

**THE YOUNG GENERATION – BETWEEN EMANCIPATION AND
SOCIAL INTEGRATION: UNIVERSITIES IN INTERWAR
ROMANIA**

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Abstract: The Interwar Period in Romania has witnessed an important change in the way young generations have reacted to the social and cultural transformations brought by the end of the war. Statistics show a considerably larger number of students, both male and female, attending university classes, in hope of better job opportunities. Women were mainly attracted by those specialties that allowed them to teach or work inside the public health system, as these were the type of careers considered appropriated for middle class students. At the same time, there was a major shift in the way young generations behaved, dressed and socialized, that made older generations react, as they perceived it as a severe moral crisis. Despite their pessimistic view, the behaviour of the young people that have come of age during those decades has been shaped by the cinema, the widely spread marketing campaigns and by the press, all of which had an enormous impact on them.

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