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# *Dialogue and Cooperation in the Black Sea and Balkan Regions*

BSUN 2022 Congress / BUA 2022 Congress  
October 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Bucharest, Romania



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and Balkan Universities Association cordially invite you to the  
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**“Dialogue and Cooperation in the Black Sea and Balkan Regions”**

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## The Balkan University Association

currently includes 78 universities from the Balkan Region, from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Kosovo, Republic of North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Turkey. The Association aims to be a collaborative academic platform, fostering the cooperation among our universities and countries in the Balkans, to endorse Balkan Studies and to provide academic expertise concerning the region.

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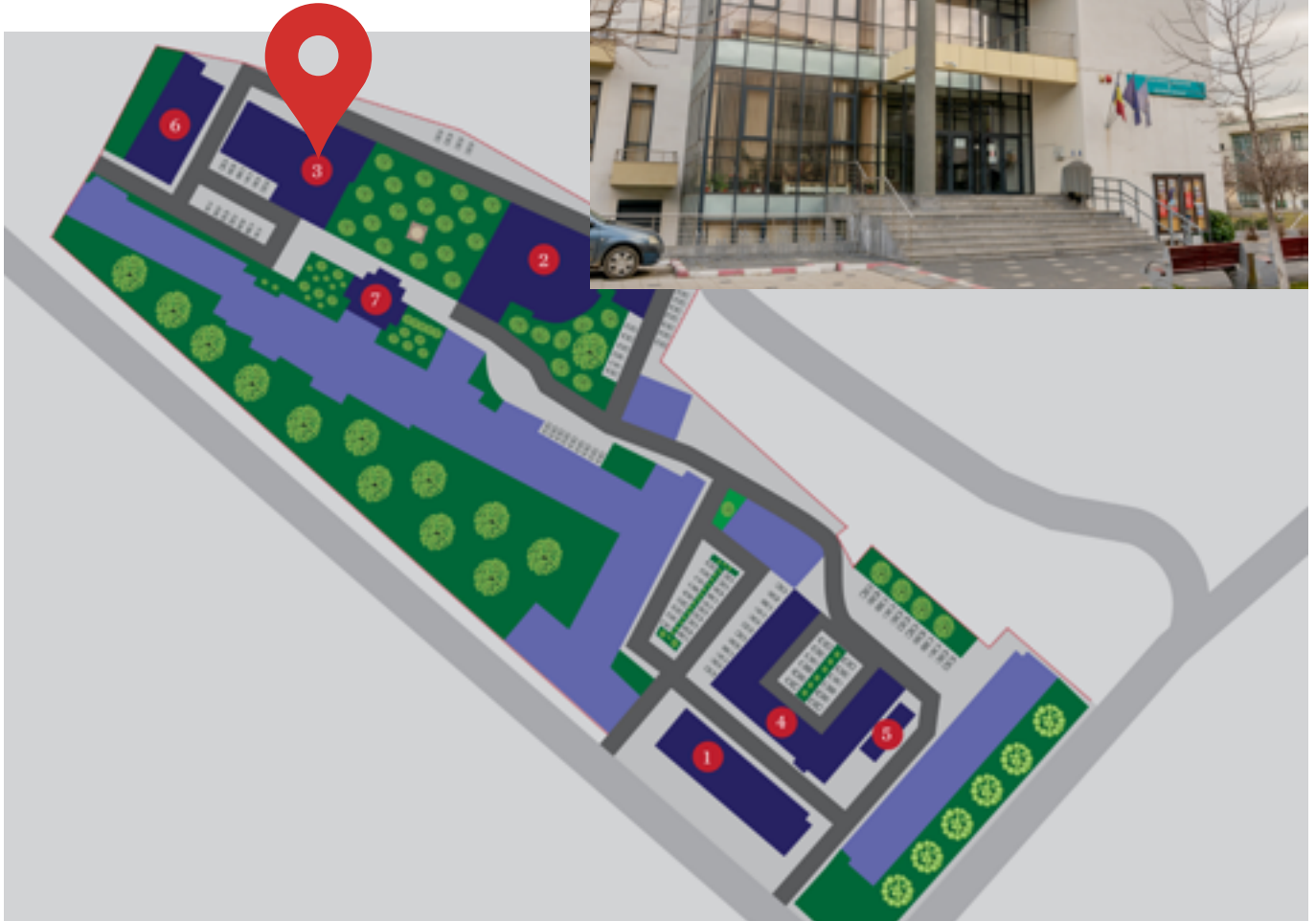
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## Location

90 Panduri Street, District 5,  
Bucharest, 050663, ROMANIA



- 1 Rectoratul Universității din București  
*Rectorate of the University of Bucharest*
- 2 Facultatea de Psihologie și Științele Educației  
*Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences*
- 3 Facultatea de Sociologie și Asistență Socială  
*Faculty of Sociology and Social Work*
- 4 Facultatea de Chimie  
*Faculty of Chemistry*
- 5 Casierie  
*Pay Desk*
- 6 Căminul Gaudeamus  
*Gaudeamus Dorm*
- 7 Capela „Elisabeta Doamna”  
*“Elisabeta Doamna” Chapel*

### Legendă hartă:

- Clădiri  
*Buildings*
- Clădire în curs de reabilitare  
*Buildings in course of rehabilitation*
- Carosabil interior campus  
*Campus roadways*
- Străzi principale  
*Main roads*
- Parcare  
*Parking lot*
- Spațiu verde  
*Green zone*



## Program

Congress Venue: University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, 90 Panduri Street

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### DAY 1 – October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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|-------------|--|
| 8:30–9:30   | <b>Registration</b>  |
| 9:30–11:00  | <p><b>Opening Remarks [Room 205]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Sorin Costreie</b> (University of Bucharest)</p> <p><b>Marian Preda:</b> Rector, University of Bucharest (<i>host</i>)<br/> <b>Nicolae Ciucă:</b> Prime Minister – <i>video message</i><br/> <b>Mariya Gabriel:</b> Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth – <i>video message</i><br/> <b>Mircea Geoaană:</b> Deputy Secretary General of NATO – <i>video message</i><br/> <b>Ligia Deca:</b> Minister of Education<br/> <b>Sebastian Burduja:</b> Minister of Research, Innovation and Digitalization<br/> <b>Bogdan Aureescu:</b> Minister of Foreign Affairs<br/> <b>Vasile Dîncu:</b> Minister of National Defense – <i>video message</i><br/> <b>Erol Özvar:</b> President of the Council of Higher Education in Türkiye<br/> <b>Pericles Mitkas:</b> President of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education, former president of BSUN and BUA<br/> <b>Iulian Chifu:</b> State Advisor to the Prime Minister<br/> <b>Iulian Fota:</b> Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs<br/> <b>George Tuță:</b> Member and Questor of Chamber of Deputies<br/> <b>Emil Constantinescu:</b> Former President of Romania 1996–2000<br/> <b>Asaf Hajiyevev:</b> Secretary General of Parliamentary Assembly of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (PABSEC)<br/> <b>Karin Markides:</b> President of Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN)<br/> <b>Mircea Dumitru:</b> President of Balkan Universities Association (BUA)</p> |
| 11:00–12:00 | <p><b>The Message of the Ambassadors [Room 205]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Sorin Costreie</b> (University of Bucharest)</p> <p><i>H.E. Ambassador of the Republic of France</i> <b>Mrs. Laurence Auer</b><br/> <i>H.E. Ambassador of Greece</i> <b>Mrs. Sofia Grammata</b><br/> <i>H.E. Ambassador of Italy</i> <b>Mr. Alfredo Maria Durante Mangoni</b><br/> <i>H.E. Ambassador of Poland</i> <b>Mr. Maciej Lang</b><br/> <i>H.E. Ambassador of Türkiye</i> <b>Mrs. Füsün Aramaz</b></p>  |
| 12:00–12:30 | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| 12:30–14:00 | <p><b>Plenary Session: “Dialogue and Economic Cooperation in the Black Sea &amp; Balkan Region” [Room 205]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Eden Mamut</b> (General Secretary of BSUN)</p> <p><b>Invited speaker: Jeffrey Sachs</b> (Columbia University)</p>  |



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| 14:00–15:00 | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| 15:00–17:00 | <b>Workshop on “The role of Universities in the New Regional and Global Context” [Room 205]</b><br><br><b>Chair: Dragoș Aligică</b> (KPMG Professor of Governance and co-director of Black Sea Area Studies Program, University of Bucharest)<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sonia Sachs</b>, Columbia University</li><li>• <b>Marian Preda</b>, University of Bucharest</li><li>• <b>Phoebe Koundouri</b>, Athens University of Economics and Business</li><li>• <b>Karin Markides</b>, American University of Armenia</li><li>• <b>Mehmet Naci Inci</b>, Boğaziçi University</li><li>• <b>Cătălina Ancuța</b>, West University of Timișoara</li><li>• <b>Mykhailo Zghurovskiy</b>, “Igor Sikorsky” National Technical University of Ukraine</li></ul> |
| 17:00–17:30 | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| 17:30–19:00 | <b>Plenary Session on “The role of Higher Education in turbulent times” [Room 205]</b><br><br><b>Chair: Romiță Iucu</b> (University of Bucharest)<br><br><b>Invited speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Erol Özvar</b>: President of the Council of Higher Education in Turkey</li><li>• <b>Pericles Mitkas</b>: President of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education, former President of BSUN &amp; BUA</li></ul>   |
| 19:00–20:00 | <b>Free time / Guided visit of the Center of Bucharest</b>   |
| 20:00–22:00 | <b>Dinner – Aria TNB Restaurant</b> – No. 2 Bd. Nicolae Bălcescu   |





## DAY 2 – October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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| 8:30–9:00   | <b>Registration</b>  |
| 9:00–10:30  | <p><b>Plenary Session on “Relaunching the Dialogue and Cooperation in the Black Sea &amp; Balkan Region” [Room 205]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Dragoș Aligiță</b> (KPMG Professor of Governance and co-director of Black Sea Area Studies Program, University of Bucharest)</p> <p><b>Invited speaker</b> (supported by British Council): <b>Rick Fawn</b> (St. Andrews University)</p>  |
| 10:30–12:00 | <p><b>Plenary Session on “Sustainable development in the Black Sea &amp; Balkan Region” [Room 205]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Pericles Mitkas</b> (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)</p> <p><b>Invited speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nicolaos Theodossiou</b> (Chair UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network – SDSN)</li> <li>• <b>Lazăr Comănescu</b> (Secretary General, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation – BSEC)</li> <li>• <b>László Borbély</b> (State Advisor to the Prime Minister, coordinator of the 2030 Agenda)</li> </ul>   |
| 12:00–12:30 | <b>Coffee Break</b>  |
| 12:30–14:00 | <p><b>Parallel Sessions</b></p> <p><b>Parallel Session on energy and sustainable development in the Black Sea Area [Room 205]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Radu Dudău</b> (University of Bucharest)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ibrahim Dincer</b> (Ontario Tech University)</li> <li>• <b>Cosmin Ghiță</b> (NuclearElectrica)</li> <li>• <b>Alexandru Maximescu</b> (OMV-Petrom)</li> <li>• <b>Mehmet Naci Inci</b> (Boğaziçi University)</li> <li>• <b>Silviu Nate</b> (University Lucian Blaga – Sibiu)</li> </ul> <p><b>Parallel Session on “Fake-News, Propaganda, and other Societal Challenges” in collaboration with the New Strategy Center – NSC [Room 103]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Bogdan Nicolae</b> (NSC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bogdan Oprea</b> (University of Bucharest)</li> <li>• <b>Alina Bârgăoanu</b> (SNSPA/NSC)</li> <li>• <b>Karin Markides</b> (American University of Armenia)</li> <li>• <b>Gürkan Kumbaroğlu</b> (Boğaziçi University)</li> <li>• <b>Ivanka Popovic</b> (EUA)</li> </ul> |
| 14:00–15:00 | <b>Lunch</b>   |



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| 15:00–16:30 | <p><b>Round Table on Academic Cooperation – The Role of Networks. Special case – European Universities Initiative [Room 205]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Luciano Saso, President of UNICA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Romiță Iucu</b>, Representative of CIVIS</li> <li>• <b>Nicolaos Theodossiou</b>, Representative of EPICUR</li> <li>• <b>Irina Macsinga</b>, Representative of UNITA</li> <li>• <b>Mihai Păunescu</b>, Representative of CIVICA</li> <li>• <b>Diana Robescu</b>, Representative of EELISA</li> <li>• <b>Lavinia Turcu</b>, Representative of EU-CONEXUS</li> <li>• <b>Angelo Petre</b>, President of Student Council of CIVIS</li> </ul>  |
| 16:30–17:00 | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |
| 17:00–19:00 | <p><b>Parallel Sessions</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Special Session on “Education for Human Security” – in collaboration with WAAS and WUC – presentation and open discussion [Room 103]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Remus Pricopie, President, WUC; Rector, SNSPA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Garry Jacobs</b>, President, World Academy of Art &amp; Science</li> <li>• <b>Jonathan Granoff</b>, President, Global Security Institute</li> <li>• <b>Alberto Zucconi</b>, Chair of the Board, WAAS; Secretary General, WUC</li> <li>• <b>S.S. Sreejith</b>, CEO, Global Institute for Integral Management Science</li> <li>• <b>Emil Constantinescu</b>, President of Romania (1996–2000); President, ISACCL; WAAS &amp; WUC board member</li> <li>• <b>Eden Mamut</b>, General Secretary of BSUN</li> <li>• <b>Open discussion</b></li> </ul> <hr/> <p><b>Parallel Session on Internationalization of our Universities [Room 205]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Mugur Zlotea, Vice-Rector</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gintaras Steponavicius</b>, Former Minister of Education</li> <li>• <b>Gürkan Kumbaroğlu</b>, Vice-Rector</li> <li>• <b>Shefik Shehu</b>, Vice-Rector</li> <li>• <b>Cătălina Ancuța</b>, Vice-Rector</li> <li>• <b>Crina Rădulescu</b>, Vice-Rector</li> <li>• <b>Sergiy Beylikov</b>, President</li> </ul> |
| 19:00–20:00 | Transport to dinner venue   |
| 20:00–22:00 | <b>Dinner – Sole Restaurant</b> (No 48 Bd. Iancu de Hunedoara, floor 15)  |





## DAY 3 – October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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| 8:30–9:00   | <b>Registration</b>   |
| 9:00–10:30  | <p><b>Meetings with other University Networks/Associations [Room 205]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Sorin Costreie</b> (University of Bucharest)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ivanka Popovic</b> (EUA Board)</li> <li>• <b>Luciano Saso</b> (President of UNICA)</li> <li>• <b>Karin Markides</b>: President of BSUN</li> <li>• <b>Mircea Dumitru</b>: President of BUA</li> <li>• <b>Grigoris Zarotiadis</b>: President of ASECU</li> </ul>  |
| 10:30–11:00 | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |
| 11:00–13:00 | <p><b>Parallel Sessions</b></p> <p><b>BSUN General Assembly [Room 205]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Eden Mamut</b>: General Secretary of BSUN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marian Preda</b>: Rector, University of Bucharest (<i>host</i>)</li> <li>• <b>Karin Markides</b>: President of BSUN</li> </ul> <p><b>Parallel Session on “The Role of the Universities in the future of the Balkans” [Room 103]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Haldun Göktaş</b>, Vice-President of the Higher Education Council in Türkiye</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Milla Popovich</b>, Minister</li> <li>• <b>Erhan Tabakoglu</b>, Rector</li> <li>• <b>Artan Hoxha</b>, Rector</li> <li>• <b>Erkan Erdemir</b>, Rector</li> <li>• <b>Jasmin Suljagic</b>, Vice-Rector</li> </ul> <p><b>Parallel Session on “Balkan studies &amp; projects” – Workshop of the directors of the offices of international relations [Room 208]</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Naci Gündoğan</b>, Council of Higher Education in Turkey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bernard Dosti</b>, Vice-Rector</li> <li>• <b>Shefik Shehu</b>, Vice-Rector</li> <li>• <b>Illir Kalemaj</b>, Vice Rector</li> <li>• <b>Muharrem Tolga Sakallı</b></li> <li>• <b>Mehmet Fatih Çömlekçi</b></li> <li>• <b>Ali Karakaş</b></li> <li>• <b>Hasan Selçuk Eti</b></li> <li>• <b>Burcu Ören Özer</b></li> <li>• <b>Nurgül Sarsılmaz</b></li> <li>• <b>Dr. Feyza Nazan Gündüz</b></li> <li>• <b>Alina Cristovici</b></li> <li>• <b>Mihaela Oglakci</b></li> <li>• <b>Gina Kafedzhian</b></li> </ul> |
| 13:00–14:00 | <b>Lunch</b>  |



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| 14:00–16:00 | <b>Parallel Sessions</b>  |
|             | <b>BUA General Assembly [Room 205]</b><br><b>Chair: Erhan Tabakoğlu:</b> General Secretary of BUA<br><b>Marian Preda:</b> Rector, University of Bucharest ( <i>host</i> )<br><b>Mircea Dumitru:</b> President of BUA  |
|             | <b>Parallel Session on “Black Sea Area Studies” [Room 103]</b><br><b>Chair: Marian Zulean</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mălina Voicu</li><li>• Kseniya Kizilova</li><li>• Karin Markides, Rector</li><li>• Mehmet Naci, Rector</li><li>• Liliana Tuță, Vice-Rector</li><li>• Andra Seceleanu, Vice-Rector</li></ul> |
| 16:00–16:30 | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |
| 16:30–17:30 | <b>Final Remarks, signing of the resolutions and taking of the group photos [Room 205]</b>  |
| 17:30–18:00 | Transport to Parliament   |
| 18:00–20:00 | <b>Visit to the Parliament House</b>  |
| 20:00–22:00 | <b>Dinner – The University House of Bucharest</b> (No 46 Dionisie Lupu Street)  |





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## DAY 4 – October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### *Trip to the Peleş Castle in Sinaia*

**8.30 – Departure from the conference venue** – *University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, 90 Panduri Street*

**Peleş Castle** was built by the first King of Romania, Carol I of Hohenzollern – Sigmaringen, between 1873 and 1914. By 1883, the year of its inauguration, it was used as a summer residence. The castle was remodeled and expanded between 1890 and 1914 under the direction of Czech architect Karel Liman, who is considered as the principal architect. Decoration: The neo-Ottoman and neo-Rococo styles functioned as the two deviations from the original shape (1883), which was designed in the German neo-Renaissance style. During the second stage (1890–1914), the volumes, facades, and interiors of the castle underwent major adjustments in order to adapt to the stylistic diversity of Historicism.





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## *Budureasca Winery*

Budureasca Vineyards is a traditional region with strong roots in the history of vine cultivation. It is situated in the heart of the Dealu Mare region, in an area with sunny flowing hills. The nearby archaeological findings indicate that this area has a long history of vinification dating back to the Dacians or possibly their ancient Thracians ancestors. It is no coincidence that many significant Dacian terminology for the production of vines are still present in the language that Romanians use today. Words such barrel, barley, or grape highlight once again how important the Dacian heritage has been and is to the production of wines.



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## *The Parliament Building*

The Palace of Parliament, which holds the titles of largest administrative building for civil use in the world, most expensive administrative building, and toughest building in the world, is one of Bucharest's most remarkable and memorable structures. The People's House, as it was known during Ceausescu's dictatorship, serves as a symbol of the extravagance of the former communist regime. The solid wood furniture, large marble columns, huge crystal chandeliers, and other carefully chosen interior design components for each room make this palace one of a kind.





## *Bucharest sightseeing – Private City Tour*

It goes without saying that everybody who travels to Bucharest, whether they are city citizens or tourists, will have a wonderful experience. When it comes to first impressions, things have a tendency to become eclectic, but this feature is what really captures visitors' interest once they learn about Bucharest's top tourist destinations. The capital boasts some exceptional historical buildings: The Palace of Parliament, The Romanian Athenaeum, The Romanian Peasant Museum, The National Museum of Natural History Grigore Antipa, The Arc de Triomphe - the city most iconic structure, a monument built to commemorate Romania's triumph in the First World War. Also, the historical center of Bucharest is a tourist destination in its own right.



Victoriei Street at night



Romanian Athenaeum



Royal Palace



Central University Library



Herăstrău Park, open air cinema



National Theatre



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## *University House of Bucharest* *Casa Universitarilor București*

The building that hosts the University House of Bucharest/Casa Universitarilor București today was built by the blueprints of Dalmatian architect Luigi Lipizer in the seventh decade of the last century for the director of the Post Offices, Cezar Librecht, during the reign of Alexandru Ioan Cuza.

In 1947, the building was re-purposed to be used by the academic staff. For this purpose, lecture rooms, conference rooms, a cinema and a restaurant were made. The building has an eclectic style, but it also has features which are specific to the gothic architectural style, highlighted mostly by the cornice made up of a range of crenels, as well as by the alcoves present in the higher area of the facades.

Starting with the year 2007, the University House becomes part of the University of Bucharest patrimony.

