation”
10:30-10:50 Coffee break
11:20-11:50 Aurel Vainer (Federation of Romanian Jewish Communities): “Holocaust Politics of Memory in Western Romania”
11:50-12:20 Felicia Waldman (University of Bucharest, “Goldstein Goren” Center for Israel Studies): “Holocaust Memorialization through Education Projects: a Few Stories with Unexpected Endings”
12:20-12:50 Adrian Cioflâncă (Center for the Study of Jewish History in Romania): “Waves of Mass-Killings in Romania and Romanian-controlled territories 1940-42”
12:50-13:50 Lunch break
13:50-14:20 Irina Năstasă-Matei (University of Bucharest): “Transnational Antisemitism and Student Radicalization during the Interwar Period: the Romanian Humboldt Fellows in Nazi Germany”

14:50-15:20 Ion Popa (New Europe College): “The Jewish Question in the Romanian-Vatican Relations during the Holocaust”

15:20-15:50 Coffee break

15:50-16:20 Diana Dumitru (State Pedagogical University “Ion Creanga” of Moldova): “Powerful Evidence: The Role of Gentile Testimony in the Holocaust Debate in Contemporary Moldova”

16:20-16:50 Elana Heideman (Israel Forever Foundation): “Elie Wiesel: The Memory of Memory in Romania”

16:50-17:20 Dorit Barak (Mifalot Hinuch): “The Implications of the Eichmann Trial for the Perception of the Holocaust in Israeli Society”

17:20 Piano recital by Alexandru Reisz

16 NOVEMBER (B.C.U.T Auditorium)

09:00-09:45 Keynote presentation Paul Shapiro (United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington D.C.): “Vapniarka and the Interface of Antisemitism, the Holocaust, and Communism”

09:45-10:15 Victor Neumann (West University of Timișoara): “Ethnonationalist and Antisemitic Discourses in Interwar Romania”

10:15-10:45 Florin Lobonț (West University of Timișoara), “Thinking with the Blood’: Psychoanalysis and Modern Genocide”

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-11:30 Andrea Reisz (West University of Timișoara): “The Ideal Man in the Third Reich and its Jewish Countertype. A Cultural Study on the Construction of Masculine Stereotypes”

11:30-12:00 Mihai Murariu (West University of Timișoara): “Crisis and Counterideological Factors in Totalist Projects”

12:00-12:30 Marius Turda (Oxford Brookes University): “Romanian Biopolitics, Racism and the Holocaust”

12:30-13:20 Lunch break

13:20-14:20 Round table discussion. Chair: Paul Shapiro

14:20-14:40 Coffee break


15:40-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:40 Smaranda Vultur (West University of Timișoara) and Adrian Cioflăncă (Center for the Study of Jewish History in Romania): Film Presentation - Țara Moартă / Dead Nation, Film Director: Radu Jude

17:40-18:00 Closing remarks