

Call for Applications

CITY-FOCUS Spring School 2026

“Building Knowledge, Shaping Cities:
Nurturing Young Researchers in Urban Science”

14–18 April 2026

Centre for European Studies (Faculty of Law)
Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania

About the Spring School

The Centre for European Studies (CSE) is delighted to announce the Spring School 2026, supported by the RSAI Nurturing Talent Program. This intensive training program is designed to support early-stage researchers through lectures, analytical workshops, and interactive discussions on urban resilience, spatial modeling, and urban data collection.

The event will bring together leading international scholars and emerging researchers to explore the complexities of contemporary urban transformations.

Program Highlights

Participants will engage in:

- Lectures by internationally renowned experts
- Methodological workshops (GIS, spatial modelling, academic writing)
- Field visits and guided tours on urban regeneration
- Research presentations with feedback from senior scholars

Confirmed Lecturers

- Özge ÖNER – Cambridge University
- Andrés RODRÍGUEZ-POSE – London School of Economics
- Fernando RUBIERA MOROLLÓN – University of Oviedo
- Vinko MUŠTRA – University of Split
- ...alongside members of the Alexandru Ioan Cuza University research community.

Who Should Apply?

- PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, and junior researchers (with less than 5 years of research experience since PhD award);
- Working on topics related to digitalization, smart development, smart cities, and other urban science challenges
- Maximum 25 participants will be accepted. The Spring School aims for international diversity and gender, age, and regional balance.

Why Apply?

- Access to cutting-edge methodologies in urban and regional science
- Guidance from internationally recognized experts
- Opportunities for academic networking
- A stimulating environment for refining research and publication strategies
- Hands-on field experience in urban regeneration
- A friendly atmosphere fostering international exchange

Application & Selection

Applicants must submit: a short CV and a research project summary

Registration

Participation fee: €200

- Accommodation for 5 nights (shared room, breakfast included)
- Lunches and coffee breaks
- Welcome reception, official dinner, closing reception, and social events

Key Dates

- Application deadline: 20 February 2026
- Notification of acceptance: 24 February 2026

Web page: <https://city-focus.uaic.ro/school.htm>

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