

Call for Papers

Voices and Silences: 50 years of the Society for Romanian Studies

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The 2025 Triennial Conference of the SRS in Cluj-Napoca will mark 50 years since the creation of the Society for Romanian Studies. This moment in the life of the society calls us to celebrate the achievements and advances in Romanian studies of the past five decades but also for critical reflection on the purpose and contribution of Romanian Studies in a rapidly changing academic and intellectual context. On the occasion of this important gathering we also take the opportunity to imagine a Romanian studies of the future, and indeed the place of Romania and Moldova in 2075!

The conference theme aims to encourage a critical engagement with and deconstruction of dominant narratives of identity, history and culture whilst embracing alternative perspectives and voices heretofore considered marginal to Romanian Studies. Amongst other questions, Voices and Silences invites reflection on

- the grounding of scholarship in a nation state framework, and how this amplifies certain voices, and silences or mutes others
- the spaces, people, communities, minorities, diasporas and mobilities within and across borders that are underrepresented in contemporary Romanian studies
- the voices and silences of non-human or other than human actors in the environment, literature, culture and religions in Romania, Moldova and beyond
- the place and purpose of Romanian studies in Romania and in a globalized and deeply unequal academic ecosystem where the humanities and social sciences are increasingly under threat
- the legacy and future pathways of Romanian studies in this unique moment when regional and area studies are grappling with global challenges including war, decolonization, resurgent populist nationalism, climate change, AI and hypermodernity
- the polyphony that is Romanian studies and the opportunities for inter- and transdisciplinary conversations and collaborations
- the significance and impact of recent theoretical and methodological advances for the future of Romanian studies

We invite proposals for

- **Pre-arranged panels** with three or four papers, a chair and a discussant (optional)
 - Submissions should include panel title, panel outline (200 words), individual paper abstracts (200-300 words) and the name, institutional affiliation (if any) and short bio (max 80 words) and email address of all panel participants.
- **Individual Papers** pertinent to any area of Romanian Studies
 - Submissions should include name, institutional affiliation (if any), short bio (max 80 words), email address and a 200-300 word abstract and five keywords.
- **Roundtables** on topics relevant to the Call

- Submissions should include Roundtable title and outline (200 words) plus the name and institutional affiliation (if any), email address and short bio of all roundtable panellists.
- **Book launches** for recent publications and translations (2023-25). Book launches can be conducted in any combination of Romanian, Hungarian and/or English languages.
 - title and outline (200 words) plus the name and institutional affiliation (if any) and short bio of all book launch panellists.
- **Film screenings followed by panel discussions** of recent films or documentaries (2023-25).
 - title of the film to be screened and outline (200 words) plus the name and institutional affiliation (if any) and short bio of all film discussion panellists.
- **Poetry, prose and translation readings.**
 - title and outline (200 words) plus the name and institutional affiliation (if any) and short bio of participants.
- **Other creative and non-traditional responses** to the Call theme are welcome. Please email us with your ideas.

The conference language is English – please submit all proposals in English and notify us if you would like to hold all or part of your session in Romanian and/or Hungarian

Submissions should be made via email to srscluj2025@gmail.com