

Decentralization, Self-Governance and Polycentric Public Administration

June 9th 2026 · SNSPA Headquarters, hall 804

June 9th	
09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:00	OPENING REMARKS David Diaconu, Faculty of Public Administration, SNSPA Mihai Păunescu, Vice-Rector, SNSPA Teodora Bițoiu, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Public Administration, SNSPA Dragoș-Paul Aligică, Mercatus Center & University of Bucharest & Romanian Academy of Sciences
10:00-11:00	KEYNOTE LECTURE Polycentricity, classical liberalism and governance evaluation Dan GREENWOOD (University of Westminster)
11:00-11:30	Tea & Coffee break
11:30-13:00	Panel I Moderator: Otto Lehto Republicanism and Socialism, Philipp Dapprich (University of Westminster) Neo-republicanism and Intellectual Property Rights, Adelin Dumitru (National University of Science and Technology POLITEHNICA Bucharest) How do European Union Citizens perceive European Union Institutions? Insights from Mainline Political Economy, Ana Drobot (Technical University of Civil Engineering Bucharest)
13:00-13:30	Tea & Coffee break
13:30-15:30	Panel II Moderator: Philipp Dapprich The Mirage of Collective Self-Determination, Kaveh Pourvand (Universidad San Sebastian) Practising priesthood without a license: religious pluralism, religious corporatism, and the persistence of a crime in Romania, Liviu Andreescu (University of Bucharest) Artifactual Man Goes to Paris: Buchanan's Constitutional Existentialism as an Alternative to the New Paternalism, Otto Lehto (New York University) The Politics of Non-Knowledge: Strategic Ignorance and Data Gaps in Romania's EU Environmental Compliance, Camil Pârvu (University of Bucharest)
15:30-16:00	Tea & Coffee break
16:00-17:00	KEYNOTE LECTURE (Online) Peter BOETTKE (George Mason University & Mercatus Center)

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09:30-10:00	Tea & Coffee
10:00-12:00	Panel III Moderator: Kaveh Pourvand Accounting as a Market-Supporting Knowledge Commons: Infrastructure, Interpretation, and Authoritarian Appropriation, Pavel Kuchar (Palacký University Olomouc) The First to See the Sunrise: Resource Governance and Fishing Conflicts in the Romanian Danube Delta, David Diaconu (SNSPA) Collective action in nationalized houses: empirical explorations, Viorel Proteasa (West University of Timisoara) The epistemic properties of polycentricity: evidence from Colombian and Chilean fisheries, Emil Panzaru (Consumer Choice Center, UK)
12:00-12:30	Tea & Coffee break
12:30-14:30	AUTHOR MEETS CRITICS BOOK PANEL Moderator: Dragoş Paul Aligică Foucault and Liberal Political Economy (Oxford University Press, 2025) by Mark Pennington (King's College London) Otto Lehto (New York University) Camil Pârvu (University of Bucharest) Kaveh Pourvand (Universidad San Sebastian)
14:30-15:00	Tea & Coffee break
15:00-16:30	Panel IV Moderator: Adelin Dumitru Economic resilience in the current geopolitical context: a systemic, institutional, and geoeconomic analysis of the structural transformations of the global economy, Gabriela Tiron (University of Bucharest) Project management as a strategic vector for digital transformation in education, Ramona Cîrcu (SNSPA) & Bogdan Besnea (SNSPA) Societal Resilience, "The Third Sector" and Technological Change: The Case of Preventive Health Care, Andreea-Mihaela Carţiş (University of Bucharest) & Paul-Dragoş Aligică (University of Bucharest)
16:30-17:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE (Online) Patterns of contestation: An exploration of the tension between diversity and stability Vlad TARKO (University of Arizona)
17:30	Closing remarks