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Resilient Europe: challenges, strategies, policies

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Advancing ground-breaking research in
regional growth and development theories,
through a **resilience** approach:
towards a convergent, balanced and
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Over the last decades, the notion of resilience has gained popularity in several fields, such as economics, urban planning, regional science, environmental studies, governance, geopolitics or international affairs. The main idea behind this concept is that a region, or any territorial/ economic/social/political system may be subject to various shocks and/or pressures that produce transformations in the system. However, not all the systems manage in the same way to recover after a shock; therefore, the challenging task for scholars is to identify the factors contributing to the appropriate responses of those systems that leads to recovery or even better to further development and improvement.

The resilience concept has been applied mainly in studies on the impact of environment and economy-related shocks on territorial development, although the potential of interdisciplinary approaches for analysing, identifying, and providing solutions in the field is much greater. Given the complexity of such phenomena, new approaches, patterns and analysis techniques are required in order to properly tackle the issue of resilience thinking and to increase the added value of research, thus transferring the emerging academic views to the policy-making responsible.

The workshop is organised by the Centre for European Studies (interdisciplinary department of the Faculty of Law) of Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi (Romania), in cooperation with Bucharest University of Economic Studies and Babes Bolyai University (Department of Public Administration and Management/ Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences), in the framework of the CNCSIS-UEFISCI RegrowEU - *Advancing ground-breaking research in regional growth and development theories, through a resilience approach: towards a convergent, balanced and sustainable European Union* - project aiming to bring together new theoretical approaches and empirical research results on regional resilience and policies, territorial planning, geopolitics and EU actorness.

The contributions will be considering for publishing in the special issue “Spatial policies for resilience and smart transformation”, having as guest editors Karima Kourtit and Peter Nijkamp (deadline for the full papers: January 15, 2021). More information on: <http://ejes.uaic.ro/>.

ORGANISATION:

VENUE

The RegrowEU Workshop will be organised online, via ZOOM platform and will be streamed on Facebook page of the project fb.me/regroweu. All participants will receive the link for access in due time. This link will be tested half an hour before the start of the event.

Zoom link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86108267049?pwd=cG5QMxp6TlBoMnJFOXVsUjNSeGlkZz09>

PRESENTATION

The sections will be chaired by external scholars. Each participant will have 20 minutes for the presentation. Paper discussions will take place after each presentation. Discussions about the papers will be made at the end of the section (Q&A), based on the questions received on the ZOOM chat.

Keynote speakers:

- **Patricio AROCA**, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile
- **Bjørn Terje ASHEIM**, University of Stavanger, Norway
- **Andrea CARAGLIU**, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
- **David CASTELLS-QUINTANA**, University of Barcelona, Spain
- **Tomás Ponce DENTINHO**, University of the Azores, Spain,
- **Juan Carlos MARTIN**, Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
- **Vicente ROYUELA**, University of Barcelona, Spain

DRAFT PROGRAMME:

Friday, November 27th 2020

14.00-20.00 Bucharest time (13.00-19.00 CET)

14:00-14:20
CET+1

Opening session: *ReGrowEU - from idea to implementation: about excellence, partnership, cooperation and challenges in the Romanian research*

- **Ioana Maria COSTEA**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Dean of the Faculty of Law
- **Daniela-Luminița CONSTANTIN**, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania, ReGrowEU local coordinator
- **Bogdana NEAMȚU**, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, ReGrowEU local coordinator
- **Peter NIJKAMP**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, RegrowEUproject director

➤ **Moderator: Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU**, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania – Director of the Centre for European Studies (Faculty of Law)/local coordinator

14.20 – 20.00 Sessions and concluding remarks

14.20- 15.40

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Session 1: Regional Development and resilience

- ➔ **Bjørn Terje ASHEIM*** (University of Stavanger, Norway)
 - 📄 *Resilience and transformative innovations - on the potentials of unrelated knowledge combinations*
- ➔ **Vicente ROYUELA*** and **David CASTELLS-QUINTANA*** (University of Barcelona, Spain)
 - 📄 *Inequality and employment resilience: an analysis of Spanish municipalities during the great recession*
- ➔ **Patricio AROCA*** (Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile), **Karima KOURTIT** and **Peter NIJKAMP** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)
 - 📄 *Prosilience strategies for 'phoenix' regions.*

Q&A

👉 **Moderator: Daniela-Luminița CONSTANTIN** (ReGrowEU local coordinator, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania)

15.40

Coffee break

15.50 – 17.10

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S2: Specific issues related to COVID-19 crisis

- ➔ **Roberta CAPELLO** and **Andrea CARAGLIU*** (Politecnico di Milano, Italy) –
 - 📄 *Regional growth and disparities in a post-COVID Europe: A new normality scenario*
- ➔ **Juan Carlos MARTÍN*** and **Concepción Román** (Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria)
 - 📄 *The effects of COVID-19 on EU federalism*
- ➔ **Tudor TICLAU***, **Cristina HINTEA** and **Bianca ANDRIANU** (Babes Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)
 - 📄 *Adaptive governance and turbulent governance or ways of governing that foster system resilience. A theoretical analysis in the context of the COVID-19 global pandemic*

Q&A

👉 **Moderator: Karima KOURTIT** (Open University, Heerlen, The Netherlands & Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași)

17.10

Coffee break

17.30 – 18.50

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S3: Romania: specific issues

- **Tomaz Ponce DENTINHO*** (University of the Azores, Portugal; Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania) and Cristina SERBANICA (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania)
 - 📄 *Spatial interaction models to understand the complex interfaces between economics and demography. An application to the Romanian Regions.*
- **Raluca IGNAT*** and Marius CONSTANTIN (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania)
 - 📄 *Multidimensional Facets of Entrepreneurial Resilience during the COVID-19 Crisis Through the Lens of the Wealthiest Romanian Counties*
- **Bogdan Contantin IBANESCU***, Mihail EVA and Alexandra GHEORGHIU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania)
 - 📄 *The impact of accessibility and economic performance on tourism-induced resilience*

Q&A

👉 **Moderator: Bogdana NEAMȚU** (ReGrowEU local coordinator Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania)

19.00

Concluding remarks

* presenting author

ABOUT THE PROJECT

ReGrowEU

Advancing ground-breaking research in regional growth and development theories, through a resilience approach: towards a convergent, balanced and sustainable European Union

The current challenges that the EU faces highlight, as never before, the Union's crucial need to move forward on its integration and convergence path, as well as the necessity to manage more efficiently any potential dilution risks and threats. Thus, the EU needs to find new approaches and action tools that would be most adequate for the current economic, political and geopolitical context and for the specificities of each member state. In this context, the project proposes a ground-breaking analytical model for the study of resilience with the case study of Romania, although with a wider applicability at European and international level. As such, the project offers a new and state-of-the-art comprehensive model of resilience in a multi-disciplinary, multi-level and multi-actor approach and will consolidate the knowledge in and about the European and particularly Romania's regional growth and development perspectives. As such, the current proposal aims to design and provide new approaches, methods and instruments for EU policies towards deeper convergence, regional development and growth.

The research activities and results will greatly benefit from the participation of lead experts with wide expertise and international visibility, in both the research teams and the management structures which will enhance considerably the quality, competitiveness and visibility of Romanian research activities and results at international level. The potential impact of the proposed project is consistent as it has high scientific and normative relevance, as well as a consistent explanatory power and it will respond to key priorities in several areas of strategic interests on the EU and Romania's agendas.

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