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Voices and Silences: 50 years of the Society for Romanian Studies

This issue of *Echinox Journal* will publish the acts of the 2025 Triennial Conference of the SRS to be held in Cluj-Napoca in May 2025. The conference will mark 50 years since the creation of the Society for Romanian Studies. This moment in the life of the society calls us to celebrate the achievements and advances in Romanian studies of the past five decades but also for critical reflection on the purpose and contribution of Romanian Studies in a rapidly changing academic and intellectual context. On the occasion of this important gathering we also take the opportunity to imagine a Romanian studies of the future, and indeed the place of Romania and Moldova in 2075!

The conference theme aims to encourage a critical engagement with and deconstruction of dominant narratives of identity, history and culture whilst embracing alternative perspectives and voices heretofore considered marginal to Romanian Studies. Amongst other questions, *Voices and Silences* invites reflection on

- the grounding of scholarship in a nation state framework, and how this amplifies certain voices, and silences or mutes others
- the spaces, people, communities, minorities, diasporas and mobilities within and across borders that are underrepresented in contemporary Romanian studies
- the voices and silences of non-human or other than human actors in the environment, literature, culture and religions in Romania, Moldova and beyond
- the place and purpose of Romanian studies in Romania and in a globalized and deeply unequal academic ecosystem where the humanities and social sciences are increasingly under threat
- the legacy and future pathways of Romanian studies in this unique moment when regional and area studies are grappling with global challenges including war, decolonization, resurgent populist nationalism, climate change, AI and hypermodernity
- the polyphony that is Romanian studies and the opportunities for inter- and transdisciplinary conversations and collaborations
- the significance and impact of recent theoretical and methodological advances for the future of Romanian studies

Contributions should be submitted in English.

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