

PROGRAMME · EXTENDED SCHEDULE

Main conference *panels*

The main conference panels of TICPA 2026 and the papers presented in each of them. The panels run in parallel in the FSPAC 1 building, alongside the special panels, the keynote speeches and the Hungarian panel listed in the short schedule.

01–03 October 2026 Cluj-Napoca, Romania Babeş-Bolyai University · FSPAC

PANELS

1 OCTOBER 2026

PA Education (1)	16.00-18.15 · Room III/4	2
Digitalization and AI	16.00-18.15 · Room IV/3	2
PA topics (1)	16.00-18.15 · Room IV/6	3
Hungarian panel	16.00-18.15 · Room T3, FSPAC 2	–

2 OCTOBER 2026

PA Education (2)	9.00-11.00 · Room III/4	4
PA and Democracy	9.00-11.00 · Room IV/3	4
Tourism, creative industries and industrial heritage	9.00-11.00 · Room IV/5	5
Hungarian panel	9.00-11.00 · Room T3, FSPAC 2	–
PA reform	11.30-13.00 · Room IV/3	5
Evidence-based administration	11.30-13.00 · Room IV/6	6
PA topics (2)	11.30-13.00 · Room III/2	6
Hungarian panel	11.30-13.00 · Room T3, FSPAC 2	–
Public economics and finance	14.00-16.00 · Room IV/3	7
PA Topics (3)	14.00-16.00 · Room III/4	8
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PA Topics (4)	14.00-16.00 · Room III/2	9
Hungarian panel	14.00-16.00 · Room T3, FSPAC 2	–
PA Topics (5)	15.30-17.00 · Room III/2	9

– The Hungarian panel runs in parallel in room T3, FSPAC 2; its papers are listed in a separate programme, available on the conference website.



This is the extended programme. The opening, the keynote speeches, the five special panels and the social programme are listed in the short schedule, available on the conference website.

1 October 2026

Thursday · main conference panels

16.00

18.15

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL

PA Education (1)

Moderators: Prof. Gabriel Badescu, John Diamond

Room III/4

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (8)

Robert Gordon

University of Georgia, Athens

University–Community Partnerships Supporting Informed Decision-Making: A Public Service Model for Strengthening Democratic Governance

Phan Hoang Long

University of Danang

Universities as Strategic Partners in Evidence-Informed Policy Making: Towards a New Model of University–Government Collaboration in Vietnam

Dorin Spoaller

Babeş-Bolyai University

From SEO to GEO: How Romanian Universities Can Become Visible in the Era of AI-Generated Answers

Raluca Antonie

Babeş-Bolyai University

Who Judges AI in Public Administration

István Hoffman, Bernadette Somody

Eötvös Loránd University

Making Transversal Skills Visible: Digital Badges and Co-Creation in European Higher Education

Diana Iancu, Cătălin Vrabie, Mihai Ungureanu

National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest

Beyond Expertise: Universities as Democratic Anchors of Public Administration Reform

Purec Vasile Sorin

Constantin Brancusi University

Labor Discipline as a Governance Instrument: The Chilling Effect of Internal Regulations on Academic Freedom in Romanian Public Universities

Alina Slapac, Marius Boboc

University of Missouri–St. Louis

From Virtual Exchange to Public Value: International Communities of Practice for Evidence-Informed Public Administration

16.00

18.15

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL

Digitalization and AI

Moderators: Prof David Ferraz, Prof Raluca Antonie

Room IV/3

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (9)

Nicolae Urs, Ioana Nisioi, Alexandru Roja

Babeş-Bolyai University

Build it and they will come? Digital service uptake in Romanian cities

Ivona Babarelu

University of Bucharest

Digital Strategies of Romanian City Halls: An analysis of 22 local strategies

Arianna Romina Lucut

Babeş-Bolyai University

From the Digital Iron Cage to Conflict Mapping in an Algorithmic Administration

Matej Babšek

University of Ljubljana

Management Support for Artificial Intelligence Skills Development as a Driver of AI-Enabled Performance in the Public Sector: Evidence from Slovenia

- Poome Petkanjanapong**
National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), Thailand
Digital Government, Digital Inequality, and Social Exclusion among Older Persons: A Study of Local Administrative Organizations in Thailand
- Corina Turşie, Andreea Verteş**
West University of Timișoara
Digital public services and digital exclusion. Case-study: Ghiseul.ro national digital platform in Romania
- Aurel-Mihail Băloi, Daniel Peptenatu**
University of Bucharest
The Spatial Dimension of the Digitization of Public Administration in Romania (2007-2024)
- Claudia-Elena Marinică**
National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest
Assessing Institutional Mechanisms for E-Participation in Romanian Local Government
- Edit Soós**
University of Szeged
Digitalisation of Public Services in Hungary: transforming user-administration interaction

16.00
18.15

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL

PA topics (1)

Room IV/6
FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

Moderators: Prof. Polya Katsamunska, Prof. Octavian Moldovan

PAPERS (9)

Zintsem A Nkeng Jules Arthur
Babeş-Bolyai University
Public Service Delivery and Trust in Institutions during the Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon: Governance Challenges in a Fragile Context

Konstantinos Spanoudakis
University of Crete
University and Public Libraries: A Case Study of Crete

Valerii Tertchka
National University of Ostroh Academy, Ukraine
Why Collaborative Governance Is the Best Model for Building Ukraine's Postwar Ecosystem

Zorzoană Ionela Alina
National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest
Energy Security and Democratic Resilience: The Changing Role of Public Administration

Horia Mihai Raboca, Felix Mora
Babeş-Bolyai University / Bistrița-Năsăud County Police Inspectorate
Analysis of the level of satisfaction of citizens regarding the activity of the Bistrița-Năsăud County Police Inspectorate

Tapan Sharma
Weaver's Service Centre
From Service Delivery to Public Value: Reimagining Specialized Public Institutions as Innovation Ecosystems – Evidence from India's Handloom and Artisan Sector

Farkas András
Corvinus University of Budapest
From Perceived Agency to Community Action / Benchmarking the Enabling Role of Urban Youth

Andrei Barbu Irina, Brişcariu Roxana Maria, Burduf Mădălina, Muntean Iustina
Bucharest University of Economic Studies
A methodological approach to measuring organizational stress caused by administrative reforms

Carausan Mihaela-Victorita
National School of Political and Administrative Studies
Learning to Adapt: Behavioral Dynamics in Complex Governance Environments

2 October 2026

Friday · main conference panels

9.00

11.00

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL

PA Education (2)

Moderators: Prof. Leslie Pal, Prof. Gyorgy Hajnal

Room III/4

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (8)

Pîrvu Cătălin

Bucharest University of Economic Studies

From Emotional Intelligence to Public Value: Rethinking Leadership and Teaching in Public Administration

Giorgiana Gasca

Babeş-Bolyai University

A Best Practice Guide on Increasing Women's Inclusion in Romanian Academia

Burlacu Sorin

Bucharest University of Economic Studies

Competency-Aligned Decision Simulations for Digital Government Education: Evidence from a Pilot Study and Post-Pilot Instrument Audit

Nicoleta Mihoc

University of Bucharest

Beyond Mandatory National Accreditation: The Adoption Of Voluntary International Accreditation by Public Administration Programs in the European Union (Eu-27)

Teodora Biţoiu, Mădălina Cocoşatu

National School of Political and Administrative Studies

Artificial Intelligence and the Adaptive Economy of Higher Education: Assessing University Competitiveness through PDP

Andrei Ducman, Aurel Mihail Băloi, Andrei Rafael Gruia, Fabian Manuel Gruia, Daniel Peptenatu

University of Bucharest

The Spatial Dimension of Education System Digitalization: A Case Study of The Bucharest-Ilfov Development Region, Romania

Oana Stănculeţ, Aurel Mihail Băloi, Andrei Rafael Gruia, Teodor Sebastian Cosma, Daniel Peptenatu

University of Bucharest

Territorial Disparities in Educational Digitalization: Public Procurement and Administrative Capacity in South-West Oltenia (2007-2024)

Ubonwan Bunkaew

Prince of Songkla University, Suratthani Campus

Coercive Institutional Pressures and University Personnel Well-being: The Buffering Role of Sport Engagement in Higher Education Transformation – A Mixed-Methods Study

9.00

11.00

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL

PA and Democracy

Moderators: Prof. George Jiglău, Prof. Edoardo Ongaro

Room IV/3

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (8)

Lesya Ilchenko-Syuyva, Gennadii Riabtsev, Oleksandr Kiliievych

Andriy Meleshevykh Kyiv-Mohyla School of Governance, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Co-Creation and Public Value for Strengthening Evidence-Based Policymaking in Times Of Uncertainty: The Case of Ukraine

Bianka Valerieva Tosheva-Pesheva

University of National and World Economy

Managing the Inherent Chaos of International Relations: The European Union Between Chaos and Order through Twelve Simple Rules

Saioc Catalina

University of Bucharest

Coordination Before Institutionalization? Romania's Early Response to the Ukrainian Refugee Crisis (2022)

Dmitriy Sokol

Matej Bel University

Authoritarian Governance and Public Service Delivery: Divergent Outcomes in Belarus and China

- Gajduschek György**
Law and Public Administration in the post-communist (semi-peripheral) countries. Why is the law extremely important and perfectly irrelevant at the same time?
- Andrei Miroiu**
National School of Political and Administrative Studies
Democracy 3.0: Democratic Processes and Public Administration in a Highly Robotized Near Future
- Gennadii Riabtsev**
Andriy Meleshevykh Kyiv-Mohyla School of Governance, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
Lessons from the Coldest Front: Transformation of Public Policy for Ensuring Ukraine's Energy Security under Wartime Crises
- Robert Castrucci, Antonio Mauro, Raffaele Nicolussi**
Fondazione Ugo Bordon - Italy
Mapping public value and democratic deficit in European public sector AI: the profile of an absence

9.00
11.00

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL

Tourism, creative industries and industrial heritage

Moderators: Prof. Bianca Radu, Prof. Tudor Ticlau

Room IV/5
FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (8)

Dhiyathad Prateppornnarong, Srayoot Thadsri
National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), Thailand / Srayoot Thadsri
The Proposition of a Policy Framework for a UNESCO City of Design through Findings from a Systematic Literature Review: The Case of Bangkok

Mihaela Martin, Diana Tanase, Claudia Pau
Babeş-Bolyai University
Industrial heritage and civic identities in Resita, Romania

Bogdan Berceanu
National School of Political and Administrative Studies
Inter-Institutional Collaboration for Cultural Heritage Promotion in Romania: An Exploratory Study

Maria-Alexandra Pricop, Cristian-Constantin Drăghici
University of Bucharest
Cultural Heritage Governance in the Context of Public Policies: Models, Trends, and Challenges

Andreea Karina Gruia, Andrei Rafael Gruia, Fabian Manuel Gruia, Răzvan Mihail Papuc, Daniel Peptenatu
University of Bucharest
The Role of the Creative Economy in Romania's Local Economy (2000-2024): A Multiscale Analysis Based on Turnover and Number of Employees

Marian-Andrei Vintilă, Cristian Constantin Drăghici
University of Bucharest
Public Policies Supporting Film-Induced Tourism in Romania: From National Audiovisual Incentives to Destination Promotion through Netflix's Wednesday

Manuel Fabian Gruia, Andrei Rafael Gruia, Teodor Sebastian Cosma, Daniel Peptenatu
University of Bucharest
Computational Reconstruction of Heritage Sites Using Generative Models and Archival Data

Popescu Ruxandra-Irina, Sabie Oana Matilda, Ioniță (Purdescu) Florentina
Bucharest University of Economic Studies
Institutional Innovation in Public Museums: How Leadership Styles Shape Digital Reform and Citizen Engagement

11.00
11.30

Coffee break

In front of room 101, FSPAC 1
and FSPAC cafeteria, FSPAC 2

11.30
13.00

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL

PA reform

Moderators: Prof. Geert Bouckaert, Prof. Constantin Marius Profiroiu

Room IV/3
FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (6)

Emil Turc

Université d'Aix-Marseille, IMPGT

*A typology of administrative simplification in an exceptional context: Imposed and emergent practices of simplification in the context of the sanitary crisis***Liviu Radu**

Babeş-Bolyai University

*The challenges of territorial administrative reform. The case of Romania***Bianca Veronica Radu, Diana-Camelia Iancu, Iulian-Costin Matache, Ioana Andreea Dogeanu**

Babeş-Bolyai University / National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest

*Politicization at the Ministerial Level in Romania (2024–2026): Patterns of Turnover and Political Experience***Ana Raluca Alecu**

National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest

*Trust under Pressure: Crisis Governance and the Democratic Legitimacy of EU Institutions***András Bencsik**

Eötvös Loránd University

*Efforts Toward Centralization in Hungarian Public Administration—What's Next?***Alina Georgiana Proftoroiu, Laura Mina Raiu, Corina Cristiana Nastaca**

Bucharest University of Economic Studies

Challenges of Current Administrative Reforms in Romania

11.30

13.00

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL**Evidence-based administration****Room IV/6**

Moderators: Prof. Sorana Constantinescu

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (7)**Teodor Sebastian Cosma, Răzvan Mihail Papuc, Daniel Peptenatu**

University of Bucharest

*Governance of metropolitan rail mobility. Getting on the train as a public service performance indicator and a tool for substantiating the administrative decision in the Bucharest-Ilfov Development Region***Andreea-Mihaela Carţiş**

University of Bucharest

*Societal Resilience, "The Third Sector" and Technological Change: The Case of Preventive Health Care***Dorina Mirela Pîslaru**

University of Bucharest

*Not One Reason but Many: What a Latent Class Analysis of Smoking Persistence Suggests About Evidence-Based Public Administration***Izabela-Flavia Hejja**

University of Bucharest

*Behavioral Insights as Public Sector Innovation: Mapping Cognitive Biases and Interventions in Public Health (1994 - 2026)***Anna Zsófia Nemes**

Eötvös Loránd University

*The Changing Role of Municipalities in the Field of Means-Tested Cash Benefits in Hungary***Andreea Aron**

University of Bucharest

*Social Desirability Bias and the Measurement of Public / Employee Attitudes: A Monte Carlo Simulation Approach***Adrian Solcan***Guarding the Common Good through Public Sector Audit: Comparative Perspectives on Audit Frameworks in Romania and European States*

11.30

13.00

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL**PA topics (2)****Room III/2**

Moderators: prof Eckhard Schröter, prof Nicolae Urs

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (6)

Sabinna Schnell

Corvinus University of Budapest

*The Double-Edged Sword of Informality: Employee Performance Management in Theory and Practice in a Hybrid Administrative System***Octavian Moldovan, David Barnes**

Babeş-Bolyai University / Bryan College, Dayton, US

*PA education in perspective – what drives students toward this field?***Daniel Pop, Cosmin Marian**

Babeş-Bolyai University

*The EU's structural policy creation problem. The case of RRF***Zai Paul-Vasile, Lupu Ionela Cristina**

Babeş-Bolyai University / University of Bucharest

*Administrative Simplification through the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Public Procurement Innovation***Marius Boboc**

University of Missouri-St. Louis

*Community Learning Labs as catalysts for public value: Redefining university–community partnerships to strengthen public administration***Bulău Olaru Ioana-Gabriela**

Babeş-Bolyai University

The Impact of Strategic Perspective and Associativity on the Competitive Advantage of the Romanian Rural Area

13.00

Lunch

FSPAC garden, behind FSPAC 3

14.00

Septimiu Albini 12

14.00

16.00

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL**Public economics and finance****Room IV/3**

Moderators: Prof. Bogdan Moldovan, Prof. Daniel Pop

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (8)**Elena Cigu**

Al. I. Cuza University, Iasi

*Tax Policy in Decentralized Local Governments: An Integrated Framework of Governance Quality, Administrative Capacity, and Digitalization***Ioan Bulz**

Romanian Academy

*Corruption and the Future of Democracy: Regional Perceptions of the Economic Costs to the State Budget***Alexandru Todea**

Babeş-Bolyai University

*Institutions, Investment, and Regional Development in the European Union***Boubetra Issam Sid Ahmed, Abdelmalik Mezhouda, Annie Bartoli, Carles Ramió**

Mohamed El Bachir El Ibrahim University of Bordj Bou Arréridj, Algeria / École Nationale Supérieure de Management (ENSM), Koléa, Algeria / University of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (UVSQ), France / Pompeu Fabra University (UPF), Barcelona, Spain

*Rebuilding Administrative Capacity for Democratic Resilience: Local Governance under Fiscal and Digital Pressure in Transitional Contexts***Paul Horea Hossu**

Babeş-Bolyai University

*Employed but Insecure: Economic Vulnerability and Labour Market Risks in Romania***Daniel Constantin Diaconu, Andreea Karina Gruia, Alexandra Grecu, Cristian Constantin Drăghici, Daniel Peptenatu, George Zaimes**

University of Bucharest

*Employment Dynamics in the Agricultural Economy: Evidence from the Bucharest-Ilfov Development Region***Zsombor Ercsey**

Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church

*The Public Value Perspective in Tax Administration***Alexandra Grecu, Andrei Rafael Gruia, Fabian Manuel Gruia, Daniel Peptenatu**

University of Bucharest

The Resilience of Administrative Systems with a Tourism Function, Assessed Using a Composite Index

14.00
16.00

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL

PA Topics (3)

Room III/4

Moderators: Prof. Andrew Massey, Prof. Simona Creta

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (8)

Liviu Andreescu

University of Bucharest

Practicing priesthood without a license: religious corporatism and the legal and administrative undermining of religious competition

Thanaporn Tengratanaprasert

National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), Thailand

Transforming Digital Government Services Through Human Resource Management: A Case Study of Thailand

Roxana Wang

University of Bucharest

Public Administration, Religious Pluralism, and Democratic Resilience: State-Religion Collaborative Governance in Orthodox-Majority EU Member States

Tang Mengling

University of Debrecen

China's Guiding Cases and Judicial Consistency: Institutional Design, Practical Limits, and Public Value

Laksup Apirakvanalee

National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA), Thailand

Depoliticizing State Power: Critical Discourse Studies of Thai Bureaucratic Development Strategies

Maria Karcz-Kaczmarek

University Lodz

Professional self-governance – a foundation of democracy or a platform for misconduct? Considerations in the context of the democratization of healthcare in Poland

Isaiah Nyambariga Ndege

Corvinus University of Budapest

Implementation Beyond Formal Compliance: Explaining Divergent Outcomes in Anti-Corruption Reforms in Sub-Saharan Africa

Ciprian Sandu, Anisoara Pavelea, Claudia Chiorean

Babeş-Bolyai University

Unresolved Institutional Conflict and Student Alienation: A Qualitative Analysis of High School Governance through the Lens of Self-Determination Theory

14.00
16.00

MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL

Legal aspects

Room IV/5

Moderators: Prof. András Bencsik, Prof. Cristina Haruta

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (8)

Bertold Baranyi

Eötvös Loránd University

A Review of the Principles Governing the Regulation of Grounds of Attorneys' Incompatibility

Cynthia Carmen Deaconescu

Babeş-Bolyai University

Anatomy of a Fall: Some Considerations on the Independence of the Romanian Judiciary in European Context

Dan Velicu

University Nicolae Titulescu

Institutional Consultation and Democratic Governance: The Changing Role of the Romanian Chambers of Commerce in Economic Lawmaking

Andrei Toca

Babeş-Bolyai University

Review Bodies and Fundamental Rights: The Judicial Character Question

Călin-Ioan Rus

Babeş-Bolyai University

Designing a Democratic Digital Public Administration: Positive and Negative Obligations towards Citizens

Siket Judit

University of Szeged

*The Impact of Accelerated Administrative Procedures on the Procedural Rights of Affected Clients and Parties***Erzsébet Csatlós**

University of Szeged

*Data Without Borders, Remedies Without Reach: Rethinking Legal Protection in Authority Proceedings***Bak Márton Ferenc**

University of Debrecen

*One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: Taking Stock of European Union Platform Regulation*14.00
16.00**MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL****PA Topics (4)****Room III/2**

Moderators: Prof. Ioan Hosu, Prof. Alina Profiroiu

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (9)**Ovidiu Puiu**

Babeş-Bolyai University

*Women's Leadership and Community Dynamics in Rural Romania: An Exploratory Comparative Study***Viorel Mihaila**

University of Bucharest

*Rethinking Crisis Management in Public Administration: The Promise and Pitfalls of Scenario Planning***Bartha Ildikó, Tamás M. Horváth**

University of Debrecen

*The Role of Corporatization in the Integration of Local Government Systems in Central and Eastern Europe***János András Pribelszki**

Eötvös Loránd University

*Expected solidarity or an attack on local government autonomy? - Issues surrounding the solidarity contribution***Razvan Croitoru**

Alexandru I. Cuza University, Iasi

*Human Resource Development in Local Public Administration: Accountability, Transparency, and Corruption Prevention***István Hoffman, Bernadette Somody**

Eötvös Loránd University

*Child Participation in Local Governance in Central and Eastern Europe: Institutional Limits and Pathways to Integration***Andrei Rafael Gruia, Daniel Constantin Diaconu, Andreea Karina Gruia, Daniel Peptenatu**

University of Bucharest

*The Cost Of Growth: Quantifying the Pressure of Accelerated Urbanization on Agricultural Land***Bianca Andrianu**

Babeş-Bolyai University

*Analyzing the Sextuple Helix Model in Developing Communities: The Case of Cluj-Napoca***Bigu Ana-Mădălina, Pârvu Ioana-Alexandra**

Bucharest University of Economic Studies

*Stress as a Quality Issue: Building Safer Healthcare Organizations*15.30
17.00**MAIN CONFERENCE PANEL****PA Topics (5)****Room III/2**

Moderators: Prof. Nicolae Urs

FSPAC 1 - Traian Moşoiu 71

PAPERS (4)**Laura Irimies, Cosmin Irimies**

Babeş-Bolyai University

*Institutional credibility in university-public sector partnerships: Communicational congruence and academic diplomacy at Babes-Bolyai University***Magda Odobescu, Cosmin Irimies**

Babeş-Bolyai University

New approaches to organizational communication

Public Administration Capacity for SDG Implementation Trends, Themes and Research Gaps in the Literature

In front of room 101, FSPAC 1
and FSPAC cafeteria, FSPAC 2

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