

International Workshop

From Asia to the EU: Labour Migration and Social Protection

3-4 November 2026

Venue: Minerilor Street 85, FSPAC 2 Building, Room: T1

Cluj-Napoca, Romania & Online

Tuesday, 3 November 2026

11:00–11:30

Registration

11:30–12:00

Welcome Remarks

Professor Dr. Călin Hîntea, Dean of Faculty of Political Science, Administrative and Communication Sciences

Professor Dr. Hanna Orsoeya Vincze, Vice-dean of Faculty of Political Science, Administrative and Communication Sciences

Áron Telegdi-Csetri (CASTLE Centre)

Introducing the CASTLE2 Project: Support for the Vulnerable – Transnational Social Protection for Families of Migrants from Bangladesh

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12:00–12:45

Panel 1- Transnational Labour Migration and Social Protection

Moderator: Viorela Ducu (CASTLE Centre)

Muhammad Islam

National Defence University, Pakistan

Transnational Social Protection and Care in Practice: A Case Study of Afghan Migrant Families and Vulnerability in EU Labour Migration Corridors

Jannatul Ferdous

Comilla University, Bangladesh

Precarious Mobility, Fragmented Protection: Bangladeshi Migrant Workers and Welfare Across Borders

Poonam Uikey

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India

Tribal Labour Migrants, Precarity, Vulnerability, and Transnational Social Protection

12:45–13:15 | Coffee Break

13:15–14:00

Panel 2- Migration, Vulnerability and Emerging Forms of Protection

Moderator: Áron Telegdi-Csetri (CASTLE Centre)

Katerina Tsapopoulou

Human Rights Lawyer & Researcher Attorney at Law at the Supreme Court of Greece

Bangladeshi Migration and Social Protection in Greece: Emerging Perspectives

Mohammad Jalal Uddin Sikder

Associate Professor North South University, Bangladesh

Migration at what cost? Hidden insecurities behind the image of prosperity.

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Murtaza Mohiqi

University of Agder, Norway

Datafied Labour Migration and the Future of Transnational Social Protection

14:00-14:30- Networking break

17:00- 18:30 – Theatre performance: „Aici, acolo, nicăieri – The Romanian Dream” Aula Studio, 2 Burebista Street, Cluj-Napoca

19:00- Dinner (UBB Casa Universitarilor, Mihail Kogălniceanu 5, Cluj-Napoca)

Wednesday, 4 November 2026

09:30–10:30

Keynote Address: Asuncion Fresnoza- Flot

Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

Politicising lived experiences through a humanising lens: social protection in labour-market oriented migrations from Asia to the EU

10:30–10:45

Áron Telegdi-Csetri & Viorela Ducu

CASTLE Centre for the Study of Transnational Families, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania
Navigating Hybrid Transnational Social Protection in Bangladeshi Migrant Workers’ Families: Empirical Evidence from CASTLE2

10:45–11:15 | Coffee Break

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11:15–12:30

Panel 1 – Migration Governance and Labour Migration Regimes

Moderator: Eva Laszlo (CASTLE Centre)

Andriana Coșciug, Alexandra Porumbescu, Simona Mihaiu & Anatolie Coșciug

Romanian Center of Comparative Migration Studies (CSCM), Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Uneven Protection and Precarious Incorporation: Asian Labour Migration in Romania's Emerging Migration Regime

Ovidiu Oltean & Iulia Hossu

CASTLE Centre, Babeş-Bolyai University

Assembling Protection Across Divergent Migration Corridors: Bangladeshi Transnational Families in Bangladesh, Greece and Romania

Ioana Popescu & Georgiana Bădescu

University of Vienna, Center for Legal Resources (CLR)

“I came as a legal, and Romania made me illegal”: the production of irregularity within the Romanian labor-migration regime, in light of the amnesty program

Ana-Octavia Golășilă

University of Bucharest

Migration Governance and Migrant Vulnerability in Romania: Reflections on Asian Migration and the Challenges of the EU Periphery

Shahanaz Parven Hossain

University of Palermo

Beyond the “Transit Country”: Rethinking Migratory Routes through Urban Transition Hubs

12:30- 13:30 – Lunch

13:30- 14:45

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Panel 2 – Care, Integration and Everyday Experiences

Moderator: Daniela Angi (CASTLE Centre)

Meetha Ram

Dalhousie University, Canada

Nationality, Labour Market Segmentation, and Differentiated Integration: South Asian Migrants in Italy

Eva Laszlo, Mara Birou & Dani Roșca

CASTLE Centre, Babeş-Bolyai University

A System in Transition: Frontline Adaptation and Welfare Brokerage in Supporting Bangladeshi Migrant Workers in Romania

Mega Nisfa Makhroja

University of Warsaw, Poland

Studying, working, caring: Negotiating Social Protection and Care Work Among Indonesian Student Mothers in Poland

Nahida Yasmin Sumaiya

Universitatea de Vest Timișoara, Romania

Urban Infrastructure Barriers and the Everyday Experiences of Asian Migrant Workers in Romania

Ionuț Anghel, Alina Pop, Filip Alexandrescu & Elena Trifan

Research institute for quality of life, Romanian Academy

Racialized Labor at Europe's Periphery: Migrant Exploitation and Weak Institutional Protection in Romania

14:45- 15:15 | Coffee Break

15:15- 16:30

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Panel 3 – Changing Routes, Unequal Protections: Asian Migration and Labour in Europe

Moderator: Ovidiu Oltean (CASTLE Centre)

Ana-Maria Cîrstea

Newcastle University, UK

A new global care chain? Exploring the role of Southeast Asian migrant workers in the aged care industry in Romania

Zahra Bagheri

Central European University, Vienna

Asian Women Humanities Graduates in Austria: Labor Market Outcomes (Migration, Gender, and Labor)

Adéla Chvilková Kolářová

Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Brno

Older Vietnamese in Czechia: Social Protection between Family and Welfare State

Gabriele De Luca

University for Continuing Education Krems

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Bishnu Bahadur Khatri & Mahendra Tamang

University of South Wales (USW), University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD), UK

Emerging Nepali Youth Migration to Europe: Trends, Traps and Labour Diplomacy

16:30–17:00

Closing Remarks

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