



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 1 – Wednesday, 11 June

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters (ENTRANCE HALL)

- 09:30 – 10:30 Registration & informal arrivals
- 10:30 – 11:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 11:00 – 12:15 **Plenary Speech (UB COUNCIL ROOM)**
Dr. Cristina Albu: *Fractured Spaces / Disjointed Times: An "Abstract Geology" of MNAC and Its Surroundings*
Q&A Moderator: Dr. Ileana Marin

Ion Mincu University of Architecture (COUNCIL ROOM)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

- 14:00 – 15:30 **Panel 1. Enlivening the Streets (COUNCIL ROOM)**
Q&A Moderator: Irina-Anca Bobei
Dr. Alex Axinte: *Discreet Commoning by the Bloc*
Anton Polsky: *Street Art in Post-Socialist Environments*

Oana Nicoleta Iliescu: *Urban Palimpsest: Concrete to Canvas in Ploiești & Bucharest*

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

- 15:45 – 17:30 **Panel 2. Intimacy and Belonging: City Objects and Sounds (COUNCIL ROOM)**
Q&A Moderator: Eliza Demian Pătrașcu
Video Interruption - Ghost Buses by Mihnea Mihalache-Fiastru (8'45")
Dr. Ana Cristina Irian: *Foraged Memories from Ground Level: Reading Urban Traces through Found Objects*
Claudiu Oancea: *21st Century Schizoid Man Faces the Battle of Bucharest: Reshaping the Local Underground Musical Scene in Bucharest through its Contemporary Urban Spaces*
Maria Balabaș: *An Impossibility to Listen. Romania After the Fall of Communism*
- 17:30 – 18:30 **Sound Walk – Maria Balabaș**

Day 2 – Thursday, 12 June

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters (UB COUNCIL ROOM)

- 9:30 – 10:30 **Plenary Speech (UB COUNCIL ROOM)**
Dr. Isaac Marrero Guillamón - *Suspended urbanism: the politics and aesthetics of interruption*
Q&A Moderator: Dr. Ileana Marin

MARe Museum

- 11:00 – 12:00 Tour of MARe
- 12:00 - 13:30 **Panel 3. Liminal Spaces of Encounter: the Wild and the Forgotten**
Q&A Moderator: Dr. Cristina Albu
Malexan: *Common Maidan Futures*
Irina-Anca Bobei: *Where Weeds Take Root: Filling the Voids of the City*
Dr. Ioana Iana Șerban: *Un-boxing Post-Communist Europe. Aleksandar Denić – "Exposition Coloniale"*

Ion Mincu University of Architecture (COUNCIL ROOM)

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch

- 15:00 – 17:00 **Panel 4. The Memory of Place: Traces, Losses, and Afterimages (COUNCIL ROOM)**

Q&A Moderator: Dr. Ileana Marin

Video Interruption - Ploaia by **Mona Vătămanu & Florin Tudor** (3'51")

Dr. Ioana Marinescu: Performance & Talk - *Fragments of memory. Uranus Hill in Bucharest*

Dr. David Littlefield: *The Original and the Authentic*

Eliza Demian Pătrașcu: Performance talk - *Resonant Matter: Frequencies of Misuse*

- 17:00 – 18:30 **Cinematic Reflections (FRESCO HALL)**
Q&A Moderator: Dr. Isaac Marrero Guillamógeorgen
Vanessa Gravenor: Screening – *Free Recall* (25'29")
Dr. Jeff Daniel Silva: Screening – *Là où la terre* (28')

Day 3 – Friday, 13 June

Malmaison Studios, Sandwich Gallery

- 9:00 – 9:30 Introduction to the space - **Sandwich Gallery**
- 9:30 – 11:00 **Panel 5. Seeing through Walls: Rethinking Sites of Surveillance and Trauma**
Q&A Moderator: Irina-Anca Bobei
Andra Maria Dobre: *Atelierele Malmaison – a case study of re-semanticization of spaces with traumatic pasts into artistic studios*
Cosmin Gandore: *Reclaiming Memory: Adaptive Reuse of Former Communist Prisons in Romania*
Dr. George Themistokleous: *Border Strata as Sites of Hybrid Multiplicities*
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Walk through the city - Andra Maria Dobre and Eliza Demian Pătrașcu**

Ion Mincu University of Architecture (COUNCIL ROOM)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

- 13:30 – 14:30 **Panel 6. City Architecture: Dissonant Readings (COUNCIL ROOM)**
Q&A Moderator: Dr. Cristina Albu
Video Interruption - Proiect RSR by **Tapio Snellman** (4'15")
Simona Drăgan: *Architectural Strata. Negotiation of Church Heritage in the Modernization of Bucharest*
Dr. Vincenzu Pușcașu: *Reframing the City: Visual Art, Industrial Memory, and the Making of Contemporary Galați*
Dr. Aleks Cătină: *'There after' Bucharest: Moving beyond Fredric Jameson's 'History Lessons'*

- 14:30 – 15:30 **Visit to the Museum of the School of Architecture**
- 15:30 – 17:00 **Panel 7. Outsider/Insider Perspectives: Re-envisioned Sites of Tourism (FRESCO HALL)**

Q&A Moderator: Eliza Demian Pătrașcu

Video Interruption - *The Springs* by **Mihnea Mihalache-Fiastru** (11'10")

Balázs Gáspár: *What is Left Behind—Approaches to Abandoned Post-Communist Spaces*

Dr. Adelina Ștefan: *Semiotics of tourist spaces in socialist and post-socialist Romania: politics, representations, and interactions*

Cristian Drăgan: Screening – *Hüzün. An Afterimage* (17')

18:00 Dinner (optional)

Day 4 – Saturday, 14 June

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- 09:30 – 10:30 **Psychogeographic Walk - Cristian Drăgan**
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 12:30 **Round Table. Above and Beneath the Surface: Excavating, Interpreting, and Rewriting Urban Strata (UB COUNCIL ROOM)**
 - 12:30 – 13:00 **Closing Remarks**

tranzit - Experimental Station for Research on Art and Life (OPTIONAL)

- 14:00 – 19:00 Lunch + Visit – **transit.ro** organised event: *Architecture, Biodiversity, Culture [ABC]*

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