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## Literature, History, and Politics in Eastern Europe

By Dr. Bogdan Suceavă

CSUF professor and author of the novel *Coming from an Off-Key Time*

Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 4:00-5:30pm

Pollak Library South, 360, the Center for Oral and Public History

Open to students, faculty, and the public. Free of charge.



**About the Speaker:** Dr. Bogdan Suceavă is Associate Professor of Mathematics at California State University, Fullerton. Before getting his Ph.D. at Michigan State University, he grew up in Romania, where he witnessed the 1989 Romanian Revolution. Even more interesting for him was the so-called transition, the historical period when the whole society changed shape and structure. That experience motivated him write the critically-acclaimed novel, *Coming from an Off-Key Time*. It appeared in Romanian in 2004 and was published in English in January 2011 by Northwestern University Press as part of their *Writings from an Unbound Europe* series. He has been called one of Romanian literature's most promising and original young writers, and he is the author of five novels, two books of short fiction, and several collection of poems. His short fiction has appeared in *Review of Contemporary Fiction*, *Absinthe*, and other North American journals. *Coming from an Off-Key Time* suggests the influence of such writers as Mikhail Bulgakov, the fantastic satirist of the early Soviet Union, as Suceavă engages the complexities of a quickly changing country in search of its bearings and suspicious of its past. Dr. Suceavă will speak at Cal State Fullerton about recent Romanian history, his perspective on the transformation of Romanian society after 1990, and his experiences working on his recent novel. For more information, contact Dr. Cora Granata, Director of the European Studies Program, at (657) 278-3568.