

Cristian Popa ***Biographical Notes***

Cristian Popa (b. 1964) is Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Romania (NBR). In this capacity, he coordinates monetary and exchange rate policy, research, publications, econometric modeling and forecasting, EU affairs and international relations. His responsibilities include heading the NBR task force responsible for inflation targeting, as well as coordinating NBR participation in the sovereign ratings agency and investment bank dialogue, and actively participating in negotiations and day-to-day work with the EU, IMF, World Bank, EBRD and other IFIs.

Dr. Popa is vice-president of the NBR Monetary Policy and Supervision Committees and a member of its Board of Administration. Dr. Popa additionally serves as alternate World Bank governor for Romania and as member of the ECB International Relations Committee and of the Economic and Financial Committee, as well as accompanying person/alternate member of the ECB General Council. He also sits on the editorial boards of the *Romanian Journal of European Affairs* and *Oeconomica* and is an honorary member of the Board of Directors of the Romanian Academy's Institute for Economic Forecasting.

Dr. Popa joined the NBR in 1998, as Senior Advisor to the Governor and Chief Economist. He was previously employed in research (between 1991-8, he was Senior Research Fellow with the Institute of National Economy in Bucharest) and government (in 1993-4, Governmental Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of Economic Reform; also, Director of Macroeconomic Policy Coordination within the Department of Economic Reform of the Romanian government). He completed two mandates as NBR deputy governor (1998 – 2004; 2004 – 2009). His current 5-year mandate started Oct. 12, 2009.

Dr. Popa has been Fulbright fellow with Harvard University (1994-5), ACE-PHARE visiting fellow with the NIESR (London, 1997), and visiting scholar with the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI, 1997). He has delivered lectures at, among others, Harvard University, the London School of Economics, the London Business School, the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), St. Mary's College of Maryland, the Austrian National Bank, the Joint Vienna Institute, the Economic Planning Agency of Japan, the Global Forum (Tokyo), and the Basque Country University, Spain.

Dr. Popa is the author of numerous research papers focusing on monetary policy, international trade, inflation, exchange rates, financial indiscipline, privatization, banking system reform, and other issues pertaining to emerging and developed market economies.