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## Welcome to USFSP, Carnegie Fellow Larisa Patlis!

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Larisa Patlis and Judithanne Scourfield-McLachlan

I am so delighted that Larisa Patlis, my colleague from the Universitatea Libera Internationala din Moldova, the Free University of Moldova (the university in Chisinau, Moldova where I taught while a Fulbright Scholar), is working with me at USFSP this Fall 2012 semester as a Carnegie Fellow!

As Larisa explains, her research project, *Devolutionary Trends in the Republic of Moldova: the Case of Gagauz Yeri*, “explores the origins of devolution in the Republic of Moldova, defining

challenges to the unitary system and analyzing difficulties and opportunities that Moldova encounters with its territory's integrity.”

More to come on the blog about our collaboration and about Larisa's activities on campus. You can also [read her blog](#).

For now, let me just say

WELCOME TO USF ST PETERSBURG

добро пожаловать

Bine ai venit



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### About the blogger



Dr. Scourfield McLauchlan is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, where she teaches courses in American Government and Public Law. Her latest book, *Congressional Participation as Amicus Curiae before the U.S. Supreme Court*, explores how Members of Congress attempt to influence Supreme Court decision-making in specific cases. In addition to her scholarly activities, Professor McLauchlan has extensive experience in American government and politics. McLauchlan worked at the US Supreme Court, the US Senate Judiciary Committee, the US Department of Justice, and the White House. A veteran of several presidential campaigns, she has managed statewide operations across the US, from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon. During the 2010-11 academic year Dr. McLauchlan was a Fulbright Scholar in Moldova.