

Sergiu CELAC: Romanian diplomat, career ambassador, former Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Born 26 May 1939, Bucharest; graduate of Bucharest University School of Languages (1961).

Professional career: Diplomatic service from junior clerk (1961) to counsellor (1972), director of policy planning (1968-74), chief political adviser to the Minister (1974). Counsellor at the State Council (1974-78); also served as English and Russian interpreter to successive Romanian Presidents (1961-78). Dismissed for political-ideological reasons in 1978 and worked as editor until 1989. Minister of Foreign Affairs in the first post-communist Government (Dec. 1989 - June 1990). Ambassador to United Kingdom (1990-96) and Ireland (1991-96). Ambassador-at-Large (1996-2000), missions as Special Envoy to the Balkans, Middle East, Caucasus and Central Asia. President, Romanian Institute of International Studies (2000-2002); Personal Adviser to the President of Romania (2001-2003). Alternate Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies, Athens (2003-2007). Since 2008, political analyst specializing in international and regional affairs, sustainable development and environment issues, energy and infrastructure security.

Publications: Author or co-author of books on political science, also translations of verse, novels and non-fiction (43 titles); essays, articles and interviews in learned journals, periodicals and audio-visual media (over 500). Lectured extensively at international conferences and universities in Romania and 24 other countries. Awards: Grand Officer of the Romanian National Order “Faithful Service” (2000); Excellence award for conservation of the World Wide Fund for Nature (2008); Distinguished career award of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2011).

Current positions: Vice President, Romanian Association for the Club of Rome; member of the Board or Scientific Council of the New Strategy Center, European Institute of Romania, Black Sea University Foundation, Energy Policy Group, Romanian Diplomatic Institute, member of the Writers’ Union of Romania.