



## International Symposium

# ASPECTS OF KITSCH IN PERIODS OF TRANSITION

May 23-24, 1997

Bucharest, New Europe College

Friday, May 23, 1997

### Session I

#### *1. Papers:*

Ann BUCKLEY, Faculty of Music, University of Cambridge  
*Emulation-Aspiration. Kitsch as Expression of Group Identity*

Neil LEACH, Professor, School of Architecture, University of Nottingham  
*Kitsch, Nationalism, and Identity*

Dan C. MIHĂILESCU, Researcher, "G. Călinescu" Institute of Literary History and Theory, Bucharest  
*Kitsch as Normality*

Dr. Paul J. NIXON, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cambridge  
*The Challenge of Kitsch*

Claus OFFE, Professor, Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin  
*Three Dimensions of Political Kitschification: Symbolic Representations in the History of Transitions?*

#### *2. Panel Talk:*

Eva KARADI, Mircea MIHĂIEȘ, Klaus NELLEN, Liliana POPESCU, Dumitru SANDU, Luana STOICA, Dorel ȘANDOR, Alin TEODORESCU, Radu ȚEPOSU

Saturday, 24 May

**Session II**

*1. Papers:*

Ștefan BORBELY, Associate Professor, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca  
*The Coruț Cartel*

Mariana NEȚ, Researcher, Institute of Linguistics, Bucharest  
*Kitsch as a Possible Token of Mentalities in Post-War Romania (The Case of Memoirs)*

Cătălin PARTENIE, Researcher, Institute of Philosophy, Bucharest  
*Kitsch: The Good Side of It*

Manos STEFANIDIS, Curator, National Gallery, Athens  
*Kitsch and the Contemporary Art Market: About the Significants of the Post-modernistic Era*

*2. Panel-Talk:*

Mircea CĂRTĂRESCU, Florin CONSTANTINIU, Andrei CORNEA, H.-R. PATAPIEVICI, Gerge PRUTEANU, Mihai ZAMFIR

**Session III**

*1. Papers:*

Delia VERDEȘ, Journalist, “Dilema” cultural weekly, Bucharest  
*Kitsch in the Transition Press*

Erdag AKSEL, Professor, School of Art, Design and Architecture, Bilkent University  
*Transkitsch: On the Road Again*

Augustin IOAN, Associate Professor, “I. Mincu” University of Architecture and Urban Planning, Bucharest  
*Democracy, Totalitarianism, and the Question of (Bad) Taste in Recent Romanian Architecture*

Mart KALM, Professor, Art Academy, Tallinn  
*Vernacular Kitsch in Soviet Time Architecture*

Nicholas RAY, Professor, Department of Architecture, University of Cambridge  
*The Picturesquely Petite versus the Giant Sublime*

*2. Panel-Talk:*

Sandu ALEXANDRU, Alexandru BELDIMAN, Mariana CELAC, Nicolae LASCU, Irina NICOLAU, Anca OROVEANU,  
Sanda VOICULESCU, Ana-Maria ZAHARIADE