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Rodica Albu, Professor Emerita of English Language, Linguistics and Canadian Studies at Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, has been one of the leading Canadianists in Romania for more than thirty years.

Dynamic approaches to language, culture and society in their interrelatedness have been at the heart of Rodica Albu's research, teaching and publishing activities. Her interest in geographical, social and functional variation in present-day English led her to the study of Canada and Canadian English. Over the years, she was responsible for several research projects in this field. "English in Canada. Focus on Representations of Language and Identity among English-speaking Canadians" involved sociolinguistic research carried out through interviews and questionnaires in Toronto and Ottawa. She presented the results of her research at numerous conferences and brought them together in her 2006 volume *English in Canada. Representations of Language and Identity*, followed in 2008 by a second volume that she co-authored and edited, *Canada anglofonă. Limbă și identitate/Anglophone Canada. Language and Identity*. Another project, "Anglophone Canada in a Cross-national Perspective", placed the Canadian space within that of North America, in the process redefining the notion of "American". Her research projects fed into highly popular new university courses, which were enriched through Canadian Studies specialists from abroad teaching in Iași for short periods of time and the organization of mini-symposia for MA students. Her research also provided material for lectures she gave at European universities - in Germany, Italy, Turkey, the UK, Norway and Spain - as well as in Canada.

As a member of the Central European Association for Canadian Studies, Rodica Albu served as Romania's representative on the CEACS Advisory Board (2006-2012) and, later, as Secretary of the Executive Committee (2012-2018). As Romanian representative, she contributed substantially to attracting significant numbers of new academics and students to Canadian Studies.

For her exceptional contribution to the promotion of Canadian Studies in various forms - through teaching, publishing, fostering the work of the Canadian Studies Centre in Iași, participating in CEACS projects - in Romania, in the Central European region, across Europe and in Canada, the Central European Association for Canadian Studies takes great pleasure in awarding its Certificate of Merit to Rodica Albu.