On Superfluity: Boredom and Homelessness in Post-Communist Bucharest, Romania

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The talk is based on the speaker’s extensive fieldwork in the homeless shelters of Bucharest. As a social issue that emerged only after 1989, homelessness in Romania embodies the idea of increasing "downward mobility" for some in the post-Communist world. Surveying the experience of homelessness and boredom within the shelters, Professor O’Neill will also address responses of the state and other actors to increasing homelessness within Bucharest.

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