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**Doctoral School of Economic Sciences**

## **PROGRAMME**

### **INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM**

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(HERGC)**

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## Programme at a Glance

**16 May 2026**

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Time	Activity
09:00–09:30	Registration / Online Check-in
09:30–09:45	Opening Ceremony
09:45–11:45	Plenary Session
11:45–12:00	Coffee Break
12:00–15:00	Parallel Sessions
15:00	Closing Remarks



## Detailed Programme

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### 09:30–09:45 Opening Ceremony

*Welcome Address by the Chair*

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*Message from the Rector*

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### 09:45–11:45 Plenary Session

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



**Murat SARI**

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***Predictive Decision Modelling in Economic Processes***



**Aurelian PLOPEANU**

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***A short economic history of Japan: from Tokugawa isolation to the postwar miracle***



**Eleftherios THALASSINOS**  
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Greece*

***Sustainability in Business Today: Why It Is not the Main Priority***



**Hebatallah ADAM**  
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***Resilient Development in the Age of Polycrisis: Strategic Statecraft and Structural Transformation in the Global South***



**Firdous Ahmad MALIK**  
*Jammu and Kashmir Economic Association,  
India*

***Financial Inclusion in the Age of Data: Evidence-Based Pathways to Sustainable Development***

## **12:00–15:00 Parallel Sessions**

**On-site:** CD21 Room for Session 1; CD22 for Session 2; CD23 for Session 3, CD11 Room for Session 4; CD12 for Session 5; CD13 for Session 6, CD14 for Session 7

**Online:** Zoom Platform

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### Session 1: Economic Development and Structural Change

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### Session 2: Competitiveness, Productivity and Innovation

**Onur OĞUZ**

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**Cheta DESAI**

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### SESSION 3: Digital Economy and AI-driven Transformation

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### SESSION 4: Circular Economy and Green Transition Policies

**Laeq Razzak JANJUA**

WSB University, Poland

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### SESSION 5: Labor Markets and Skills

**Claudiu BOCEAN**

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### SESSION 6: Tourism and Agritourism Economics

**Rubvita Chadha**

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### SESSION 7: Social inclusion and welfare economics

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#### **DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE IN GEORGIA: AGEING, FERTILITY, AND MIGRATION**

Tinatini TCHARKHALASHVILI

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#### **EXCHANGE RATE DYNAMICS AND BILATERAL TRADE BALANCE ADJUSTMENT IN INDIA: REVISITING THE J-CURVE HYPOTHESIS**

Riddhi MEHTA<sup>1</sup>; Arshad BHAT<sup>2</sup>

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#### **DYNAMICS OF EMPLOYMENT ELASTICITY OF OUTPUT IN THE UZBEKISTAN ECONOMY: EVIDENCE FROM ARDL AND ROLLING REGRESSION APPROACHES**

Nazia ISRAR; Mushtaq Ahmad MALIK

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#### **UNPACKING EDUCATION'S ROLE IN INDIA'S ECONOMIC GROWTH: HUMAN CAPITAL AND STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION**

Rajeev PARASHAR

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#### **STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN ROAD FREIGHT TRANSPORT IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Adrian George FOGHIȘ<sup>1</sup>; Octavian-Mihai PETRE<sup>2</sup>

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#### **NEARSHORING, RESILIENCE, AND STRUCTURAL CHANGE: EVIDENCE FROM ROMANIA AND POLAND**

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**ROMANIA’S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POSITION IN THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR**

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**FROM INDUSTRIAL SOCIETY TO DIGITAL SOCIETY: AN ANALYSIS OF SOCIOECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION**

Gülten AKGÜL, İsmail BACAŞIZ, Özcan ÇELİK, Yusuf ÖZKURT, Sıla SEZER, Emre YONAR

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**PLACE-BASED INITIATIVES AND EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES: EVIDENCE FROM INDIA’S ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICTS PROGRAMME**

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### Competitiveness, Productivity and Innovation

12:00–15:00

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#### **ROMANIA’S INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMPETITIVENESS – A COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE PERSPECTIVE**

Martyna MOSTOWSKA

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#### **INFLUENCER MARKETING AND TRUST: DO CONSUMERS REALLY TRUST?**

Monika ARSOVA

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#### **SOCIAL CAPITAL AND INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM IN BALKAN COUNTRIES**

Fatma Betül URHAN

*Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Geography, Nevşehir, Türkiye*

#### **RESILIENCE AND INNOVATION: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF SMART CITY IMPACT ON URBAN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN GERMANY**

Imane KECHACHA<sup>1</sup>; Koudoua FERHATI<sup>2</sup>

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#### **TRUST, CHOICE AND NOSTALGIA: CONSUMER PERCEPTION OF LEGACY F&B BRANDS IN INDIA**

Shivani MEHTA<sup>1</sup>, Diva KAPOOR<sup>2</sup>

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#### **DEVELOPMENT OF E-COMMERCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AS A DRIVER OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVENESS AND MARKET EXPANSION**

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**THE IMPACT OF SME DIGITALIZATION ON ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE: EVIDENCE FROM 28 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES**

Ecaterina MIHĂLCEANU (STAN), Răzvan Ștefan STAN

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**OPERATING WORKING CAPITAL, FIRM PROFITABILITY, AND CRISIS MODERATION: EVIDENCE FROM LISTED FIRMS IN AN EMERGING EUROPEAN MARKET**

Valerica TĂTĂRANU (SOARE), Elena TOADER (VASILE)

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**YOUTH PERCEPTIONS OF COMPENSATION GAPS AND BOARD INDEPENDENCE IN LISTED EUROPEAN BANKS: AN EMPIRICAL STUDY**

Matei KACSO-CARSTOCEA; Lucian Claudiu ANGHEL

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**INTEGRATING FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS AND RISK ASSESSMENT IN CORPORATE ACTIVITY**

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### Digital Economy and AI-driven Transformation

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#### **ASSESSING THE ROLE OF DIGITAL INDICATORS IN INDIA’S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT USING MACHINE LEARNING**

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#### **IMPACT OF THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR**

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#### **FROM HUMAN JUDGEMENT TO ALGORITHMIC FINANCE: THE TRANSFORMATION OF FINANCIAL DECISION-MAKING**

Mila MITREVA PANDEVA, Marija GOGOVA-SAMONIKOV

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#### **THE IMPACT OF DIGITALIZATION ON FEMALE UNEMPLOYMENT IN TURKEY: ARDL ANALYSIS FOR THE PERIOD 1994-2024**

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#### **DIGITALIZATION OF EUROPEAN HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS: OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS FOR THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

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#### **ALGORITHMIC TRUST, EXPLAINABILITY, AND CONTESTABILITY AS STRATEGIC CAPABILITIES IN BANKING: EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE FROM ROMANIA**

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#### **COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF GLOBAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS FOR BLOCKCHAIN AND CRYPTOCURRENCY TOKENS**

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**AI-ENABLED COST OPTIMIZATION AND CLINICAL PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT IN ROMANIAN COUNTY EMERGENCY HOSPITALS**

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**ROBOTIC PROCESS AUTOMATION IN ACCOUNTING: GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS FOR EFFICIENCY, LABOR DYNAMICS AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**

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**AI-DRIVEN DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND THE EVOLUTION OF HUMAN CAPITAL: EVIDENCE FROM REMOTE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TEAMS**

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**INTEGRATION OF BANKING SYSTEMS THROUGH AI-BASED FINTECH TECHNOLOGIES**

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**DIGITAL ECONOMY AND AI-DRIVEN TRANSFORMATION: ADOPTION PATTERNS AND THE PRODUCTIVITY PUZZLE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION, WITH A FOCUS ON ROMANIA**

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**DIGITAL MATURITY ASYMMETRIES AMONG SMES IN SOUTH-EAST ROMANIA**

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## SESSION 4

### Circular Economy and Green Transition Policies

12:00–15:00

#### Session Chairs:

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#### **THE EVOLUTION OF GREEN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

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#### **STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES OF THE EU ELECTRIC VEHICLE INDUSTRY AND THE PROSPECTS FOR CHINA–EU GREEN COOPERATION**

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#### **GREEN ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INTERACTION: A POLITICAL ECONOMY ANALYSIS OF EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRIES**

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#### **AI-POWERED IOT SYSTEMS FOR REAL-TIME MONITORING OF INDUSTRIAL CIRCULAR FLOWS AT THE TERRITORIAL SCALE: AN ARCHITECTURAL FRAMEWORK**

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#### **THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RENEWABLE ENERGY AND URBANIZATION: AN ASSESSMENT ON ROMANIA**

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**COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF ESG AND CSR PRACTICES IN ROMANIA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AFTER 2020**

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**NEURO-SYMBOLIC AI GOVERNANCE FOR CLIMATE-RESPONSIVE ECONOMIES: A REAL-TIME PREDICTIVE FRAMEWORK INTEGRATING GREEN FINANCE, URBAN DIGITAL TWINS, AND BEHAVIORAL MACROECONOMICS**

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**ROMANIAN CEREALS SECTOR ANALYSIS: FOOD SECURITY, IMPORT DEPENDENCE, AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY RATE IN THE PERIOD 2014–2024**

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**AI AS AN EMERGING ESG RISK IN FINTECH: IMPLICATIONS ACROSS ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE DIMENSIONS**

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**BIDIRECTIONAL PRICE DISCOVERY BETWEEN ROMANIAN AND CENTRAL EUROPEAN ELECTRICITY MARKETS: EVIDENCE FROM COINTEGRATION AND VECM ANALYSIS**

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**ADAPTING THE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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## SESSION 5

### Labor Markets and Skills

12:00–15:00

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#### **EMPLOYEE RETENTION IN CONTEMPORARY ORGANIZATIONS: A PREDICTIVE ANALYSIS OF MOTIVATIONAL, OCCUPATIONAL, AND DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS**

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#### **FROM LEADERSHIP TO TURNOVER INTENTION: THE MEDIATING ROLE OF EMPOWERMENT IN HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS**

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#### **DOES INVESTMENT IN LABOUR (SKILLS AND TRAINING) TRANSLATE INTO ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE?**

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#### **EDUCATION SYSTEMS AND HUMAN CAPITAL ALIGNMENT IN EUROPE: EVIDENCE ON STEM GENDER GAPS, OVER-QUALIFICATION, AND SKILL MATCHING**

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#### **ABOUT COMPETENCIES REQUIRED FOR THE INTEGRATION OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

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**THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL: AN ANALYSIS OF HR PROFESSIONALS' PERSPECTIVES**

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**A CONCEPTUAL ANALYSIS OF EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE MODERN ECONOMY: THEORETICAL PARADIGMS AND REGIONAL REALITIES IN ROMANIA**

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**YOUTH EMIGRATION INTENTIONS AND THE DECLINE OF THE FUTURE LABOR FORCE IN ROMANIA**

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**THE PARADOX OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION IN TÜRKİYE: BALANCING QUANTITY AND QUALITY**

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**GIG ECONOMY, PLATFORM WORK, AND LABOUR RIGHTS: RE-EXAMINING LEGAL PROTECTION IN THE ERA OF DIGITAL CAPITALISM**

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**REVISITING HEGEMONIC STABILITY THEORY IN A FRAGMENTING WORLD**

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**GIG ECONOMY, INFORMALITY, AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF LABOUR MARKET VULNERABILITIES IN INDIA AND BRAZIL**

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## SESSION 6

### Tourism and Agritourism Economics

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#### **THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF RURAL TOURISM ON LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

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#### **PERSISTENT TOURISM CONCENTRATION AND REGIONAL DOMINANCE IN ROMANIA: EVIDENCE FROM A LONG-TERM MULTI-INDICATOR ANALYSIS (2010–2024)**

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#### **ORAL CARTOGRAPHY AND ACTIVE AGEING: INTEGRATING ELDERLY STORYTELLERS INTO MOLDOVA'S TOURISM VALUE CHAIN**

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#### **DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL TOURISM BASED ON CULTURAL HERITAGE IN THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CONTEXT**

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#### **DIMENSIONS OF REGIONAL CULTURE IN ROMANIA: AN EXPLORATORY ANALYSIS BASED ON PRINCIPAL COMPONENTS**

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## SESSION 7

### Social inclusion and welfare economics

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#### **IDENTITY OR INCOME? EVALUATING THE TARGETING EFFICIENCY OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN INDIA THROUGH A WELFARE ECONOMICS FRAMEWORK**

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#### **NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONFLICT IN ECOWAS: THE MODERATING ROLE OF SOCIAL COHESION**

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#### **FINANCIAL SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY APPROACHED THROUGH THE PRISM OF INTERMEDIATION, STABILITY AND INCLUSION: BIBLIOMETRIC AND CONCEPTUAL ASSESSMENT**

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#### **MODERNIZING THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM THROUGH THE RESTART REFORM IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN IN DIFFICULTY**

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#### **THE IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS**

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**AN ANALYTICAL ASSESSMENT OF SPATIAL CONCENTRATION AND TERRITORIAL INEQUALITY OF POVERTY RISK AND GDP DISTRIBUTION BY URBAN–RURAL TYPOLOGY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**THE ROLE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTING IN OPTIMIZING ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY AND INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE CONTEXT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

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**THE IMPACT OF INSTITUTIONAL SYNERGIES ON COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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**FOOD CONSUMPTION BEHAVIOR UNDER ECONOMIC CONSTRAINTS: ADAPTATION MECHANISMS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR FOOD SECURITY**

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**DYNAMICS OF WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE COVERAGE IN ROMANIA OVER THE PERIOD (2014-2023)**

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**PLOIEȘTI WITHOUT GAMBLING. ANALYSIS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF THE POTENTIAL DECISION TO ELIMINATE GAMBLING FROM THE CITY**

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**A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE LEGAL FRAMEWORKS AND EXEMPLARY PRACTICES GOVERNING INTERNAL PUBLIC AUDIT IN ROMANIA AND POLAND**

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**SPIRITUAL AND ETHICAL DETERMINANTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN POST-COMMUNIST EUROPE: A PANEL ANALYSIS OF ECE COUNTRIES WITH ROMANIA AS COMPARATIVE REFERENCE**

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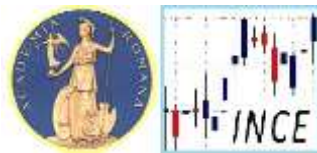
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