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2025 HSTAPA AGENDA

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HUMAN SECURITY. THEORETICAL APPROACHES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS Sibiu, Romania 7th-8th of November 2025

09:00 – 09:45 Participants` Registration

Astra County Library, Sibiu (Building B), George Barițiu Street, No. 5-7, Sibiu, Romania

10:00 – 12:45 Opening Ceremony

Opening Remarks

Nicoleta Annemarie Munteanu, PhD, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania

Horațiu Dura, PhD, Vice-Rector for Study Programs, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania

Răzvan Pop, PhD, General Manager of the Astra County Library, Sibiu, Romania

Gabriel Aurel Șerban, PhD, Head of the Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania

Keynote Speakers

Ana-Maria Bușoni, General Director of the Intermediary Organism for Promoting the Information Society, Authority for the Digitalization of Romania; General Director of the National Coordination Centre for Cybersecurity, *Securing the Future: Cyber Resilience and Global Stability in the Era of AI-Enhanced Warfare*

Armağan Gözkaman, PhD, Chair, Department of International Relations, Beykent University, Istanbul, Turkey, *The EU's Human Security Narrative in Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: A Framing Theory Perspective*

Ariadna Petri, PhD, Research and Teaching Fellow, the Centre for Conflict Studies Philipps-University Marburg, Germany, *Reclaiming Human Security in an Age of Global Fragility*

Alexandru Kis, PhD, University of Oradea, Romania, *Artificial Intelligence Applications in Human Interactions Training – A Case Study for Human Security Scenarios*

Dumitru Cătălin Vasile, Leader of the Department for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies, Ministry of Economy, Digitalization, Entrepreneurship, and Tourism in Romania, *Algorithmic Propaganda - The Convergence of AI and Communication Platforms in Shaping Hybrid Conflict Narratives*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch for the Registered Participants

Împăratul Romanilor Restaurant, Nicolae Bălcescu Street, No. 4

14:30 – 18:00 Panels

Astra County Library, Sibiu (Building B), George Barițiu Street, No. 5-7, Sibiu, Romania

14:30 – 16:30 Panels - Session I

16:30 – 16:50 Coffee break

16:50 – 18:00 Panels - Session II

18:15 – A sightseeing Walk in Sibiu's Historic Center

Panel 1

Civil Rights and Freedoms

Coordinator/moderator: Dragoș Dragoman, PhD

In-person attendance

7th of November 2025

(14:30 – 18:00)

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Claudia Anamaria Iov, PhD (Department of International Studies and Contemporary History, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca, Romania), *Populism, democracy and nationalist parties in Romania: Case study 2024-2025 Romanian Elections*,

Daiana Vesmaș, PhD (Faculty of Law, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), **Andreea Nicoleta Dragomir, PhD** (Faculty of Law, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), **Ana Morari (Bayraktar), PhD Candidate** (Faculty of Law, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Human Security as a Legal Standard in Regulating Predictive Policing Algorithms*

Grațian Lupu, PhD (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Civil Rights and Freedoms Endangered by the Digital ID and Digital Currencies*

Lucian Tarnu, PhD (Faculty of Law, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Crime Prevention Through Community Involvement – a Human security Model Based on Human Rights*

Oana Adăscăliței, PhD (Maritime University of Constanța, Romania), *A Critical Analysis Of Labour Rights in the European Union For Migrant Workers*

Olga State, MA student (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), **Eugen Străuțiu, PhD** (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *The Armenian Genocide and Its International Recognition*

Sergiu Gabriel Berindea, PhD Candidate (Faculty of Law, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu), *Human Rights and National Security: Limits and Challenges in the Context of Emergency Measures*

Online attendance
8th of November 2025
(10:00 – 16:00)
Google Meet

Abdulqadir Al-Ameen, PhD Azman University, Kano, Nigeria, *Analysis of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression from the Prism of International and Constitutional Regulations*

Adeleke Babarinde Amos, PhD Lagos State University of Education, Lagos Nigeria, *Ethnic Diversity, Human Security, and Civil Rights: Overcoming Challenges to Peaceful Co-existence Among Bosniaks and Serbs*

Akinyetun Tope, PhD (Department of Political Science, Lagos State University of Education, Lagos State, Nigeria), **Ebomoyi Ikponmwosa, PhD** (Department of Political Science, University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria), **Ambrose Iyase, PhD** (Department of Political Science, University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria)

Armağan Gözkaman, PhD (Istanbul Beykent University, Turkey), *The EU's Human Security Narrative in Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: A Framing Theory Perspective*

Blendi Lami, PhD (European University of Tirana, Albania), *Albanian Foreign Policy in the Lens of Small State Behavior Theories*

Florin Bogdănel Priboi, PhD Candidate (Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Bucharest, Romania), *The Human Right to Vote: Between Pandemic, Annulment and Remake of the Presidential Election*

Igor Ryzhov, PhD (Non-Governmental Organization "Association of Doctors of Khmelnychchyna", Ukraine), **Petro Yashchuk, PhD** (Khmelnitskyi Regional Institute of In-Service Teacher Training, Ukraine), *The Concept of Vital Security as A Human Rights Doctrine: Ensuring the Right to Life, Health, And Dignity During Martial Law*

Irina Grosu, PhD Candidate (Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Bucharest, Romania), *The Political Weight of the Member States' Margin of Appreciation in Their Defence During the Proceedings Before the European Court of Human Rights Covering Article 15 Of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms*

Iulian Dinulescu, PhD (Doctoral School of Saint Nicodemus Orthodox Theology, University of Craiova, Romania), *Religiosity and Radical Secularism: Faith, Non-Belief, and the Dynamics of Hatred in Contemporary Political Extremism*

Jagoda Szargan, Student (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland), *The European Union Approach to Domestic Violence During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Comparative Analysis of Poland and Spain*

Joanna Rak, PhD (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland), *The Role of Emotion Management in Women's Protests During the Pandemic in Poland*

Kamila Rezmer, PhD (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland) *Evolution of public gatherings into civil disorder in pandemic-driven Croatia*

Maciej Skrzypek, PhD (University of Wrocław, Poland), *Government's Spin As A Factor Reducing Risk Of Civil Disorder: Experience Of Pandemic-Ridden Hungary And Romania*

Ioana Vid, PhD (West University of Timișoara, Romania), **Maria Sinaci, PhD** (Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, Romania), *Human Security as Discourse: Philosophical Reflections and Communication Challenges*

Meljana Bregu, PhD (University of Tirana, Albania), *Human Rights and Climate Change: The impact of the European Convention and European Court on Human Rights*

Monica Cristina Bănărescu, PhD Candidate (University of Bucharest, Romania), *The Elements of Populist Discourse in the Electoral Campaign for the 2020 Romanian Parliamentary Election*

Muhammad Azam, PhD (Department of Political Science, University of Sargodha, Sargodha, Pakistan), *Human Security of Daily-Wage Labourers at Mazdoor Addas: A Study of Workers at Labour Gathering Points in Sargodha*

Patricia Maria Nițoi, Student (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), **Dragoș Dragoman, PhD** (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *The Fragile Balance Between Security and Freedom. Civil Rights in Contemporary Italy*

Pelin Yücel, PhD (İstanbul University, Turkey), *The Fragile Balance Between Security and Freedom. Civil Rights in Contemporary Italy*

Radu Michael Alexandrescu, PhD (Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Romania), *From Analog Dissent to Digital Dissent: Evolving Tools of Civil Resistance*

Roman Bäcker, PhD (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland), *Polish Women's Strike in Scandinavia: Between Enthusiasm and Apathy*

Silvestru Iulian Calinciuc, PhD Candidate (Doctoral School of Communication, Public Relations and Advertising, Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania), *Civil Rights and Human Security of the Deaf Community*

Victor Ebonine, Researcher (University of Benin, Nigeria), *Between Ethnic Marginalization and Freedom: Understanding Secessionist Agitation in the Southeast, Nigeria*

Panel 2

Immigrants and Refugees in Eastern Europe

Coordinators/moderators: Andreea Nicoleta Dragomir, PhD; Iuliana Neagoș, PhD

In-person attendance

7th of November 2025

(14:30 – 18:00)

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Iulia Bulea, PhD (Faculty of Law, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Between Religion and Risk. Security Perceptions in the Context of Muslim Migration*

Nadia Victorina Ciorba, MA Student (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), **Iuliana Neagoș, PhD** (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Immigration and Organized Crime in Sweden*

Online attendance

8th of November 2025

(10:00 – 16:00)

Google Meet

Afolabi Kunmavo, PhD (Lagos State University of Education, Nigeria), *Terrorism, Forced Migration and the Challenges of Internal Displacement in Borno State of Nigeria (2009-2025)*

Aihonsu Ahoton, PhD, (Lagos State University of Education, Nigeria), *Climate Change, Forced Migration, and Human Security in Nigeria's Northern Region*

Andra Bianca Iacob, PhD Candidate (Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Case-Law of the European Court of Human Rights on Collective Expulsion and Pushbacks: From Hirsi Jamaa and Others V. Italy and N.T. V. Spain*

Aura Preda, PhD (Law Faculty, Spiru Haret University/Legal Research Institute, Romanian Academy, Romania) *Crime Prevention as a Premise for Human Security*

Edina Lilla Mészáros, PhD (University of Oradea, Romania), **Constantin Vasile Toca, PhD** (University of Oradea, Romania), *Solidarity in Action: Refugee Governance and Human Security in Romania's Response to the Ukrainian Crisis*

Florentin Gheorghe Titov, PhD Candidate (University of Bucharest, Romania), *The Emergence and Development of Return Migration Intentions among Romanian Migrants in Canada*

Florin Cazacu, PhD Candidate (Ștefan cel Mare Academy of Ministry of Internal Affairs, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova), *The Interference Between the Phenomenon of Migration and Preventive Measures Restricting Freedom: Perspectives from Criminal Procedural Law*

Liliana Beniuc, PhD (Moldova State University, Republic of Moldova), **Carolina Budurina-Goreacii, PhD** (Moldova State University, Republic of Moldova), *Migration's Structural Impact on the European Union's Security: Institutional Assessments and Strategic Implications (2022–2025)*

Maria Vlachadi, PhD (University of Crete, Greece), **Dimitris Tsantilas, Researcher** (Democritus University, Greece), *The Armed Forces in the Management of the Migration-Refugee Crisis: Field Research*

Nikolaou Kyrillos, PhD (University of Nicosia, Cyprus), *The EU Pact on Migration and Asylum Implementation Phase and the EU Mediterranean Member-States: Challenges and Concerns*

Serghei Sprincean, PhD (Institute of Legal, Political and Sociological Research, Moldova State University, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova), **Inga Grigoriu, PhD Candidate** (Doctoral School of Social Sciences, Moldova State University, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova), **Alexandra Guigov, Legal Adviser** (Law Center of Advocates, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova), *Human Security and Forced Displacement in the Republic of Moldova: Institutional and Civil Society Perspectives*

Panel 3

Energy Security. Challenges within the Current Context of International Relations

Coordinator/moderator: Mihai Melintei, PhD Candidate

In-person attendance

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Cristina Alexandra Deffert, MA Student (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), **Marius Șpechea, PhD** (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Iran's Economic Security: A New Paradigm*

Ernest Covasniuc, Student (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), **Mihai Melintei, PhD Candidate** (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Energy Infrastructure in the Digital Era: Cyber Risks and Defence Solutions*

Marius Mircea Mitrache, PhD (Faculty of Governance and Communication Studies, West University of Timișoara, Romania), *The Middle Corridor and EU Energy Security: Strategic Connectivity in a Shifting Geopolitical Landscape*

Online attendance

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(10:00 – 16:00)

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Anatolii Dirun, PhD (Moldova State University, Republic of Moldova), *Energy Crisis in Transnistria (2025): Analysis in the Context of Post-Conflict Relations between Transnistria and Moldova*

Andreea Alexandra Mosila, PhD (American Public University, Charles Town, West Virginia, United States), *Climate Change and Human Security in River Deltas: a Case Study of the Romanian Danube Delta*

Bakare Tope, PhD (Lagos State University of Education, Oto Ijanikin, Nigeria), *Energy Security and National Resilience: Comparative Insights from Emerging Economies with Reference to Nigeria*

Bogdan Marinescu, PhD (National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest, Romania), **Valentin Suvar, PhD** (European College of Security and Defence, Bruxelles), *Energy Security in Transition: Navigating Geopolitical Risks and Climate Imperatives*

Daniel Mihai Duțu, PhD Candidate (Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Bucharest, Romania), *The Importance of Energy and the Renaissance of Nuclear*

Oguzhan Manioglu, Research Assistant (Istanbul Kent University, Turkey), *Security Discourses in Great Power Competition: A Comparative Assessment Using the Cases of the United States and China*

Oluwatoyosi Adekoya, PhD (Lagos State University of Education, Nigeria), **Micheal Adeyanju, PhD** (Lagos State University of Education, Nigeria), *Investment and Financing Mechanisms for Energy Security in Nigeria: A Political Economy Perspective*

Rabia Uzun, PhD Candidate (Istanbul Beykent University, Turkey), *Framing Climate Change as a Human Security Challenge: A Comparative Analysis of the U.S. under the Trump Administration and the European Union*

Panel 4

Artificial Intelligence. Driven Warfare.

Impact on Cybersecurity and Communication Technologies in Hybrid Conflicts

Coordinators/moderators: Nicoleta Annemarie Munteanu, PhD; Grațian Lupu, PhD

In-person attendance

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(14:30 – 18:00)

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George Barițiu Street, No. 5-7, Sibiu, Romania

Alexandru Kis, PhD (University of Oradea, Romania), *Artificial Intelligence Applications In Human Interactions Training. A Case Study For Human Security Scenarios*

Andreea Alexandra Dincă, Independent Researcher (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Artificial Intelligence as a Power Multiplier in Hybrid Warfare: From Disinformation to Decision Autonomy*

Ariadna Petri, PhD (Center for Conflict Studies of the Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany Europaeum Fellowship from Oxford University), *Reclaiming Human Security in an Age of Global Security*

Bogdan Ștefanachi, PhD (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania), *Human Security – A New Narrative of Sovereignty and/or A Missed Opportunity?*

Cristina Oneț, PhD (Faculty of Law, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *The use of AI in tax administration - a security risk or an opportunity for Romania's development?*

Dumitru Cătălin Vasile, PhD (Department for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies in the Ministry of Economy, Digitalization, Entrepreneurship, and Tourism in Romania), *Algorithmic Propaganda. The Convergence of AI and Communication Platforms in Shaping Hybrid Conflict Narratives*

Flavius Alin Cărăvan, MA Student (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), **Dorin Alexandrescu, PhD** (Nicolae Bălcescu Land Forces Academy, Sibiu, Romania), *Resilience of Military Communications and Information Systems in Hybrid Warfare*

Laurențiu Olimpiu Șoneriu, PhD (Faculty of Law, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Cybersecurity: a global strategic priority*

Emilia Tomescu, PhD (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), **Iuliana Neagoș, PhD** (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Some Aspects Regarding Cognitive Warfare Today*

Nicoleta Annemarie Munteanu, PhD (Department of International Relations, Political Sciences and Security Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania), *Integrating Artificial Intelligence into Global Sustainability Frameworks: Opportunities and Risks for the SDGs*

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Google Meet

Adeshina Sowemimo, PhD (University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria), *Autonomous Decision-Making in Armed Conflict: Evaluating the Laws of War Through the Gaza Experience*

Albert Kojku, PhD Candidate (European University of Tirana, Albania), *Albania and the Challenges of Cybersecurity: From Vulnerability to Resilience in the Age of Artificial Intelligence and Hybrid Conflicts*

Aurelia Turcan, PhD (Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Republic of Moldova), **Vlada Colesnicova, PhD Candidate, Scientific Researcher** (Institute of Mathematics and Informatics, Republic of Moldova), *Risks Associated with Autonomous Systems and the Compromise of Artificial Intelligence Algorithms in Hybrid Conflicts*

Azeez Abimbola, PhD (Lagos State University of Education Oto Ijanikin, Nigeria), *Fractures Shelves: Child Poverty and Alienation in Noviolet Bulawayo's We Need New Names*

Ciprian Nițu, PhD (West University of Timișoara, Romania), **Denisa Paul, MA Student** (West University of Timișoara, Romania), *Resilient smallholder farming and human security in climate-vulnerable rural areas. A critical discourse analysis of SCRALA project in Zambia*

Cosmin Chiriac, PhD (Department of International Relations and European Studies, University of Oradea, Romania), *The security side of digital literacy in the Romanian Education system. A few steps behind the age of Artificial Intelligence*

Ejebe Keren Happuch, PhD (University of Benin, Nigeria), *AI-Based Surveillance and Early Warning System for Kidnapping Hotspots in Edo State, Nigeria*

Florin Tudorache, PhD Candidate (Carol I National Defence University, Bucharest, Romania), *Increasing Trust in Artificial Intelligence in Military Decision Contexts: Generational and Cognitive Implications*

Gabriela Paula Guiu, PhD (Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania), **Denisa Cornea, MA Student** (Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania), *Generative Intelligence and the Attention Economy: Advertising and Algorithmic Power in the Digital Age*

Juliana Gjinko, PhD (University of Tirana, Albania), *From e-services to cyber-risk: Assessing Albania's digital agenda (2022–2026)*

Maria Corina Barbaros, PhD (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași), **Liliana Beniuc, PhD** (Moldova State University, Republic of Moldova), **Diana Benchechi, PhD** (Moldova State University, Republic of Moldova), *Navigating Geopolitical Uncertainty: Romania and Moldova's Evolving Security Cultures*

Matei Blănaru, PhD Candidate (University of Bucharest, Romania), *The Volatile Security Environment That Will Follow the War in Ukraine: 'Lessons Learned' of History and How We Prepare*

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