

## **Ionel N. Sava**

### **Résumé**



Ionel N Sava is a Senior Lecturer in the Sociology Department, University of Bucharest. He is currently teaching sociology and international relations at the University of Bucharest and the Academy of Economic Studies.

Ionel N Sava received his BA in Sociology from the University of Bucharest (1993) and obtained a postgraduate degree in international security studies from George C Marshall Center in Garmish-Partenkirchen, Germany (1996). He furthered his education with a PhD in Sociology at the University of Bucharest (1999) and a Fulbright postdoctoral fellowship at the University of California in Los Angeles (2002).

Dr. Sava main area of interest has been the transition to democracy and market economy in East Central Europe. His PhD dissertation ([\*Zece ani de trazitie in Europa de Est\*](#)) was published by the Romanian Cultural Foundation in 2000. At the UCLA, under the mentorship of Michael Mann, he has learned about the global process of democratization and he has initiated cooperation with Ivan Szelenyi on the [\*Capitalist transformation of Eastern Europe\*](#) and the new ruling elite.

Ionel N Sava has also devoted his attention to the consolidation of democratic institutions and the reform of the security sector. In 1998, within a program of the Civil Society Development Foundation, he co-authored a collection of studies on the role of the AF in democratic societies. A Charles Moskos' monograph reflecting the institutional / occupational dilemma within the AF followed in early 2000s.

In 2001 Dr Sava received the "Manfred Wörner" Fellowship, Nato's highest award for an East European scholar, to study the impact of [\*Western assistance to build democratic civ-mil relations\*](#) in East Central European countries.

In 2001 Ionel N Sava initiated the Master on international relations and security of the University of Bucharest. Until 2007, as director of study, he implemented a modern curriculum with the contribution of the Marshall Center professors such as the late Nicholas Pratt and the Copenhagen School scholars such as Barry Buzan (LSE). Particular attention has been given to ethnic and religious conflicts, migration, human trafficking, terrorism, as well nationalism, identity and societal related issues. A course book has been published in 2005 followed by [\*Parliamentarian democratic control\*](#) textbook (with the support of DCAF in Geneva).

Lately, Ionel N Sava has paid attention to the sociology of collective actions. A quarter of a century after the fall of the Berlin Wall there has been a resurgence of social movements all over Eastern Europe, a process associated with the enhancement of domestic civil society, new urban culture and integration within the EU.

Ionel N Sava has been active in business and public life as well. He was the Editor of *Central European Issues*, The Romanian Foreign Affairs Review (1996-1999), Director of the Ziua Publishing House (2000-2007), Vice-Chairman of the Manfred Wörner Euro-Atlantic Association Romania (1996-2001), member of International Sociological Association/RC 01 (1998-2002). He is currently associated with the ISA/RC 47 and RC 20.

In the 1990s, Ionel N Sava worked with the MOD as a researcher in the social studies section (1993-1994), then adviser to the office of the minister (1994-1996) and international affairs analyst (1997-1999). In the 2000s, he joined the MFA as chief of mission to Switzerland and Liechtenstein (2007-2011).

Ionel N Sava published seven books and a number of articles, book chapters and reviews. He is an artillery captain in the reserve. Dr Sava is occasionally invited to different TV debates and delivers comments and contributions to newspapers and blogs home and abroad.

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