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Igor Munteanu is Lecturer at ASEM (Academy of Economic Studies) in Chisinau, where he is teaching Public Policy and European Political Institutions as a MA Courses at the Academy of Economic Studies (ASEM).

He is also a Founder and Acting Chair of the Administrative Board of the IDIS (Institute for Development and Social Initiatives). IDIS is one of the oldest think tanks in Moldova. IDIS operates as a networking center for good governance and accountability (procurements, budget transparency), as well as a specialized center in decentralization. It combines solid social, political and economic research with outstanding advocacy components on entrepreneurship, knowledge sharing and social – economic experimental studies.

Between 2019 and 2021, Igor Munteanu acted as Member of the Parliament, chairing the Economy, Budget and Finance Standing Committee (2019) and the Public Finance Control Committee (2020-2021). Previously, Igor Munteanu served as E.P. Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to the United States of America (September 2010 – June 2015), Canada (February 2011 – March 2013) and Mexico (2010 – 2015).

Prior to his diplomatic assignment, Munteanu served as Independent Expert to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (2001-2008), monitoring the status of local and regional autonomy in several countries of the Council of Europe. He contributed to the RFERL (Radio Free Europe) and RFI (Radio France International). He also acted as Member of the Editorial Board of the SEER (South Eastern European Review) edited by the Hanns Bockler Stiftung (Dusseldorf). He also served as Political Advisor to the first President of Moldova (Mircea Snegur) during 1992-1994.

In 2002, he pursued his PhD at the Law Department of the Free International University of Moldova (ULIM). Between 1997-2005, Igor Munteanu acted as a freelance political analyst with Radio Free Europe (RFERL), Radio France International and BBC.

Between 1994-1996, Igor Munteanu assisted the work of the IFES-Moldova (International Foundation for Election Systems). Since 1996, Igor Munteanu designed and launched the "Arena Politicii Journal" as the first political sciences and foreign affairs journal in Moldova. In 2007, Munteanu served as a member of the International Board of BSTF (Black Sea Trust Fund), also a Member of the External evaluation committee of the Balkan Trust for Democracy (BTD).

Between 2016 and 2019, Igor Munteanu led the country team of IDIS in a collaborative research program, implemented by Freie Universitat Berlin under EU Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (Grant Agreement N.693382). The Research aimed at addressing the following questions: why has the EU fallen short of creating peace, prosperity and stability in its EaP neighbourhood? What can be done to strengthen the EU's transformative power in supporting political and economic change in the 6 EaP countries?

Igor Munteanu wrote several books and publications for the national and international audience on governmental affairs, decentralization, foreign policy, post-Soviet transformation. The latest books by Munteanu are: 'Politici publice complexe' (2016, Cartier, Chisinau) and "Political Ideas and Ideological Divisions" (2020, Cartier, Chisinau). In 2019, Igor Munteanu contributed to the book "Democracy under siege. Romania within a regional context", edited by Armand Goshu, Alexandru Gussi for the Corint Publishing House, Bucharest. In 2020, Igor Munteanu contributed to the book "The World of Tomorrow. What follows after the Pandemics?", edited by Olivia Todorean, Sergiu Celac and George Scutaru for the Curtea Veche Publishing House and New Strategy Center, Bucharest, Romania.