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Draft Conference Agenda

Wednesday, February 20th, 2013	
09:00-09:30	Registration – Hallway of the Rectorate
09:30-11:00	Opening Session – Room 12 Alina Bârgăoanu, <i>Rector Ad-Interim, NUPSPA</i> Remus Pricopie, <i>Minister of Education</i> H.E. Dan Ben-Eliezer, <i>Israeli Ambassador to Romania</i> H.E. Edward Iosiper, <i>Romanian Ambassador to Israel</i> Mihnea Constantinescu, <i>Ambassador, MFA</i> Aurel Vainer, <i>MP, President, Federation of Jewish Communities of Romania</i> Cristian Pirvulescu, <i>Dean, Faculty of Political Science, NUPSPA</i> Liviu Rotman, <i>Director, Center for Israeli Studies, NUPSPA</i> – “Why Israeli Studies? An Introduction”
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:30	1st Session: “Israeli Society and the Jewish Diaspora” Almog Oz, <i>University of Haifa</i> – “The Israeli Society – Sociological Assessment”. Raphael Vago, <i>Tel-Aviv University</i> , “Israeli-Diaspora Relations: Mutual Images, Expectations, Frustrations” Moderator: Cristian Pirvulescu, <i>Dean, Faculty of Political Science, NUPSPA</i>
13:30-14:30	Lunch break



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14:30-16:30	2nd Session: “Security Issues in Israel and the Region” Dan Claudiu Degeratu, <i>Center for Security Analyses and Prevention, Prague</i> . “Israel in 2025: Regional Scenarios and the Challenges of Strategic Profiling” Eitan Barak, <i>The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</i> – “From Cairo to Teheran and in Between: Israel and the Challenges of Proliferation and Use of WMD in the Middle East” Moderator: Mihail Ionescu, <i>NUPSPA</i>
19:00	Reception at the Israeli Ambassador’s Residence
Thursday, February 21st, 2013	
09:30-11:30	1st Session “The Arab Minority in Israel: Challenges and Opportunities” Itzhak Reiter, <i>Ashkelon Academic College</i> – “Israel and Its Arab Minority - Interlocking Relationship” Kussai Haj Yehia, <i>Beit Berl College</i> – “The Accessibility of Higher Education among Arabs in Israel: Motives and Issues” Moderator: Liviu Rotman, <i>NUPSPA</i>
11:30-12:30	Lunch Break
12:30-14:30	2nd Session: “Interactions between Religion(s) and other Societal Groups in Israel” Gadi Taub, <i>Hebrew University of Jerusalem</i> – “The Religious Settlers Movement and its Relation to Political Zionism”. Madeea Axinciuc, <i>University of Bucharest</i> – “José Faur's Understanding of Monotheism: Israeli Perspectives on Religion and Interfaith Dialogue” Nancy Hartevelt Kobrin, <i>Independent scholar</i> – “Religious-Secular Relations in Israel: A Recent Case Concerning Beit Shemesh” Moderator: Liliana Popescu, <i>Prorector, NUPSPA</i>
14:30-15:00	Coffee break
15:00-17:00	3rd Session: “Education, nation-building and integration” Gad Yair, <i>Hebrew University of Jerusalem</i> – “We don't Need Another Hero: Heroes and Role Models in Germany and Israel” Adina Babeș, <i>NUPSPA</i> – “Integration patterns of Romanian immigrants in the Israeli society: sociopolitical aspects” Moderator: Madeea Axinciuc, <i>University of Bucharest</i> .
17:00-17:30	Concluding remarks and the future development of the Centre for Israeli Studies at NUPSPA
19:00	Dinner/Cocktail