



The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellene Challenges and Prospects of EU Integration in South Eastern Europe developed a new session of weekly seminars. In the interval September - December 2016 professors of Transilvania University of Brasov and invited lecturers presented a lot of actual themes regarding the European integration in South and East of Europe: Romania's presence in the European institutions; Economic transition pathways in Southeastern Europe; Market integration in the EU; EU enlargement in South-Eastern Europe: the cases of Romania and Bulgaria; EU enlargement: from rules of accession to policies towards Europe; Adapting South East European countries' laws to European laws.



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On 19 and 20 December 2016, a group of bachelor, master and Ph.D. students and professors of Transilvania University of Brasov made a study visit at the European institutions in Brusells (European Commission and European Parliament).

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At the European Parliament (EP), the Romanian group was hosted by Alina Dinu, who presented a documented information

regarding the role of the EP, how its activities are carried and what is the importance of the EP activity in the European decisional system.

At the European Commission the group attended two presentations hold by Mauro Gallucio: The role of the European Commission as the political executive of the European Union and The EU Common Foreign and Security Policy: new challenging perspectives.





At the beginning of 2017, under the supervision of associate professor Nicolae Marinescu, a book was submitted for publication at Cambridge Scholars Publishing (UK). It includes selected papers presented in the Workshop East-West Migration in the European Union, organized by the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on 31March 2016. The book puts together contributions from Transilvania University of Brasov, Akdeniz University, Turkey, Piraeus University, Greece and Cuenca University, Ecuador. The book is probably the most complex material publishing articles focused on the present alarming migration issues in the European Union.

This book investigates the challenges confronted by the European Union (EU) as an international actor deeply influenced by migration - a key phenomenon of the recent years which holds great political, economic and social importance for the future of the whole European continent. It focuses on specific aspects related to East-West migration such as the importance of migration for economic development and the multi-faceted impact of migration on sending countries as well as recipient countries. It also includes an overview of the myriad of reasons which stand for the fundamental decision whether to emigrate or not and in what conditions. The novelty of the book consists in the Eastern European perspective on contemporary migration, a hotly debated topic inside the EU, which is far from being fully recognized and understood.

#### **EXCELLENCE IN DOCTORAL RESEARCH**

As a result of a Ph. D. bursary, Florin Teodor Boldeanu attended the ABSRC Conference (Advances in Business - Related Scientific Research Conference) held in Milano on 20-21 October 2016 and organized by Gea College, Ljubljana, Slovenia. He received the BEST PAPER AWARD for the paper:

"Are European Metropolitan Regions still relevant and what are the driving forces of urban economic growth? A comparison between Western, Central and South-Eastern Regions in the EU"

The paper was co-authored with ILEANA TACHE, the project coordinator.



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