

The Fifth Annual Presentation in the
JAY NATHAN, PH.D. VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURE SERIES

The Rise of Romania: History. Culture. Economy. *A Panel Discussion with a Cultural Performance and Reception to Follow*

Thursday, April 19, 2018 • 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Moskovitz Theater, The DeNaples Center
The University of Scranton, Pennsylvania

*At the conclusion of the Panel Discussion, Philadelphia performers
will entertain with traditional dance and music from Romania.
A reception will follow the performance.*

*The evening is free of charge and open to the public but reservations are encouraged.
Please register at scranton.edu/JayNathanLecture or call Kym Balthazar Fetsko at 570.941.7816.*

The Jay Nathan, Ph.D. Visiting Scholar Lecture Series

The Jay Nathan, Ph.D. Visiting Scholar Lecture Series invites international scholars from the emerging democracies and the countries in political and economic transition to visit The University of Scranton to address issues that will enlighten and benefit students, faculty and community-at-large. Its purpose is to enrich the intellectual life or share a cultural exposition in the arts or music for both The University of Scranton and our Northeastern Pennsylvania community.

This annual lecture initiative will highlight the research and contributions of guest scholars of international repute who will visit the University to discuss timely and timeless subjects. While visiting campus, scholars will deliver presentations on topics of interest to the academic community and meet informally with attendees, students and faculty.

The Rise of Romania

HISTORY.
CULTURE.
ECONOMY.

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H.E. AMBASSADOR GEORGE CRISTIAN MAIOR

George Cristian Maior was accredited as *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the United States*, in June 2015 and he officially commenced his mandate on September 2015.

Between 1992 and 1997, he was a diplomat in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Between 1997 and 1999, he was Chargé D'affaires at the Romanian Embassy in Dublin, Ireland. In 2004, he was conferred the rank of Ambassador.

Between 2000 and 2004, he held the position of State Secretary and head of the Department for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Defense Policy within the Ministry of National Defense. In that capacity, he was responsible for coordinating the strategic and military dimension of Romania's NATO accession process.

In November 2004, Mr. Maior was elected Senator in the Romanian Parliament.

Following his nomination by the President of Romania and the vote received from the Romanian Parliament, in October 2006, George Cristian Maior was appointed Director of the Romanian Intelligence Service (SRI). During his eight years at the helm of this institution, the SRI went through an extensive reform process which allowed it to strengthen bilateral and multilateral partnerships with the most important intelligence services in the democratic world, as well as to gain and consolidate a high level of public confidence.

A Law graduate, Mr. Maior received in 1992 his LL.M. in International and Comparative Law at the George Washington University, Washington DC. In 1997, he was conferred a Ph.D. in International Law at the "Babeş Bolyai" University in Cluj Napoca. His Ph.D. dissertation, "National and European Features in Strasbourg European Court Jurisprudence", was nominated for the UNESCO Most Prize in 1998.

He is a university professor and Ph.D. coordinator at the Department of International Relations and European

Integration within the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration in Bucharest. He was invited as keynote speaker at prestigious universities, organizations, and think-tanks (Harvard Kennedy School of Government, George Washington University, American University, National Intelligence University, Atlantic Council, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Center for European Policy Analysis, AIPAC, etc.). In 2017, The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) awarded George Cristian Maior the "Earl Warren Medallion" for the outstanding partnership with the United States and exceptional leadership during his tenure as Director of Romanian Intelligence Service (SRI). Additionally, he is a Doctor Honoris Causa of the Military Technical Academy in Bucharest, of the "Andrei Saguna" University in Constanta and of the West University in Timisoara.

A Romanian scholar will accompany the Ambassador.



DR. JAY NATHAN, *tenured Professor of*

Management at St. John's University. Previously Dr. Nathan served as a tenured professor in the Kania School of Management at The University of Scranton.

He was a recipient of a Fulbright Travel Scholar Grant to Romania; and Fulbright Senior Scholar Awards to Thailand, Poland, Kazakhstan, and Mongolia. His

commitment to global initiatives is evident as editor of the Journal of Global Awareness, and past president of the Global Awareness Society International, as a lifetime member and also since January of 2017, by his service on the Board of Directors of the Fulbright Association. Author of recently published books on Kazakhstan and India.



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