This year, the keynote talk entitled “The Good and the Bad: Civil Society Input in Romanian Transitional Justice” will be delivered by Dr. Lavinia Stan, associate professor of Political Science and Chair of the Department of Political Science at St. Francis Xavier University, in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada. Dr. Stan received her PhD in Political Science from University of Toronto. Dr. Stan has authored two books on civil society and post-communist transition in Romania: Leaders and Laggards: Governance, Civicness and Ethnicity in Post-Communist Romania (2003) and Transitional Justice in Post-Communist Romania: The Politics of Memory (2013), published by Cambridge University Press. She has also contributed to, edited, and co-authored eight other books that analyze post-communist transition and democracy in Romania.

Expanding on her previous work, Dr. Stan’s talk will argue that some civil society can have a seriously detrimental input on transitional justice and, through it, on the democratization effort. In post-communist Romania, groups and associations gathering former communist-era perpetrators (secret political police agents, and tenants occupying abusively confiscated dwellings) and collaborators (the Romanian Orthodox Church) have persistently undermined accountability, transparency and the rule of law, while blocking meaningful reckoning with the communist crimes in which they participated.

With special guest Hans Klemm, U.S. ambassador to Romania

Friday, March 25th: Oak Room, IMU 3:00p - 5:30p
Saturday, March 26th: Oak Room, IMU 8:00a - 3:30p
Program

Wednesday, March 23

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM, IMU Persimmon Room:  
“Domestic Violence: Policies and Civic Activism in Romania,”  
Dr. Oana Baluta, Associate Professor of Journalism, University of Bucharest

Thursday, March 24

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Jordan Hall A100:  Preview screening of ethnographic film “Zakarpattia,”  
Shaun Williams, graduate student in Ethnomusicology, Indiana University

Friday, March 25

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM, GISB 4067:  Informal session with Ambassador Hans Klemm for students interested in careers in the Foreign Service

Oak Room, Indiana Memorial Union

3:00 PM: Registration:

3:30 PM: Opening remarks (introduction by Cătălin Cristoloveanu):

Russell Valentino, Associate Dean for International Programs, College of Arts and Sciences.  
Sandra Pralong, special adviser to the President of Romania, Klaus Johannis.

3:45 PM: Remarks by Ambassador Hans Klemm (introduction by Maria Bucur)

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM:  Keynote Address by Dr. Lavinia Stan (introduction by Aurelian Craiutu)  
“The Good and the Bad: Civil Society Input in Romanian Transitional Justice”

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Reception at the home of Professor Maria Bucur.

Saturday, March 26

Morning Session

Oak Room, Indiana Memorial Union

8:00AM - Light breakfast in IMU Oak Room
Panel 1: Modernization and its Discontents: Romania in the Twentieth Century

Panel Chair: Professor Aurelian Craiutu (Department of Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington)

Ben Thorne (Wingate University, Wingate, NC)
Bears and Bugbears: Romani Cultural Politics and the Ursari in Interwar Romania

Catalin Cristoloveanu (Indiana University, Bloomington)
Collectivization in Romania’s Western Periphery: The Case of the Banat

Alexandra Ghit (Central European University, Budapest)
“Enough with the mercy of times gone by”: The criminalization of begging and vagrancy in 1920s Romania

10:00 AM-10:15 AM: Coffee break

10:15 AM–11:30 AM

Panel 2: Politics and Culture I: Imagined Communities

Panel Chair: Professor Christina Illias (Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, Indiana University, Bloomington)

Emanuela Grama (Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA)
Unmaking History: Placemaking as Civic Participation in the New Old Town

Razvan Sibii (University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
Naturalizing the Romanian ‘State’

11:30 AM-11:45 AM: Coffee break

11:45 AM–1:15 PM

Panel 3: Women as objects and subjects of public policies

Panel Chair: Professor Maria Bucur (Department of History, Indiana University, Bloomington)

Alex Tipei (Indiana University, Bloomington)
Home Schooling: Boys, Mothers, and Elementary Education in the Early Nineteenth Century

Oana Băluță (University of Bucharest)
Political parties acting as a ‘Cerberus’ for women’s political representation. Romanian Case study.

Jill Massino (University of North Carolina, Charlotte)
Gender and the Ambiguities of Socialist Modernization
1:15 PM-2:00 PM: Lunch

2:00 PM-3:15 PM

Panel 4: Politics and Culture II: Performing Identities

Panel Chair: Jeffrey Isaac (Department of Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington)

Shaun Williams (Indiana University, Bloomington)
“Made in Romani-a”: Discourses of Identity and Nation in Romanian manele Music

Alexandra Cotofana (Indiana University, Bloomington)
The Magic and the Secular in Political Discourse and Practice – Case Studies from Romania

3:15 PM-3:30 PM: Closing Remarks