

## Thierry de Montbrial comes to Bucharest to launch his 'Romanian Journal' book

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Thierry de Montbrial, one of the great personalities of the European intellectual world, well-known specialist in economics and political science, is visiting Romania on May 9-11, on the occasion of the official launch of his book 'Romanian Journal'.

One of the artisans of concepts that have built and shaped the world in recent decades, Thierry de Montbrial is founder and president of the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI), which aims at preparation of studies and analyzes on topical international issues and at facilitation of exchange of ideas between political decision takers, researchers and other leaders at home and worldwide.

With 30 permanent researchers and a vast network of affiliated researchers, 80 partner organizations and 15 research programs in progress, IFRI organizes annually over 200 conferences and debates in Paris, Brussels and in other capitals of the world, serves as host to more than 10,000 guests and publishes over 100 studies and reports.

In recent years, IFRI was the host of many heads of state and government: the President of France, Nicholas Sarkozy, the President of the Russian Federation, Dmitri Medvedev, the former Chinese President Hu Jintao, Hamid Karzai, the President of Afghanistan, Mikhail Saakachvili, the President of Georgia, Vaclav Klaus, the Czech President, Jose Manuel Barroso, the EC President.

Since 2008, IFRI organizes the World Policy Conference, an event which offers the opportunity to the most important world decision takers, leaders of international stature, leaders of major multinational and nongovernmental organizations to discuss global governance issues.

A fine analyst of the systems that govern a world in full globalization process, Thierry de Montbrial travels a lot and is acquainted with a large part of the world's most powerful people.

In the last 22 years, Montbrial visited Romania and talked with the most important people of the moment, from the heads of state and government of post-revolution Romania to personalities on the Romanian political, economic and cultural scene.

In Romania, Thierry de Montbrial received the National Order 'Star of Romania' in the ranks of Officer, Commander and Grand Officer from presidents Emil Constantinescu, Ion Iliescu and Traian Basescu, as a sign of high appreciation for his contribution to the development of academic, human, political and cultural ties between France and Romania and for the talent and dedication he has proved in the entire academic career, for his personal contribution to enriching the universal cultural heritage.

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