

FACING THE PAST. A HISTORIAN'S TALE

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Abstract

Neagu Djuvara is a professional diplomate, a historian of South-Eastern Europe and an opinion leader. He left Romania shortly before the advent of Communism, and returned after 1989 as a senior scholar, who spent most of his career years in the West. His intervention in this symposium is rooted in his own experience. Djuvara claims that political factors and residual Communist attitudes can obstruct the natural development of history as a critical and objective science.

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