

**Joint Polish/Romanian/US Seminar on  
"Transitioning to and Sustaining Democracy:  
What Works and What Does Not Work?"**

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**Draft Agenda**

**Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**09:30am – 10:00am Welcome Remarks**

- Howard Frank, Chairperson, Department of Public Administration, FIU
- Calin Hintea, Dean College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes Bolyai University, and former Secretary of State, Head of the Strategy Unit, Prime Minister's Chancellery
- Allan Rosenbaum, Director, IPMCS and Professor, Department of Public Administration, FIU

**10:00am – 11:00am Administrative Reform: Comparative Perspectives**

**"Administrative Reform in Romania and CEE: What Have We Learned?"**

- Calin Hintea, Dean College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes Bolyai University, and former Secretary of State, Head of the Strategy Unit, Prime Minister's Chancellery

**"Administrative Reform in the United States: Have We Learned Anything?"**

- Sukumar Ganapati, Associate Professor and PhD Coordinator, Department of Public Administration, FIU

**Commentator**

- Vaiva Kalesnikaite, PhD Student, Department of Public Administration, FIU

11:00am – 12:00pm **Educational Policy: Comparative Perspectives**

**“Reform of the Educational System in a Post-Communist Country”**

-Catalin Baba, Head of the Doctoral School of Public Administration and Policies, College of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Babes Bolyai University and former Minister of Education in Romania

**“Public Higher Education Funding, Accountability and Performance Metrics”**

-Lilia Silverio, PhD Student, Department of Public Administration, Director of Finance and Personnel, College of Communication Architecture and the Arts, FIU

**Commentator**

-Vivian Cueto, PhD Student, Department of Public Administration, FIU

12:00pm – 01:00pm **Taxation Policy: Comparative Perspectives**

**“Reform of Tax Policies in Post-Communist Romania”**

-Dan Lazar, Vice Rector for Budget and Finance, Babes Bolyai University and former Secretary of State, Romanian Ministry of Finance

**“Tax Effects on the Establishment of Local Businesses”**

-Shaoming Cheng, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration, FIU  
-David Guo, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration, FIU

**Commentator**

-Ana Maria Dimand, PhD Student, Department of Public Administration, FIU

1:00pm – 02:30pm Lunch

02:30pm – 03:45pm Roundtable Discussion on **“The Future of the European Union and Democratic Governance in Europe”**

-Barbara Kudrycka, Polish member European Parliament, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, formerly, Minister of Higher Education and Science, Government of Poland  
-Paul Zai, Ministry of the Interior, Romania  
-Oscar Luengo, University of Granada and Visiting Fellow, Institute for Public Management and Community Service  
-Ezbieta Lukacijewska, Polish member European Parliament, Committee on Transport and Tourism, and Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

03:45pm – 05:00 Roundtable Discussion on **“Democracy in America: What Does the Future Hold (and is There a Role for Public Administration Education)?”**

-Mohamad Alkadry, Professor of Public Administration, Director, Master of Public Administration Program, Department of Public Administration, FIU

-David Rivera, PhD Student, Department of Public Administration, FIU and former Member, US House of Representatives and Florida House of Representatives

-Cristina Rodriguez-Acosta, Deputy Director, Institute for Public Management and Community Service, FIU

05:00pm – 5:30pm **Closing Summary**

Milena Neshkova, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration, FIU

Allan Rosenbaum, Director, IPMCS and Professor, Department of Public Administration, FIU