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Rhetorical Strategies and Political Engagement in Post-1989 Public Discourse in Romania

While theoretical pronouncements, as well as applied studies on the general topic of rhetoric and political engagement have been abundant especially in Western contemporary research in the social and human sciences, Romanian public discourse and its complex cluster of political, (social) media, national(ist), and civic practices (to name just a few) remains in the early stages of scholarly scrutiny worldwide.

Hence, this special issue on Romanian Public Discourse post-1989 intends to offer an opportunity for academic perspectives exploring the “starting points” of public arguments (Chaim Perelman, The New Rhetoric) and the discursive challenges specific for geopolitics arenas in Romania, but also to invite academics to discover novel areas of research.

 Accordingly, for this special issue the co-editors invite scholarly contributions on Romanian public discourse in one or more of its comprehensive practices post-1989. Possible avenues of investigation may include, but are not limited to the following thematic foci:

- Nationalism/National Identity Discourses;
- Populist and/or Extremist Discursive Practices;
- Traditionalism and Religion in Discourse;
- Media and/Politics;
- Public Participation and Protests;
- The Public Sphere and the Politics of Politicians;
- Agents and Publics of Social Media;
- The Discourse of Post-Dependency.

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