

# Political, Cultural and International Relations in Times of Crisis: Historical and Conceptual Dimensions

## Blended Intensive Programme “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University, Iași, Romania

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#### What is it about?

This programme emphasizes on two major analytical aspects which are inextricably intertwined. On one hand, research on political culture has paramount importance for the study of society and organizational culture. On the other hand, the study of international relations has already become an autonomous field of study within the larger domain of political studies, as well as of political history. Because it connects various disciplines from human and social sciences, the study of both political culture and international relations has an interdisciplinary dimension, which constitutes the main pillar of this program. Through the readings, discussions, and assignments participants will get the chance to explore a number of theoretical and empirical aspects related to political culture and international relations. Moreover, participants will be able to get more acquainted with the historical, social and political aspects of modern and contemporary Romania.

#### Where?

"Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iasi, Romania

#### When?

13 – 19 July 2026

#### Who should attend?

The program is designed for students (Bachelor, Master or PhD) who are interested in History, Languages and Humanities, but we welcome everyone who is interested in the topics.

#### Learning outcomes

Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of political culture and international relations, exploring historical and theoretical aspects. They will analyze geopolitical strategies, colonization, and the Romanian Question in global diplomacy. The program covers key topics such as power dynamics in the 20th century, military occupations, strategic communication for NGOs, and the impact of social movements. Additionally, participants will examine populism, sustainable governance, and the evolving challenges faced by Eastern European democracies.

## Benefits

4 ECTS Credits

## Course structure. Main topics

The physical component consists of seven days of sessions from 14th of July to 20th of July. During this period, participants will engage in lectures and interactive discussions on key themes, including:

- Political Culture and International Relations: Conceptual Aspects
- Strategies of Cultural and Institutional Colonization
- The Romanian Question in International Relations: Political Aspects
- Politics and International Relations in 20th Century: Crisis and Balance of Power
- The Military Occupation as Epitome of International Crisis
- Strategic Communication for International NGOs: Addressing Global Issues in a Networked Society
- Social Movements and Contentious Politics. An Overview and Comparative Perspectives
- Populism and Sustainable Governance: Theoretical Aspects
- Challenges of Democracies in Eastern Europe: Methodological Aspects / Political Behaviors / Institutions and Culture

The program will also include a guided tour of the city, a welcome reception and a closing cocktail, a one-day trip and many other interesting activities.