

INTRODUCTION

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Research on European discourse has proliferated during the last decades, and especially in relation to the successive enlargements of the European Union. It brings together scholars in all the areas of the social sciences and humanities, and it continues to be more representative in relation to Western Europe than to Eastern Europe.

The current issue of the *Romanian Journal of Sociological Studies* reunites a second series of presentations given in English on the occasion of the International Conference “From West to East: Metamorphoses of Discourses in Europe”/« De l’Ouest à l’Est : Métamorphoses des Discours en Europe »¹, held in Bucharest on 24–25 October 2019. It is aimed at encompassing more visions from the East, as well as the way they connect and interact with the Western discourse and ideology.

The volume is symbolically entitled *Reconnecting Discourses across Europe*, in symbolic opposition with the first special issue prepared after the event and published in 2020 – *Dividing Discourses across Europe*. It reunites five case studies that show the variety of the European discourse as a core narrative, framed and reproduced in national contexts, with a special focus on Romania: a comparative analysis of the French and British public discourses (see A. Khalonina), the features of the communication practices of the Romanian diaspora in Europe (see A. E. Romaşcu and M. Micle), a study of the foreign news framing in contemporary Romania (see A. A. Mogoş *et al.*), the European narrative of Holocaust as reproduced and framed by the media discourse in Romania (see C. Dâmboeanu) and, finally, the conception and the idea of Europe in interwar Romania in line with its Western European developments of the era (see Pricopie in this issue). All these five papers prepare the path to our next meeting to be held in autumn 2021 in Nicosia (Cyprus) where the star issue will be the discursive context(s) of Europe.

In the end, I would like to express again my special gratitude to the Deputy editor of this *Journal* – Professor Ecaterina Balica – and her team, for making possible the publication of this second special issue, to the organisers and participants to our international conference in Romania, and to the reviewers and the authors of this volume.

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¹ This event was already presented within the *Introduction* to the special issue *Dividing Discourses across Europe* of the *Romanian Journal of Sociological Studies* (issue 2/2020).



