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# ROMANIAN LANDS AND INTERNATIONAL CRISES: THE DYNAMICS OF THE MILITARY OCCUPATIONS (1769-1918).

## THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS, REGIONAL, COMPARATIVE, AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Iași, 2nd-3rd of December 2021



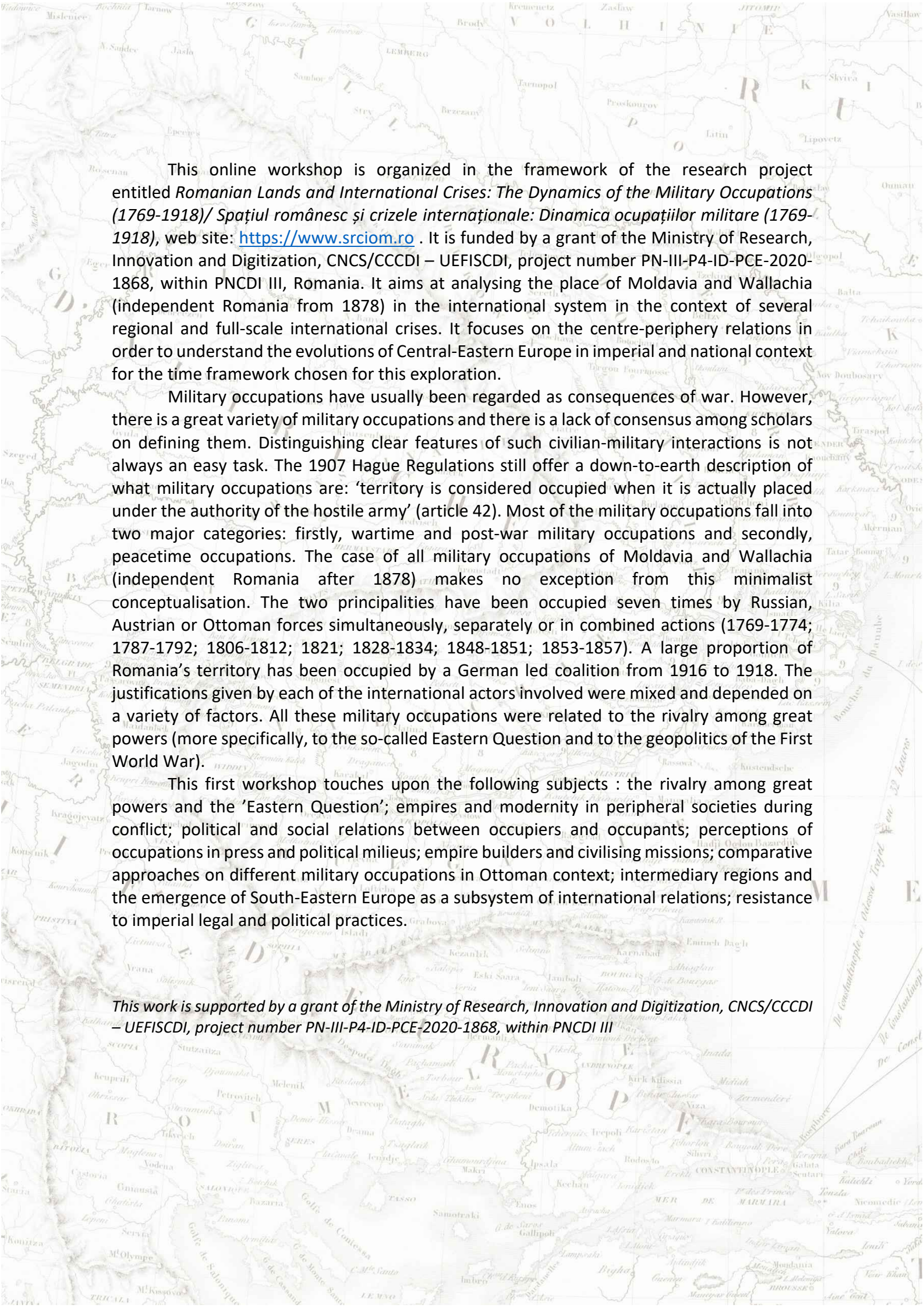
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Military occupations have usually been regarded as consequences of war. However, there is a great variety of military occupations and there is a lack of consensus among scholars on defining them. Distinguishing clear features of such civilian-military interactions is not always an easy task. The 1907 Hague Regulations still offer a down-to-earth description of what military occupations are: ‘territory is considered occupied when it is actually placed under the authority of the hostile army’ (article 42). Most of the military occupations fall into two major categories: firstly, wartime and post-war military occupations and secondly, peacetime occupations. The case of all military occupations of Moldavia and Wallachia (independent Romania after 1878) makes no exception from this minimalist conceptualisation. The two principalities have been occupied seven times by Russian, Austrian or Ottoman forces simultaneously, separately or in combined actions (1769-1774; 1787-1792; 1806-1812; 1821; 1828-1834; 1848-1851; 1853-1857). A large proportion of Romania’s territory has been occupied by a German led coalition from 1916 to 1918. The justifications given by each of the international actors involved were mixed and depended on a variety of factors. All these military occupations were related to the rivalry among great powers (more specifically, to the so-called Eastern Question and to the geopolitics of the First World War).

This first workshop touches upon the following subjects : the rivalry among great powers and the ‘Eastern Question’; empires and modernity in peripheral societies during conflict; political and social relations between occupiers and occupants; perceptions of occupations in press and political milieus; empire builders and civilising missions; comparative approaches on different military occupations in Ottoman context; intermediary regions and the emergence of South-Eastern Europe as a subsystem of international relations; resistance to imperial legal and political practices.

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# The program of the workshop/ Le programme de l'atelier

**THURSDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2021/ Jeudi, le 2 Décembre 2021**

9.00-9.45. **Opening/Introduction**

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10.00-12.00. **Panel I**

**Chair: Elli LEMONIDOU**

Sorin GRIGORUȚĂ (A.D. Xenopol Institute of History, Iași), Augustin GURIȚĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași) : *The Economic Situation of the Priesthood in the "Diocese of Moldavia" between 1805-1808: Notes on an Unedited Document*

Cosmin MIHUȚ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) : *A Question of Peace or War. Lord Strangford and the Military Occupation of the Principalities (1821-1822)*

Cristian PLOSCARU (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) : *The Russian Occupations of the Romanian Principalities (1806-1812; 1829-1834): Institutional Reform and Cultural-Juridical Colonisation*

Cristina ȚURCAN (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania): *From Occupying Force to Guarantor Power: Some Considerations on Russia's policy in the Romanian Principalities 1854-1858*

14.00-16.00. **Panel II**

**Chair: Mircea GHENGHEA**

Constantin ARDELEANU (Dunărea de Jos University, Galați, Romania): *From a Piratical Republic to a Collective European Colony - Sulina in Times of War - 1854-1918*

Sergiu IOSIPESCU (National Heritage Institute, Bucarest, Romania): *Les Principautés Roumaines envahis, de 1768 à 1857. Quelques observations d'histoire militaire*

Gabriel LEANCA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași): *Mission impossible : Jacques Tolstoï et la défense des occupations militaires russes de la Moldavie et de la Valachie dans la presse française (1828-1829 ; 1853-1854)*

16.00-18.30. **Panel III (including a virtual book launch)**

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**Chair: Constantin ARDELEANU**

**Virtual Launch Book** of Victor TAKI's, *Russia on the Danube : Empire, Elites, and Reform in Moldavia and Wallachia, 1812-1834*, Central European Press, Budapest, 2021, 388 pages (part of series: Historical Studies in Eastern Europe and Eurasia), site web: <https://ceupress.com/book/russia-danube> (Cristian PLOSCARU and Gabriel LEANCA, discussants; Q&A);

Denis VOVCHENKO (Northeastern State University, Oklahoma, United States of America) *Enemies into Allies: the Russian Officers' Perceptions of Romania, 1907-1918*

Catherine HOREL (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, CETOBaC, Paris, France) : *Frontière, territoire et occupation dans l'empire des Habsbourg*

**FRIDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2021/ Vendredi, le 3 Décembre 2021**

10.00-12.00. **Panel IV**

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**Chair: Cosmin MIHUȚ**

Augustin GURIȚĂ (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania): *About a "Problem of Restitutions" during the Russian Occupation of Moldavia (1806-1812). Context, Effects, Historiography*

Alma HANNIG (Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Bonn, Germany) : *Romania and the Balkan Wars in the Reports of the Austro-Hungarian Military Attachés*

Mircea GHENGHEA (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania) : *A Sign of the Enemy: the Stamps of the German Occupation of Romania (1917-1918).*

Claudiu-Lucian TOPOR (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași, Romania): *Memoirs from the Time of the Military Occupation: Romania's Europeanization and Germany's Civilising Mission (1916-1918)*

13.30-16.00. **Panel V**

**Chair: Sergiu IOSIPESCU**

Vlasis VLASIDIS (University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece) : *The Other Front for the Rescue. Salonica Front and Entente Powers 1915-1918*

Oliver SCHULZ (University of Clermont Auvergne, Clermont-Ferrand, France): *A Neutral State's Perspective on War and Military Occupation: the Swiss Legation in Romania in World War I*

Elli LEMONIDOU (University of Patras, Patras, Greece) : *Occupations étrangères en Grèce durant la Grande Guerre*

Paul MICHELSON (Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana, United States of America) : *Prelude to the Study of Romania and the Eastern Question, 1769-1918. From Romanian Problem to Romanian Question to Greater Romania*

Traian SANDU (Sorbonne Nouvelle University, Paris, France) : *La Roumanie au sortir de la Première Guerre mondiale: un (bien jeune) État nation travaillé par les fantômes des empires*

16.00-16.15. **Conclusions of the workshop/Conclusions de l'atelier**

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## **Practical information/ Informations pratiques:**

*Site du projet:* <https://www.sciom.ro>

*Languages used during the workshop/Langues utilisées durant l'atelier:* français, roumain, anglais.

*Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes/ Les interventions ne doivent pas dépasser 20 minutes*

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