

Three days of panels, keynotes and *conversation*

The sixth Transylvanian International Conference in Public Administration runs across three FSPAC buildings in Cluj-Napoca, closing with a trip to the Jelna winery. Sessions are in English, except the Hungarian panel.

01–03 October 2026

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Babeş-Bolyai University · FSPAC

 **This is the short schedule.** The extended programme, with all panel sessions and the papers presented in each of them, will be uploaded on Monday, 21 September 2026.

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

FSPAC 1

Traian Moşoiu 71 - rooms 101, III/2, III/4, IV/3, IV/5, IV/6

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FSPAC 2

Minerilor 85 - rooms T1, T2, T3, cafeteria

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FSPAC 3

Septimiu Albini 12 - the garden at the back, for lunches

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Evening venues

Casino Center for Urban Culture, Central Park · Casa

Universitarilor, Emmanuel de Martonne 1

HOW TO READ THE PROGRAMME



Special panels

Five invited panels, T1+T2 at FSPAC 2



Key moments

Opening, keynote speeches, closing



Dinners & excursion

Welcome dinner, gala dinner, Jelna



Parallel sessions

Main, Hungarian, communication, public health and project panels

1 October 2026

Thursday · opening, keynotes and first panels

8.15 Registration of participants and coffee break In front of room 101
 9.00 FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

9.00
10.30

OPENING

Official opening of the conference

Room 101

Introductory speeches

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

LOCAL ORGANIZERS

Bogdana Neamţu - DAMP Chair, professor**Călin Hîrteş** - FSPAC Dean, professor**Dan Lazăr** - UBB Vice-Rector, professor**Călin Flaviu Rus** - UBB Vice-Rector, professor**Emil Boc** - Mayor of Cluj, professor**Maria Forna** - Prefect of Cluj county

PA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Ludmila Gajdosova - director, NISPAcee**Eckhard Schröter** - president, ENPA**David Ferraz** - EGPA**Susan Gooden** - ASPA**György Hajnal** - EAPAA

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

Derek E. Eberhart - Associate Vice President for Research, University of Georgia, Athens**Kasemsarn Chotchakornpant** - Vice-President, National Institute of Development Administration, Thailand**Nektarios Papadogiannis** - Rector, Hellenic Mediterranean University

ROMANIAN PA SCHOOLS

Marius Profiroiu - Vice-Rector, Bucharest University of
Economic Studies**Florin Oprea** - Alexandru Ioan Cuza University**Diana Iancu** - Dean, National School of Political and
Administrative Studies, Bucharest**Răzvan Papuc** - Vice-Rector, University of Bucharest

10.30 Short break, time to grab a coffee In front of room 101
 10.45 FSPAC 1

10.45
11.45

KEYNOTES

Invited keynote speeches (1)

Room 101

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

Geert Bouckaert

Leuven University

*Europe in the New Geopolitical Context: Institutions, citizens, and democracy***Patria de Lancer Julnes**

Instituto Universitario Ortega-Marañón

*The Humanist Engine of Democracy: From Moral Imperative to University-Community Collaboration?***Marius Profiroiu**

Bucharest University of Economic Studies

Transforming public administration for a modern governance

11.45 Short break, time to grab a coffee In front of room 101
 12.00 FSPAC 1

12.00

13.00

KEYNOTES

Invited keynote speeches (2)

Room 101

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

Wolfgang Drechsler

TalTech / University College London

What does Capacity for Public Value mean in times of AI and Polis Decline

Karen Johnston

University of Portsmouth

The Egregore of Public Management: Public Administration for the Future of Democracy

Edoardo Ongaro

Open University, UK

Philosophical Perspectives on European Public Administration: Revisiting the Neo-Weberian State and Public Value Theory in and for Europe

13.00

14.00

Lunch

FSPAC garden, behind FSPAC 3
Septimiu Albini 12

14.00

15.30

SPECIAL PANEL 1

University and community relation

T1+T2

FSPAC 2 - Minerilor 85

MODERATOR

John Diamond - Edge Hill University

PANELISTS

Emil Boc - Mayor of Cluj-Napoca, Babeş-Bolyai University

Nektarios A. Papadogiannis - Hellenic Mediterranean University

Derek E. Eberhart - University of Georgia, Athens

Marian Preda - University of Bucharest

Thurid Hustedt - Hertie School

IN PARALLEL

Public health panel

20 years of reform of the public health system in Romania 2006–2026 - lessons learnt, future trends

Room III/4, FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

15.30

16.00

Coffee break

In front of room 101, FSPAC 1
and FSPAC cafeteria, FSPAC 2

16.00
17.30

SPECIAL PANEL 2

Democracy and PA

T1+T2

FSPAC 2 - Minerilor 85

MODERATOR

Emil Turc - Aix-Marseille University

PANELISTS

- György Hajnal - Corvinus University
Sarloita A. Takács - City University of New York
Lesya Ilchenko-Syuyva - National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
Patrizia Magarò - Genoa University
Leslie A. Pal - Carleton University / Hamad Bin Khalifa University

IN PARALLEL

Project related panel

STARHAUS - Building Trust, Driving Change: Accelerating Public Acceptance of Decentralized Manufacturing in the AI Era

Room IV/5, FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

16.00
18.00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Panels running in parallel

Rooms III/4, IV/3, IV/5, FSPAC 1
and T3, FSPAC 2

Main conference panels · Hungarian panel

16.00
18.00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Communication panel (1)

Room III/2

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

Communication Trends in Times of Democratic Change

19.00
23.00

WELCOME DINNER

Welcome dinner offered by the Mayor of Cluj-Napoca

Casino Center for Urban Culture
Central Park Simion Bărnuţiu

Please be on time - official representatives of the Cluj City Hall are welcoming all participants.

2 October 2026

Friday · panels, special panels and the closing

9.00
11.00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Conference panels running in parallel

Main conference panels · Hungarian panel

Rooms III/4, IV/3, FSPAC 1
and T3, FSPAC 2

9.00
11.00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Communication panel (2)

Communication Trends in Times of Democratic Change

Room III/2
FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

11.00
11.30

Coffee break

In front of room 101, FSPAC 1
and FSPAC cafeteria, FSPAC 2

11.30
13.00

SPECIAL PANEL 3

PA education and its future

T1+T2
FSPAC 2 - Minerilor 85

MODERATOR

Veronica Junjan - Twente University

PANELISTS

Seeta Autar - EAPAA

Marius Profiroiu - Bucharest University of Economic Studies

Kasemsarn Chotchakornpant - National Institute of Development Administration, Thailand

Ludmila Gajdosova - NISPAcee

Rob Gordon - University of Georgia, Athens

IN PARALLEL

Conference panels running in parallel

Main conference panels · Hungarian panel

Rooms III/2, III/4, IV/3, IV/5, FSPAC 1 · T3, FSPAC 2

IN PARALLEL

Project related panel

Studies DIG - Results after 2 years of implementation and what happens next

Room IV/5, FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

13.00
14.00

Lunch

FSPAC garden, behind FSPAC 3
Septimiu Albini 12

14.00
15.30

SPECIAL PANEL 4

Future of PA

T1+T2

FSPAC 2 - Minerilor 85

MODERATOR

István Hoffman - Eötvös Loránd University

PANELISTS

László Vass - Budapest Metropolitan University

Troy Mix - University of Delaware

Ellen Wayenberg - Ghent University

Eckhard Schröter - German Police University

Jonathan W. Peters - University of Georgia, Athens

14.00
16.00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

Conference panels running in parallel

Rooms III/2, III/4, IV/3, IV/5,

FSPAC 1

and T3, FSPAC 2

Main conference panels · Hungarian panel

16.00
16.30

Coffee break

In front of room 101, FSPAC 1
and FSPAC cafeteria, FSPAC 2

15.30
17.00

SPECIAL PANEL 5

Locus of PA - local, regional, national and supra-national

T1+T2

FSPAC 2 - Minerilor 85

MODERATOR

Diana Iancu - SNSPA Bucharest

PANELISTS

Thanaporn Tengratanaprasert - National Institute of Development Administration, Thailand

Juan Mundel - Michigan State University

David Ferraz - University Institute of Lisbon

Joseph Watson - University of Georgia, Athens

Susan Gooden - Virginia Commonwealth University

17.45
18.45

CLOSING

Closing of the conference

Room 101

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

Publication of conference proceedings · closing remarks

OFFICIAL RAPORTEURS

Prof. Amanda Murdie - Georgia Institute of Technology

Prof. Andrew Massey - King's College London

Prof. Tudor Vlad - University of Georgia, Athens · Babeş-Bolyai University

CLOSING REMARKS

Cristina Hînţea - Babeş-Bolyai University

Călin Hînţea - Babeş-Bolyai University

Bogdana Neamţu - Babeş-Bolyai University

19.30
23.30

GALA DINNER

Gala dinner offered by the Rector's office

Casa Universitarilor

Emmanuel de Martonne 1

3 October 2026

Saturday · a day in the Transylvanian hills

9.00	DEPARTURE Departure for Jelna by bus Hampton by Hilton Hotel in front of the hotel Please be on time - the bus cannot stay there for long.
11.30 17.30	EXCURSION Wine tasting and lunch in Jelna Jelna Winery near Bistrița, northern Transylvania Located in the rolling hills of northern Transylvania, near Bistrița, Jelna Winery is part of the historic Lechința wine-growing area, a region with a centuries-old viticultural tradition. Conference participants will enjoy a guided tasting of Jelna wines, followed by lunch at the winery restaurant, which emphasizes local and seasonal ingredients and their pairing with wines produced on the estate. For those with an evening flight, the return to Cluj is scheduled earlier and cars take you to the airport. Let the local organizers know in advance.
17.30	RETURN Return to Cluj by bus Jelna Winery

Rooms - 101, III/2, III/4, IV/3, IV/5 and IV/6 are in FSPAC 1, Traian Moșoiu 71. T1, T2, T3 and the cafeteria are in FSPAC 2, Minerilor 85. Lunches are served in the garden behind FSPAC 3, Septimiu Albini 12.