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### *Global Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

- 1) *Technological development and human health/ quality of life*
- 2) *Climate change and environmental sustainability*
- 3) *Democracy and cohesion in Europe*

### *The Interdisciplinary School of Doctoral Studies at the University of Bucharest*

The Interdisciplinary School of Doctoral Studies, University of Bucharest (ISDS-UB) has been founded in 2018. It provides a general framework for 3 forms of interdisciplinary doctoral studies – inceptive interdisciplinarity, broad interdisciplinarity and focused interdisciplinarity. The latter is organised in Interdisciplinary Research Training Groups (IRTGs), which comprise of group supervisors and doctoral students from at least 3 distinctive fields of doctoral studies and are inspired by the German *Graduiertenkollegs*. The first two IRTGs are dedicated to *Mind, Language and Cognition* and *Complex Systems Disentanglement through Data Analysis*.

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