

H.E. Radu IOANID

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania in the State of Israel

Radu Ioanid was born in Bucharest. He earned an MA in sociology at the University of Bucharest, Romania (1976), a doctorate at the University of Cluj, Romania, (1983), and a second doctorate at École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, (1995) Paris, France.

Starting with 1989 he was a researcher at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. Between 2000 and 2020 he was the Director of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's International Archival Programs Division. From 2003 to 2004 he served as the Vice-President for the International Commission for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania, chaired by Elie Wiesel. From 2018 to present he is an Associate Professor at Political Science Department, University of Cluj.

He is the author of several books on Romanian history and the Holocaust, including *The Holocaust in Romania* and *The Ransom of the Jews: The Story of the Extraordinary Secret Bargain Between Romania and Israel* published in Romanian, English, French, German and Hebrew. He received the 2018 Independent Publisher Book Award, Europe- Best Regional Non-Fiction, GOLD (tie) for his book *The Iasi Pogrom, June-July 1941, A Photo Documentary from the Holocaust in Romania*, Indiana University Press, 2017.

On March 31, 2020 Radu Ioanid started his assignment as Ambassador of Romania to Israel
Awards and medals

In 2009 Ioanid received the National Order “Pentru Merit” with the rank of “Comandor” conferred by the President of Romania.

In 2014 he received the distinguished rank of Officier des Arts et des Lettres, conferred by the French Minister of Culture.