

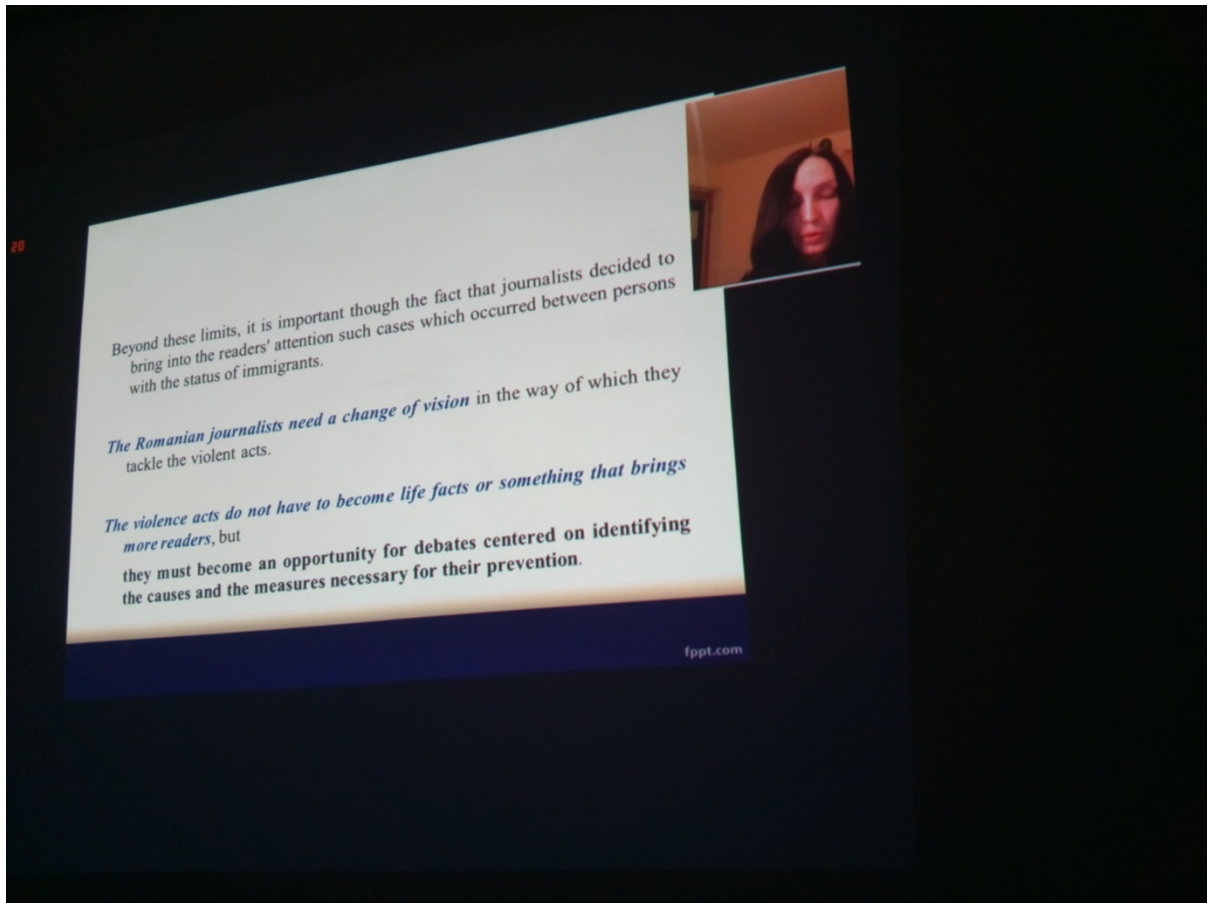


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A Report on Dr. Ecaterina Balica's Video Lecture

6th February 2017

Dr. Ecaterina Balica presented a video lecture titled '**Romanian immigrants and violence in European space: Media Representations**'. The presentation, initially planned as a video session in the 'The Past, Present and Post 'Diaspora': New Directions in Diaspora Studies' Joint International Conference held on the 18th, 19th and the 20th of November, 2016, could not be screened then due to technical difficulties. The CoHaB IDC organised Dr. Balica's video lecture to be presented to MA students of the Department of English on the 6th of February, 2017.



Dr. Ecaterina Balica is a Senior Researcher at the Institute of Sociology, Romanian Academy. She is Associate Professor at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work at the University of

Bucharest. In the last years she has been involved in research projects focused on migration and crime, femicide and homicide/suicide. She was an expert/consultant for the Ministry of Justice, the National Institute of Criminology (2004 - 2007) and NGOs (the Association “Junior”: 1997 and 2000, Center for Legal Resources: 2011-2012). She is the author of the books: *Homicide-suicide in Romania: statistical data and media representation* (Peter Lang, 2016) and *Violent Crime. Trends and Risk Factors* (Oscar Print, 2008). Her main research interests are: migration and crime, homicide-suicides, femicide, restorative justice and prevention of crime.

Dr. Balica’s talk **Romanian immigrants and violence in European space: Media Representations** focused on the issue of criminalisation and victimisation of Romanian immigrants in the European countries of Spain, Italy and the U.K. Dr. Balica made use of the Google Search research methodology to examine the news reporting of crimes against Romanian immigrants of the male and female genders in these three countries. Her presentation highlighted the ethnic profiling of Romanian immigrants and also looked into the reception and perception of Romanians as delinquents in Spanish, Italian and British social setups.



This riveting video lecture was followed by a discussion led by Professor Dr. Nilufer Bharucha and Professor Dr. Sridhar Rajeswaran. The political and economic causality of the Romanian Diaspora was brought under discussion. The students contributed their views on the media’s manipulation of the immigrant’s image and discussed its

relevance with respect to the current global socio-political scenario.

The video lecture was well attended and received by students of the Department of English at the University of Mumbai and members of the CoHaB IDC.