



3rd International Conference **OTTOMAN ARCHAEOLOGY IN ROMANIA: CHALLENGES, REALITIES, PERSPECTIVES**

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FRIDAY, 5 JUNE 2026

BAIA TURCEASCĂ DIN IAȘI, ROOM 3, 16 ARH. G. M. CANTACUZINO STREET

10.00 – 11.15 OPENING SESSION

- Welcome address
- Keynote speech / Laurențiu Rădvan - *Ottoman Influences on the Urban Environment in the Romanian Principalities (16th–18th centuries)*

11.15-11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.50 PANEL 1 MODERATOR: MUSTAFA ÇAĞHAN KESKIN

11.30-11.50 / Hasan Yilmazyaşar - *Karacahisar Castle: Written Sources and Archaeological Evidence*

11.50-12.10 / Adriana Gașpar - *Timișoara under Ottoman Rule (1552–1716): A Story Told through Archaeology*

12.10-12.30 / Silviu Iliuță - *Form, Function, and Fabric: Pottery from Ottoman Çakova, Temeșvar Eyaleti (2015–2018)*

12.30-12.50 Discussions

12.50-14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 15.15 PANEL 2 MODERATOR: LAURENȚIU RĂDVAN

14.00-14.20 / Laurențiu Radu - *Ismihan Sultan, Princess of Mangalia*

14.20-14.40 / Tiberiu Vasilescu & Silvana Rachieru - *Silent Witnesses of an Ottoman Past: Field Observations on the Muslim Cemeteries in Dobruja*

14.40-15.00 / Radu-Alexandru Dragoman, Sorin Oanță-Marghitu & Cătălin Ion Nicolae - *An Archaeology of the “Arman” Stones (Threshing Stones) in Rural Muslim Cemeteries of Dobruja, Southeast Romania*

15.00-15.15 Discussions

15.15-15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 16.50 PANEL 3 MODERATOR: METIN OMER

15.30-15.50 / Adelina Zemoiu - *The Memory of a Lost Site: Heritage, Representation, and Reconstruction of Adakale*

15.50-16.10 / Alexandra Mocioiu & Cezara Matei - *Displaced Memory of the Submerged Island of Ada-Kaleh | the Turkish Cemetery*

16.10-16.30 / Silvana Rachieru - *Adakale on Display: An Archaeology of the Objects which Crossed the Danube*

16.30-16.50 / Discussions

16.50-17.20 Presentation of the book *The Century of Harmony: Romanian – Turkish Relations 1923-2023* (coord. Silvana Rachieru) – Adrian Vitelaru, Metin Omer, Bogdan Popa, Adelina Zemoiu

17.20-17.40 / Andrei Grigoraş - *From Foundation to Restauration: The Three Lives of the Turkish Bath from Iaşi*

17.40-18.00 Visit of the Turkish Bath

SATURDAY, 6 JUNE 2026

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10.00-11.40 PANEL 4 MODERATOR: AUREL STĂNICĂ

10.00-10.20 / Yasser Ismail Abdel Salam - *Characteristics of Islamic Architectural Styles in Egypt*

10.20-10.40 / Mohamed Abouseif Abdelazeim Khedr - *Ottoman Architecture in Romania in the Light of the Writings of the Turkish Traveler Evliya Çelebi*

10.40-11.00 / Mustafa Çağhan Keskin - *Mystical Signs and Divine Revelation: The Imperial Construction of the Cult of Sarı Saltuk in Babadağ*

11.00-11.20 / Metin Omer - *Tekkes and Ottoman Religious Heritage on the Territory of Present-day Romania: Archaeology, Sacred Memory, and Historical Sources*

11.20-11.40 Discussions

11.40-12.00 Coffee break

12.00-13.15 PANNEL 5: MODERATOR: SILVIU ILIUȚĂ

12.00-12.20 / Ghada Elgemaiey - *Romanian Harbors in the Ottoman Era - Archaeological and Architectural Study*

12.20-12.40 / Aurel Stănică - *Ottoman Isaccea/İsakçı: Fortifications, Habitation and Daily Life (15th–19th Centuries)*

12.40-13.00 / Nicolina Dinu - *Brăila in the Ottoman Age: Fragments of Urban History*

13.00-13.15 Discussions

13.15–14.00 ROUNDTABLE: Ottoman Heritage in Romania between Oblivion and Research

Closing remarks

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch break