



# Women in Eastern and Southeastern Europe and the Experience of War

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INTER-CONFESSIONAL, INTER-RELIGIOUS, AND INTER-ETHNIC PERSPECTIVES

23-24 May 2024  
Sibiu, ROMANIA

## Conference Program

### Organizers:

Foundation Reconciliation in South-East Europe (RSEE),  
Sibiu, ROMANIA

Institute for Peace Studies in Eastern Christianity (IPSEC), Harvard University,  
Cambridge, MA, USA

### Hybrid Conference

#### venues

Transylvania Evangelical Academy  
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### *Images of Survival*

A thematic exhibition by Roxana Troacă

**THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024**

8:00-9:00 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST  
 (Academy ground floor hall)

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**9:00-9:30 OPENING SESSION**

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| Marian Pătru/RSEE       | <i>Greetings &amp; Introducing RSEE</i>  |
| Roger Pârveu/TEA        | <i>Introducing the Transylvania Evangelical Academy</i>  |
| Marian Gh. Simion/IPSEC | <i>Greetings &amp; Introducing the Institute for Peace Studies in Eastern Christianity (IPSEC), Harvard University</i> |
| Roxana Troacă/ Artist   | <i>Introducing Exhibition "Images of Survival"</i>   |

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**9:30-11:00 SESSION 1 CHAIR: MILENA KIROVA**

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| Marian Gh. Simion<br><i>HARVARD UNIVERSITY</i>                                    | <i>Women, Violence, and the Selectiveness of Memory</i>   |
| Mihaela Miroiu<br><i>ACADEMIA EUROPAEA</i>  | <i>Wars Break Out in Worlds Where Women Don't Matter</i>  |
| Marianna Muravyeva<br><i>UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI</i>                               | <i>Sexual Violence during Wartime: Modern Warfare &amp; Toxic Masculinities in the History of Russian Approaches to War</i> |
| Denisa-Maria Bâlc & Iulia-Maria Ticăru<br><i>LUCIAN BLAGA UNIVERSITY OF SIBIU</i> | <i>Unveiling the Feminine Narrative: Analyzing the Role of Women in Media Coverage of the Russo-Ukrainian Conflict</i>      |

<b>11.00-11:30 Coffee break</b>
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**11:30-13:00**

**SESSION 2**

**CHAIR: MARIANNA MURAVYEVA**

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Felicia Waldman  
CENTRE FOR HEBREW STUDIES  
UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

*Jewish Women in World War I*  
(ONLINE: harvard.zoom.us)

Sylvia Hershcovitz  
BAR ILAN UNIVERSITY

*Women Activity During Periods of Crisis and Wars:  
Mela Iancu (Director of OSE Romania) – A Symbol of  
Women Leadership*

Adrian Nicolae Furtună  
ROMANIAN ACADEMY  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR  
QUALITY OF LIFE

*The Agency and Resistance of Roma Women  
during Holocaust in Romania*  
(ONLINE: harvard.zoom.us)

**13.00-14:30 Lunch break**

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**14:30-16:30**

**SESSION 3**

**CHAIR: EHLIMANA MEMIŠEVIĆ**

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Alin Ciupală  
UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

*Women in Romania and the First World War  
Participants, Projects, Achievements*  
(ONLINE: harvard.zoom.us)

Georgeta Fodor  
GEORGE EMIL PALADE  
UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE  
PHARMACY, SCIENCE, AND  
TECHNOLOGY OF TÂRGU MUREŞ

*"If not with sword and cannon they waged, it was with the  
fervor of their souls": Romanian Women in Search for  
A Female War Hero*

Mihai S. Rusu  
LUCIAN BLAGA  
UNIVERSITY OF SIBIU

*Fascist Femininities: Models of Womanhood  
in the Romanian National Legionary State*

Daniela Stanciu-Păscărița  
LUCIAN BLAGA  
UNIVERSITY OF SIBIU

*Women at War: Everyday Life in Sibiu  
during the Great War*

**16.30-17:00 Coffee break**

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**17:00-18:00**

**SESSION 4**

**CHAIR: MARIJA MANDIĆ**

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Constantin Necula  
*LUCIAN BLAGA*  
*UNIVERSITY OF SIBIU*

*Women and the Iconology of Pilgrim in Times of War*

Georgeta Fodor  
*GEORGE EMIL PALADE*  
*UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE*  
*PHARMACY, SCIENCE, AND*  
*TECHNOLOGY OF TÂRGU MUREŞ*

*Presentation of IFSGen*

**18.00 Dinner**

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## FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024

9:00-11:00

SESSION 5

CHAIR: KRASSIMIRA DASKALOVA

Maria Bucur  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY

*Disability, Gender, and War in Interwar Romania*

Miruna Butnaru Troncota  
SNSPA, BUCHAREST

*Mass Rapes During the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina:  
Muslim Women and the Enduring Effects of  
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)*

Marija Mandić  
UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE

*Women as War Victims and Saviors of Their Families:  
Autobiographical Narratives from Bosnia in the 1990s*

Ehlimana Memišević  
UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO

*Activism, Feminism, Resistance: The Role of Wartime Rape  
Survivors in Prosecution of War Criminals and  
Reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina*

**11.00-11:30 Coffee break**

11:30-13:00

SESSION 6

CHAIR: MIRUNA BUTNARU TRNCOTĂ

Krassimira Daskalova  
UNIVERSITY OF SOFIA

*Entangled Feminism and Pacifism in the Balkans  
(1915-1930)*

Milena Kirova  
UNIVERSITY OF SOFIA

*Women Against War in Bulgarian Literature of  
the First Half of the 20th Century*

Valentina Mitkova  
UNIVERSITY OF SOFIA

*Strategies for Bulgarian-Yugoslav Reconciliation  
as Articulated by the Bulgarian Women's Periodicals  
During the 1930s.*

**13.00-14:30 Lunch break**

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**14:30-15:30**

**SESSION 7**

**CHAIR: MARIA BUCUR**

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Merita Meko  
*"CHURCH AND PEACE"*

*The Role of Albanian Women in War*

Victoria Stratan  
IPSEC - HARVARD UNIVERSITY &  
ION CREANGĂ STATE PEDAGOGICAL  
UNIVERSITY OF CHIȘINĂU

*The Witnesses of the War in Transnistria – Social Memory*

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**15:30-15:45**

**EPILOGUE**

*FROM THE ANCIENT GODDESS OF WAR TO THE DIFFERENTIATED  
REALITY OF WOMEN FACING PRESENT-DAY CONFLAGRATIONS*

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<b>16.00</b>	<b>Departure</b>
<b>18.00</b>	<b>Return</b>

<b>Tour of Sibiu to the Academy followed by Dinner</b>
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