

# **ROMANIAN GEOGRAPHY**

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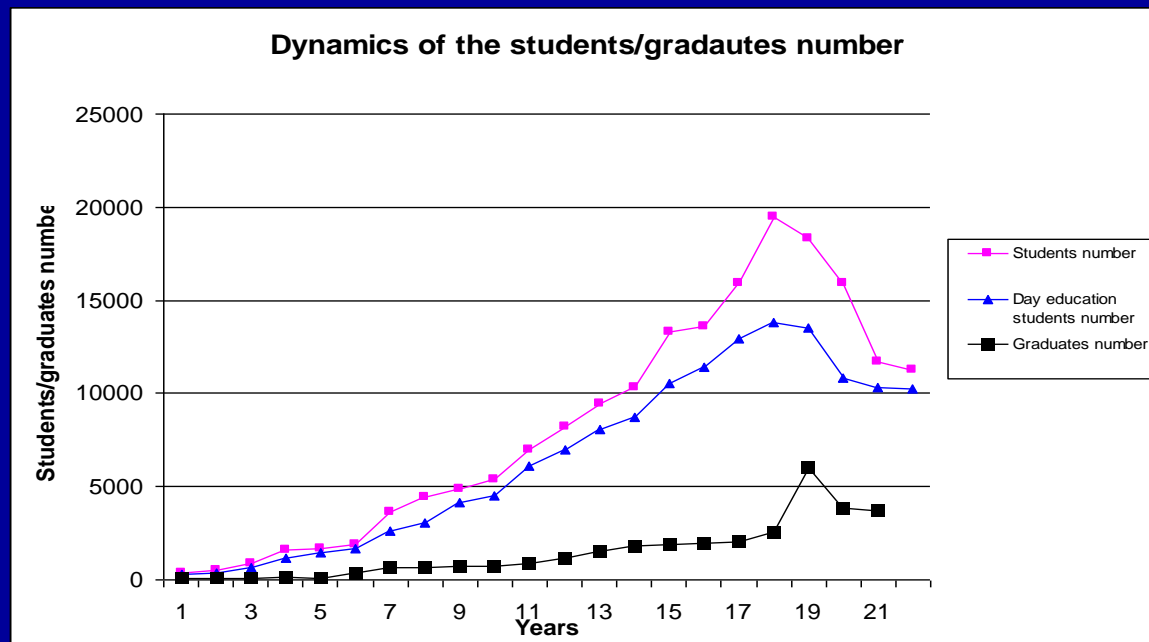
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# Characteristics of the Present-Day Romanian Geography

- Permanent conflict between Physical and Human Geographers, due to the communist heritage –  $\frac{3}{4}$  physical geographers;
- From a **huge** number of students to dramatic decline;



- **Multiplication** of the geographical study programs: from two to six: geography, tourism geography, territorial planning, cartography, climatology and hydrology;
- Geographical Higher Education system: 9 state universities and 5 private ones;
- **The majority of the Romanian geographical schools suffers the consequences of a bad management during the last 20 years.**

## New Trends

- **Detachment process of the traditional geographical higher education centers (three state universities);**
- **The decrease in the number of students pushed the applied research orientation;**
- **A strong orientation of geography in the environment and planning issues;**
- **The increase in the number of papers on economic, social, cultural, political, health and behavior geographies;**
- **The dramatic reduction of preoccupations in the development of the geographic thinking system;**
- **A dominant search for spectacular topics in the recent papers - excessive fragmentation and speculative research.**

# Future of Romanian Geography

- Rebuilding the national geographical school, based on the new generation of geographers;
- Retrieving the role of geography in the primary and high schools;
- Greater openness towards the social sciences and territorial planning;
- Higher valorization of the geographer-planner occupation;
- Optimal report between the applied and the fundamental researches;
- A strong and coordinated action of geographical non-governmental organizations to promote the geography as a science (RGS, PARG);
- Increasing the visibility of the Romanian geographical research, disseminating the results to international journals and publishing houses;
- Increasing the quality of the national journals in order to be indexed in the most famous international data basis.