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**THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON RE-SHAPING TERRITORIES, ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETIES:
NEW CHALLENGES FOR GEOGRAPHY,
NOVEMBER 15-16, 2024, BUCHAREST, ROMANIA**



The year 2024 marked 160 years since the University of Bucharest was founded and 330 years of higher education in Bucharest. Considering this important landmark and after the success of the first edition organized in 2016 and the second edition from 2020, the Department of Human and Economic Geography, under the coordination of prof. Liliana Dumitrache, held the 3rd International Conference “Re-shaping Territories, Environment and Societies – New Challenges for Geography” (ReTES) which took place on November 15th-16st, 2024. Similar to previous editions, the organizers aimed to bring together as many members of the academic community as possible. Also, in the second day of the conference, were organized two guided tours for the participants: a visit at The Old Town and The Palace of Parliament, and a visit at The Village Museum and The New Bucharest.

The event was attended by 150 professors, researchers, experts, specialists, PhD students or students who presented 92 papers during the 3rd International

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Conference “Re-shaping Territories, Environment and Societies – New Challenges for Geography” (ReTES). The participants represented various university centers from Romania (Bucharest, Timișoara, Cluj Napoca, Craiova, Iași), but also from other European countries (France, Germany, Italy).

The conference was opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Geography – prof. Alexandru Nedelea, the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Geography – prof. Mioara Clius and by the Head of the Department of Human and Economic Geography – prof. Liliana Dumitrache. The two invited key speakers shared with the participants their research results: from University of Tübingen, Germany – Prof. Olaf KÜHNE introduced the neopragmatist redescription of regional geography, and from University Roma Tre, Italy – Prof. Pasquale BORRELLI discussed about forces of nature, soil erosion, and land degradation in Europe.

The conference was structured in five main pillars (Physical and Human Landscapes in Urban and Rural Areas; Weather, Water and Climate: living sustainable, spatial disparities and persisting divisions; Ecosystems, Biodiversity and Sustainable Resource Management: concentrations, convergence and integration; Geography, Globalization and Smart Development and Teaching Geography: Trends, Frontiers and Barriers), and three workshops (GeoHealth Nexus: Addressing Progress, Crisis and Resilience in Health and Healthcare; Ecosystem Services in Urban and Peri-Urban Landscapes; Modelling, mapping and assessing land degradation for sustainable management of land systems). The pillars and the workshops emphasize the importance of understanding new geographical perspectives, social inequalities and sustainable land management in a rapidly globalizing world, and particularly for providing advanced geographical knowledge.

The aim of the conference was to collect knowledge and share experiences about the latest achievements in the field of geography. Through case studies, cutting-edge research and theoretical insights, the event provided a human-centered approach to geography, encouraging critical thinking and geographical education about how places are experienced, imagined, and transformed by people across the globe.



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