



**International Symposium**  
**OUR PECULIAR CITIES**

5<sup>TH</sup> ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS ON THE BALKANS  
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**Bucharest, New Europe College**

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**Welcoming:**

Andrei Pleșu, Rector of the New Europe College, Bucharest  
György Konrád, President, Academy of Arts, Berlin  
Sabine Habersack, Director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Bucharest Branch

**Session I**

Horia-Roman Patapievici, writer, Bucharest  
*Bucharest: Between a Neglecting Town and the Capital of Indolent Uncertainties*

Bernd Borchardt, German Embassy, Bucharest  
*"How Did You Like It in the Balkans?" Impressions from Three Cities in Southeastern Europe*

György Konrád, Academy of Arts, Berlin  
*Looking at Southeastern European Cities from Budapest*

Dogu Ergil, Ankara University; Center for the Research of Societal Problems (TOSAM), Ankara  
*The Concept of Honor and Honor Crimes in Istanbul*

## Session II

Vladimír Šlapeta, Czech Technical University, Prague

*Between Occident and Orient: Avant-garde Architecture in Brno*

Ana-Maria Zahariade, “Ion Mincu” University of Architecture and Urban Planning, Bucharest

*L'enigme du “Petit Paris”*

Cigdem Berdi Gökhan, Çankaya University, Ankara

*Problems of Turkish Cities in the New Millennium, with Special Emphasis on Ankara and Istanbul*

Silvano Custoza, First Department of Architecture, Polytechnic University, Milan

*The Uncertain City of Opportunities: Theses for a Research Program*

Augustin Ioan, “Ion Mincu” University of Architecture and Urban Planning, Bucharest

*Bucharest: The Not-Yet-Istanbul As the Would-Be-Sarajevo (Radical Reconstruction as Anti-Nostalgia)*

Laszlo Rajk, Budapest Academy of Film

*Radical Eclecticism vs. Stereotype*

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## Session III

Rozita Dimova, Stanford University

*Entangled Spaces: Ethnicity and the Symbolic Role of the State in Contemporary Macedonia*

Péter Krasztev, Central European University, Budapest

*The Clash of Modernities. Was the Last Balkan War in Macedonia?*

Radu Păun, Institute for South-East European Studies, Bucharest

*De la centralité du pouvoir: fêtes et prise en possession de l'espace urbain (Balkans, l'Ancien Régime)*

Mihály Dobrovits, ELTE University, Budapest

*Roma Nova - Constantinople - Byzantium – Istanbul*

Michael Kluth, Metrovision Film, Bonn

*Presentation of Films on Balkan Cities*