

HISTORY OF THE CENTRE OF CANADIAN STUDIES

An interest in French-Canadian literature surfaced in the 1980s. In response, in 1983, Professor Iana Badescu began teaching an optional course in Quebec literature in the French Department. Six years later, the Department of Journalism and Sociology of the University of Bucharest established institutional cooperation with the Department of Communication at the University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM). Since 1983, a graduate-level course in English-Canadian literature has been taught by Professor Monica Botez in the English Department. Both Professor Badescu and Professor Botez helped awaken interest in Canadian cultural achievement thanks to their numerous translations from Canadian literature and radio presentations of various Canadian writers. In the 1990s, a number of students in the Departments of French, English and Journalism chose to write their diploma papers on Canadian topics. There was also a joint research project which resulted in the publication of several studies and a book at the Presses Universitaires du Québec, *Le transfert de la Patrimoine* (1995), authored by Romanian and Canadian specialists.

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The following professors have been affiliated with the program:

- Iana Badescu, Dean of the French Department and Director of the Centre of Canadian Studies;
- Daniela Frumusanu, Dean of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication and Director of the Centre of Canadian Studies;
- Monica Botez, Associate Professor, Department of English, Romanian Representative in the Central European Network for Canadian Studies;
- Mihai Coman, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication;
- Ion Dragan, Department of Sociology;
- Gina Stoichu, University of Quebec at Montreal;
- Nicolae Perpeles, Department of Sociology;
- Andrei Stoichu, University of Bucharest.

Many of the professors have enhanced their expertise in Canadian Studies thanks to fellowships, research grants or visiting professorships at Canadian universities. Professors