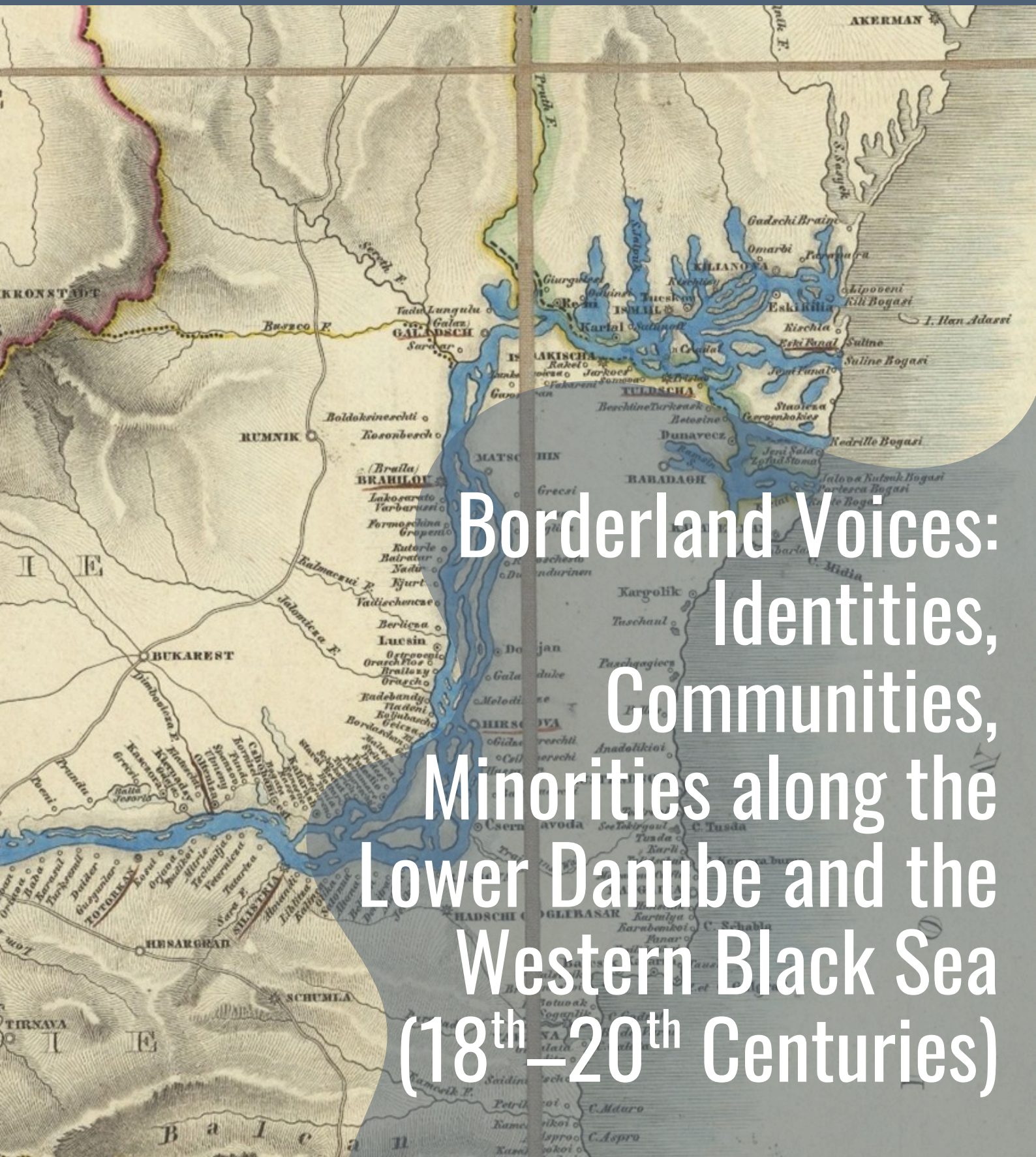
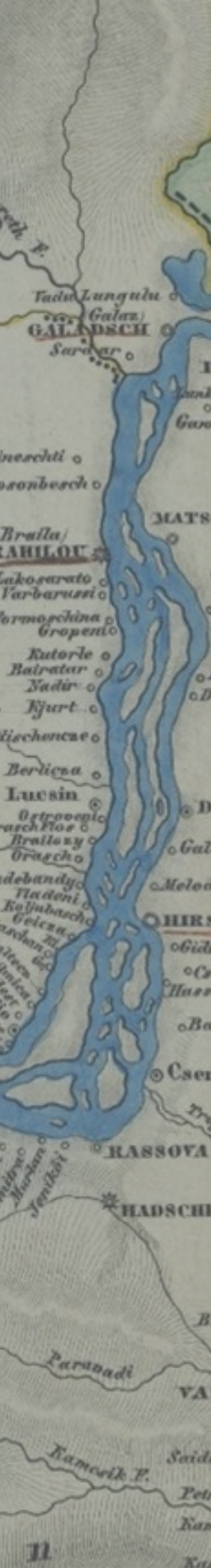


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Thursday | 22 October 2026

10:00-10:05

Opening remarks

Daniel Cain, *Director of the
Institute for South-East European Studies*

10:05-11:55

Panel 1

**Defining Communities: Legal Status,
Mobility, and Minority Formation**

*chair: Ștefan Dorondel, Institute for South-East
European Studies | “Francisc I Rainer” Institute of
Anthropology*

Viorel Panaite, *Institute for South-East
European Studies | University of Bucharest*

**Subjects of the Sultan: The Legal and
Administrative Status of Non-Muslims
in the Eighteenth-Century Danube Region**

Edith Uncu, *University of Bucharest*

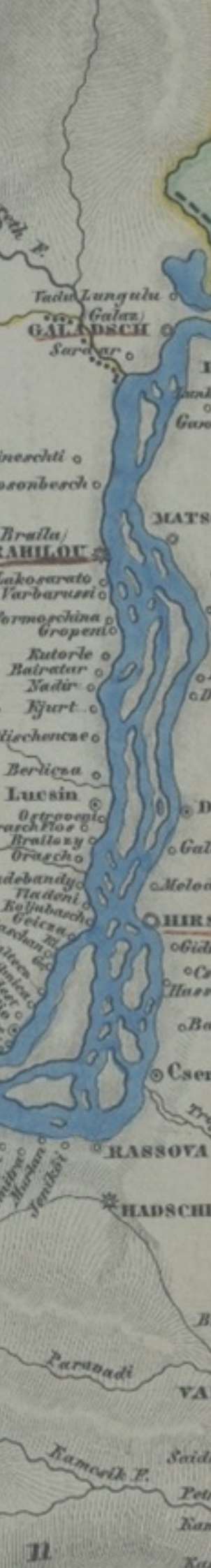
**The Greeks of Sulina: A Frontier Community
between Commercial Mobility, Navigation,
and Identity Formation**

Metin Omer, *Ovidius University of Constanța |
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**Diplomacy and Minority Construction:
Hamdullah Suphi Tanrıöver in Romania
(1931–1944) and the “Discovery” of the
Gagauz Community**

11:55-12:15

Coffee break

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Panel 2

Environment, Migration and Everyday Life in the Lower Danube Borderlands

*chair: Viorel Panaite, Institute for South-East
European Studies | University of Bucharest*

*Constantin Ardeleanu, Institute for South-East
European Studies | New Europe College*

An Unstable Border: Fishing, Ecological Conflict, and Diplomacy in the Danube Delta in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries

*Andrei Sorescu, New Europe College |
Maynooth University*

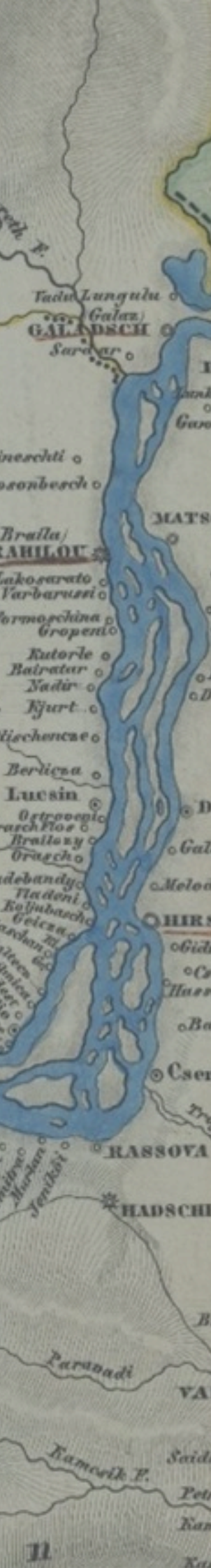
Globalising Dobruja: Corruption and Migration in a fin-de-siècle post-Ottoman Periphery

*Daniel Cain, Institute for South-East European
Studies*

Everyday Life at the Borderline: Some Aspects of the History of Dobruja (1878–1940)

*Ştefan Dorondel, Stelu Şerban, Institute for
South-East European Studies | Institute of
Anthropology*

Local Resistance to Environmental Conservation Projects: Fishing Hamlets on the Bulgarian Bank of the Danube

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Panel 3

**Imperial Borderlands:
Migration, Contestation, and Political
Projects on the Lower Danube**

*chair: Constantin Ardeleanu, Institute for
South-East European Studies | New Europe College*

**Svitalana Kaiuk, “Oles Honchar” Dnipro
National University**

**Between Empires: War, Migration, and the
Changing Forms of Cossack Identity in the
Lower Danube Region (1770s–1820s)**

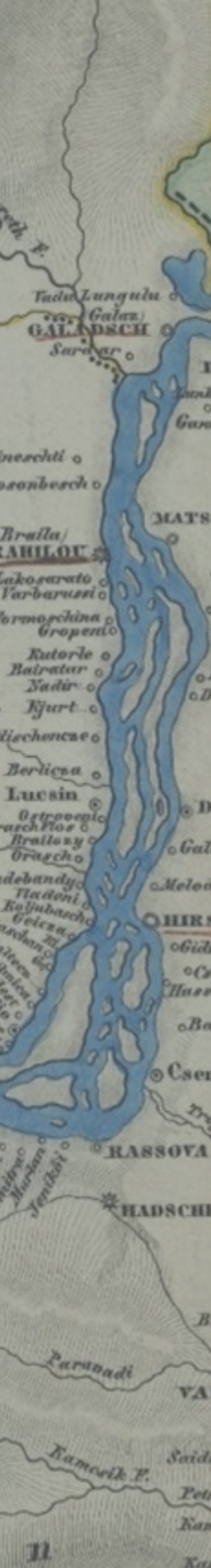
Andrei Emilciuc, Institute of History, Chişinău
**Forms of Protest among the Lipovan
Population of the Lower Danube against
Russian Imperial Socio-Economic Policies
(1812–1856 and 1878–1914)**

**Volodymyr Poltorak, Oriental Institute of the
Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague**

**Michal Czajkowski’s (Sadyk Pasha), Cossack
Project, and the Lower Danube Communities:
Politics, Literature, and Memory**

11:45-12:00

Coffee break

A historical map of the Danube Delta region, showing the river's complex branching pattern into the Black Sea. The map is in a vintage style with various place names in Latin and German script. Notable locations include GALATZ, SARAJEVO, and RASSOVA. The map is partially visible on the left side of the image, with the rest of the image being a solid dark blue background.

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Panel 4

**From Nationalization to Kin-State Politics:
Minority Communities and Boundaries in
the Northeastern Balkans**

*chair: Daniel Cain, Institute for South-East
European Studies*

**Petar Dobrev, Sofia University | Institute for
Historical Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences**

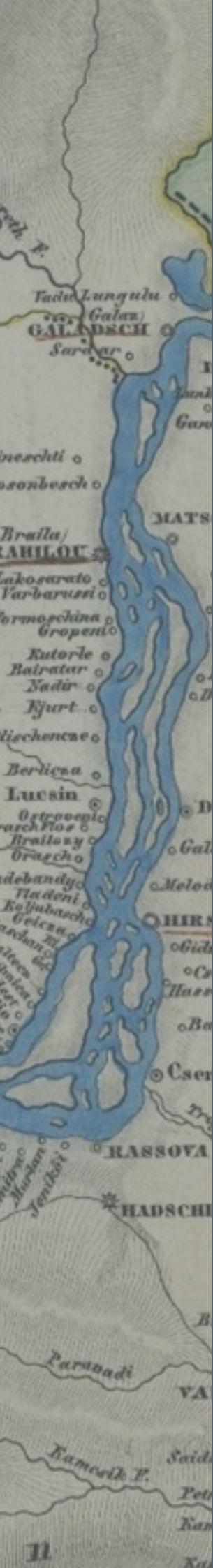
**The Fate of the Penchev Family in Northern
Dobruja: Between Integration and
Nationalization, 1878–1913**

**Adriana Cupcea, The Romanian Institute for
Research on National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca**

**Religious Soft Power in Turkey's Kin-State
Policy in the Balkans: Turkish State Actors
among Muslim Communities in Romania's
Dobrogea Region and in Kosovo**

**Polina Trifanova, Institute of Ethnology
and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum at
the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia**

**Maintaining Community Boundaries in a
Multicultural Society: The Case of Crimean
Tatars in Tsarev Brod Village, Bulgaria**



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