

# **11<sup>th</sup> International “Border Crossings” Student Conference**

**25-28 April 2013, Bucharest, Romania**








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## ***Border Crossings and experiencing transitions:***

### ***On Border Anthropology and Anthropological Nomadism***

This year's conference will be held together with the midterm EASA conference which is dedicated to understanding Anthropology as a discipline and a profession with a nomadic character. Reflecting on Anthropological nomadism Border Crossings conference in Bucharest seeks to explore transitions and mobilities that seem to form the basis of anthropological research in general. This situation is experienced particularly because we no longer live in a world of certainties : especially in SE Europe the conditions in which anthropologists teach and do research are situations of mobility and the cultures under study –thus the anthropological ‘object’- are involved in serious political, economic and social transformations. Taking into account this double-sided dilemma and reflecting upon transitions and fluidities Border Crossings conference invite students to problematize the current situations of ambivalences and mobilities

#### **Conference subtopics:**

-  Local, regional, national and European identities
-  Migration and transnational networks
-  Globalisation, economic, political and social tensions and transformations
-  Consumption and commodities in motion
-  Tourism, cultural heritage and revalorizations of traditions
-  Between tradition, modernity and vice versa
-  Reflections on space, place and time making

- ✚ Remembering, forgetting and using the past as a point of reference
- ✚ Being “There:” Methodological and ethical issues raised in fieldwork
- ✚ Minorities and maintaining images of cultural distinctiveness
- ✚ Politicizing everyday life: eating, drinking, dancing
- ✚ The “Other” and the image of the “Other”
- ✚ Hardship and poverty
- ✚ Gender identities

### **Organizing Institutions:**

- ✚ Border Crossings Network
- ✚ National School of Political Studies and Administration, Bucharest
- ✚ EASA - invited panel
- ✚ Department of Anthropology, Yeditepe University, Istanbul
- ✚ Department of History and Ethnology, Democritus University of Thrace
- ✚ Department of History and Archaeology, University of Ioannina
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- ✚ National School of Political Studies and Administration, Bucharest
- ✚ Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Zadar, Zadar
- ✚ Department of Balkans Studies, University of Western Macedonia, Florina

### **Eligibility:**

The conference is open to all undergraduate and M.A. and Ph.D. students from the universities which are members of the Border Crossings Network, as well as to other students from the area and beyond who might find the network interesting. There are capacities for approximately one hundred participants. Students are expected to present their papers in any way related to the main topic of the conference. The presentation should not exceed ten (10) minutes (plus 5 minutes for discussion). Power-point and multimedia presentations are welcome.

### **Cost:**

There is no conference fee. However, the organisers are not in a position to cover travel costs and the cost of accommodation for participants. Participants will be accommodated in double and triple hotel rooms. The cost for accommodation, including breakfast and one meal, is about 40 EUROS per night and per person.

### **Transportation:**

Participants should make their own travelling arrangements. In addition, a bus for the conference participants will run from Thessaloniki to Bucharest on the 24<sup>th</sup> April (or 25<sup>th</sup> early in the morning) and from Bucharest to Thessaloniki on the 28<sup>th</sup> April (participants will be notified on time).

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**Deadline** for submissions is the 1st March 2013. Successful applicants will be notified by the 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Application procedure:**

Applicants should send their personal data, including university affiliation, and titled paper abstracts (around 15 lines) to the three (3) following persons (***Please note that you need to inform all of them***):

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