The long 20th century in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe witnessed an accelerated expansion of the national state, its bureaucracies and repressive apparatuses. This workshop tackles state encounters with ethnic minorities and religious groups perceived as different from the majority population. Based on new archival sources and interdisciplinary approaches, we aim to discuss the dynamic and multifaceted state encounters in Eastern and particularly South Eastern Europe. The workshop will focus on Romania but will not be restricted to it. It will address enduring issues such as transnational connections, socio-economic transformation processes, and the legacies of various regimes.

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PROGRAMME

	FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER
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15:00–15:45	Francesco Magno Trento Between Escape and Adaptation. Minority Lawyers and Judges and Greater Romania's Legislative Unification (1918-1927)
15:45-16:00	COFFEE BREAK
16:00-18:30	SECOND SESSION Chair: Robert Pichler
16:00–16.45	Andrei-Dan Sorescu Bucharest The Tsar and the Icon: Nation-Building and the Fear of Russian Subversion in Romania, From the 'Old Kingdom' to World War Two
16:45–17:30	Konrad Clewing Regensburg Caught in the Middle: The Legacy of the Serbian and Kosovar Dominance for the non-Albanian Communities of Kosovo
17:30-17.45	COFFEE BREAK
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09:30–11:45	FIRST SESSION Chair: Liliya Berezhnaya
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12:00-14:00	SECOND SESSION Chair: Mišo Kapetanović
12:00–12:45	Julie Dawson Vienna Sentiment or Symbol? Mapping Demolished Synagogues, Memory, and Jewish Folktales in Rural Maramureş
12:45–13:30	Ovidiu Olar Vienna An Implausible New Jerusalem
13:30–14:00	Concluding Remarks Discussant: Bogdan Iacob