Contents

1  Corruption, the Unfinished Business of Europeanization in Romania .............................................................. 1
   1.1  Corruption: Theories and Realities .................................................. 4
        1.1.1  The General Causes and Forms of Corruption ...................... 6
        1.1.2  Cultural Values that Ascertain Corruption ....................... 8
   1.2  Corruption in Romania: General Concepts and Poignant Examples .......................................................... 10
   1.3  Corruption Studies and Surveys in Romania and the Region ............. 14
      References ...................................................................................... 24

2  The Future of Public Administration Reform in Romania .......... 27
   2.1  Cultural Considerations for Public Administration Reforms in Romania ..................................................... 28
        2.1.1  Romania’s Lack of Administrative Tradition ....................... 29
        2.1.2  The Inconsistency Between Ideas and Practice ................... 29
        2.1.3  Unhealthy Reliance on International Pressures ................... 30
        2.1.4  The Negative Perception Regarding a Strong State ............ 31
        2.1.5  The Necessity of Stable and Healthy Regulations .............. 31
        2.1.6  The Absence of a Private Sector ....................................... 33
        2.1.7  The Fragmented and Competing Nature of Public Administration in Romania ..................................... 34
        2.1.8  Technocracy May Stifle Democracy ................................... 35
   2.2  New Public Management ................................................................................. 37
        2.2.1  The Historical Basis of NPM .............................................. 38
        2.2.2  Public Choice Theory ....................................................... 40
        2.2.3  Policy Analysis and Public Management ......................... 41
        2.2.4  The Shortcomings of NPM ............................................... 43
   2.3  Neo-Weberianism and the Revival of Classical Bureaucracy ............ 46
   2.4  Digital Government (e-Government) ................................................... 50
2.5 The Limitations of Current Reform Initiatives ........................................ 56
  2.5.1 Bureaucratic Efficiency that May Suffocate Democracy ............. 57
  2.5.2 The Objectionable Connection Between Politics and Bureaucracy ......................................................... 60
References .......................................................................................................................... 64

3 The Business Civil Society and its Impact on Romanian Public Administration ..................... 71
  3.1 Modern Challenges to Government Reforms .......................................... 74
    3.1.1 The Aspirations of Future Government Reforms ....................... 77
    3.1.2 The Hindrances to Modern Government Reforms ................. 79
    3.1.3 The Appeal and Importance of Entrepreneurial Government ......................................................... 84
  3.2 Culture, Social Trust, and Entrepreneurship ......................................... 86
    3.2.1 National Culture and Its Impact on Entrepreneurship .......... 88
  3.3 Civil Society: The Generator of National Culture ................................. 90
    3.3.1 General Concepts on the Civil Society ................................ 91
    3.3.2 Religion as the Underpinning Of Civil Society ................. 93
    3.3.3 The Civil Society as a Government Counterbalance .......... 97
  3.4 The Business Civil Society and the Creation of an Entrepreneurial Ecosystem ......................... 103
    3.4.1 The Creation of an Entrepreneurial Ecosystem .................... 105
    3.4.2 Corporate Social Responsibility ........................................ 107
    3.4.3 The Romanian Business Civil Society and Its Benefits .......... 114
  3.5 Limitations and Future Research .................................................................. 118
References .......................................................................................................................... 119

Appendix .......................................................................................................................... 127

Further Reading .............................................................................................................. 134
From Corruption to Modernity
The Evolution of Romania's Entrepreneurship Culture
Văduva, S.A.
2016, XV, 137 p. 5 illus., Softcover
ISBN: 978-3-319-26996-2