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Abstract:

The volume Insights into Romanian Political Discourse, edited by Andra Vasilescu, Mihaela-Viorica Constantinescu, Ariadna Ștefănescu and Șerban Hartular, published in 2024 at Cambridge Scholars Publishing, reunites researchers in linguistics and scholars from universities in Romania and the Institute of Linguistics of the Romanian Academy to present a comprehensive and detailed examination of the characteristics and specificities of present-day discursive practices of Romanian political discourse. In a collection of 14 case studies, organised in 4 parts, the book treats a multiplicity of genres, from a variety of perspectives, and provides a thorough understanding of the current socio-political status quo, as a natural result of the complex history of Romanian politics viz. political discourse ever since the foundation of the Parliament one and a half centuries ago, with all of the intricacies of the subsequent phases, particularly focusing on the postRevolution period. Rooted in consistent previous work (more than 110 studies by 30+ authors, referenced in a valuable inventory in the Editorial), the volume tackles new data, innovatively applying theoretical and methodological frameworks grounded in pragmadiscursive, interactional and rherotical perspectives.

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