

## REVIEW OF THE BUCHAREST CONFERENCE

### "WAR IN UKRAINE.

### WHAT DOES THE FUTURE OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE LOOK LIKE?"

The conference "War in Ukraine: What Does the Future of Central and Eastern Europe Look Like?" held in Bucharest from November 7th to 9th, 2024, was an intellectually enriching and well-organized event. Hosted by the University of Bucharest and co-organized by institutions from Norway and Austria, it brought together participants from countries such as Ukraine, Romania, Norway, the USA, Israel, and beyond.

The event addressed urgent issues arising from the Russia-Ukraine war, showcasing diverse perspectives encompassing political strategies, cultural transformations, and economic challenges. Political discussions delved into the geopolitical shifts in Central and Eastern Europe, the resilience of democratic institutions under pressure, and the evolving security dilemmas in the Black Sea region. Economic dimensions included analyses of the effects of sanctions on Russia, the reshaping of energy security policies in Europe, and the implications for global trade routes, such as the Northern Sea Passage. Culturally, the conference highlighted the impact of war on collective memory, identity formation, and the adaptation of displaced communities, particularly Ukrainian refugees. By examining these interconnected themes, the conference underscored the multifaceted consequences of the war and the collaborative efforts required to address them effectively.

My presentation on "Cultural Memory and Urban Landscapes in Post-Soviet Cities" was part of a deeply engaging panel exploring media coverage of the war in Ukraine. The constructive feedback from fellow researchers highlighted the panel's success. The discussion after the panel's presentations highlighted the growing interest among scholars from Norway, Denmark, and Romania in topics related to Ukrainian culture, particularly processes of decolonization and the redefinition of national and regional identities. These subjects sparked active discussions, with participants engaging deeply in debates over historical legacies, cultural transformations, and the geopolitical significance of Ukraine's role in reshaping Central and Eastern Europe. The diversity of perspectives, ranging from historical and cultural analyses to strategic and economic insights, fostered robust academic discourse and invaluable connections among scholars. This collaborative environment has paved the way for interdisciplinary approaches and future research projects focused on the region's challenges and opportunities.

So, this conference facilitated robust academic discourse by bringing together leading experts and emerging scholars from diverse fields and fostered international connections.

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