

The 4th Edition of the International Conference
"Human Security. Theoretical Approaches and Practical Applications"
(HSTAPA)
7th-8th of November 2025
Sibiu, Romania

The fourth edition of the International Conference "Human Security. Theoretical Approaches and Practical Applications" was organized by the Laboratory for the Human Security Analysis - <https://centers.ulbsibiu.ro/ccsprise/lhsa-page/> - (Research Center for Political Sciences, International Relations, and European Studies - <https://centers.ulbsibiu.ro/ccsprise/>) in collaboration with "Studia Securitatis" Journal, having as partner the Astra County Library, Sibiu <https://conferences.ulbsibiu.ro/hstapa/hstapa-2025/>.

The conference proposed **four panels**: "Civil Rights and Freedoms"; "Immigrants and Refugees in Eastern Europe"; "Energy Security. Challenges within the Current Context of International Relations"; "Artificial Intelligence. Driven Warfare. Impact on Cybersecurity and Communication Technologies in Hybrid Conflicts" - <https://conferences.ulbsibiu.ro/hstapa/hstapa-2025/panels/>.

The Conference Agenda - <https://conferences.ulbsibiu.ro/hstapa/hstapa-2025/agenda-hstapa-2025/> - lists **125 participants, 86 submitted scientific presentation, from 14 countries**: Romania, Albania, Belgium, Cyprus, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Turkey, The Republic of Moldova, The United States of America, Ukraine, representing **38 different universities, research centers and institutions**:

Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Adam Mickiewicz University of Poland

Alexandru Ioan Cuza Police Academy Bucharest, Romania

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania

American Public University, Charles Town, West Virginia, United States

Azman University, Kano, Nigeria

Babeș-Bolyai University of Cluj Napoca

Carol I National Defense University, Bucharest, Romania

Center for United Nations Constitutional Research, Brussels, Belgium

Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Romania

Democritus University of Thrace, Greece

Lagos State University of Education, Oto Ijanikin, Nigeria

Department of Political Science, University of Sargodha, Pakistan

Doctoral School of Orthodox Theology "Sfântul Nicodim", University of Craiova, Romania

European College of Security and Defence, Bruxelles

European University of Tirana, Albania

Institute of Legal Research of Romanian Academy

Institute of Applied Physics, Moldova State University, Republic of Moldova

Institute of Mathematics and Informatics, Republic of Moldova

Istanbul Beykent University, Turkey

Istanbul Kent University, Turkey

Khmelnyskyi Regional Institute of In-Service Teacher Training, Ukraine

Law Center of Advocates, Chișinău, Republic of Moldova

Maritime University of Constanța, Romania

National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest, Romania



Nicolae Balcescu Land Forces Academy of Sibiu, Romania
Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń
Ştefan cel Mare Academy of Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova
Takoradi Technical University, Ghana
University of Benin, Nigeria
University of Bucharest
University of Kalisz, Poland
University of Nicosia, Cyprus
West University of Timișoara, Romania

Keynote speakers - <https://conferences.ulbsibiu.ro/hstapa/hstapa-2025/keynote-speakers/>

Ms. Ana-Maria Buşoniu. Ms. Anamaria Buşoniu is the General Director of the Information Body for the Promotion of the Information Society within the Romanian Authority for Digitalization since October 2021. Since July 2024, she has also held the position of General Director of the Romanian National Cybersecurity Centre (NCC RO). Mrs. Ana-Maria Buşoniu began her career in the management of European funds in 2014 at the Ministry of Investments and European Projects, where she was involved in programming and evaluation activities within the Managing Authority for the Large Infrastructure Operational Programme. In 2017, she became Coordinator of the System Coordination Directorate within the same ministry. As Deputy General Director of the Human Capital Operational Programme and later as General Director of the Competitiveness Operational Programme, she was responsible for negotiations with the European Commission services regarding both the European Social Fund and the European Regional Development Fund. One of the main objectives of her work during this period was to support investment initiatives through the simplification of implementation mechanisms and to ensure effective management aimed at increasing the absorption rate of structural funds. In 2019, she was appointed Secretary of State within the same ministry, where she coordinated the implementation of the European Fund for the Most Deprived (FEAD), the EEA and Norway Grants, as well as the ministry's relations with the Parliament. She worked at the Presidential Administration, within the Department for Education and Research. Ana-Maria Buşoniu holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science (2009) from Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, and a Master's degree in Political Communication and Electoral Marketing from the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA). ***Securing the Future: Cyber Resilience and Global Stability in the Era of AI-Enhanced Warfare.***

Mr. Armağan Gözkaman, PhD. Mr. Armağan Gözkaman is a Professor of European Union Studies and Chair of the International Relations Department at Istanbul Beykent University, where he has been working since 2012. He previously served as Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences and as Director of the EU Application and Research Center. He holds a BA in International Relations (1999) and an MA in European Union Studies (2003) from Galatasaray University. As a Jean Monnet Scholar, he completed an MA in Political Science/European Union Studies at Robert Schuman University (2001). He received a joint PhD from Strasbourg University and Marmara University (2009–2010) with a French government scholarship. His research interests include the EU's foreign relations, international security, and foreign policy analysis. Dr. Armağan Gözkaman, is a respected and insightful scholar whose rigorous, innovative, and policy-oriented research makes a timely impact on European Union studies, international security, and global diplomacy. ***The EU's Human Security Narrative in Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: A Framing Theory Perspective.***

Ms. Ariadna Petri, PhD is a conflict resolution and security researcher, analyst, consultant and lecturer. Currently she is a PhD within the Conflict Resolution at Complutense University,

Madrid. Her DAAD Fellowship in the Center for Conflict Studies of the Philipps-Universität Marburg, and her Europaeum Fellowship from Oxford University articulate her research across the whole spectrum from theoretical research, through policy making and into practice. Previously, Ariadna held researcher and lecturer appointments at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University, Israeli Institute for National Security Studies, A.I.Cuza University, Bard College and Al-Quds University. Ariadna's vision for building solutions for communities with high-potential for growth, led her to found and manage 10 training programs for leaders, teachers and youth, that helped over 480 young professionals from 32 countries across the EU and Middle East to catalyse their professional and personal development and skills. Her doctoral thesis analyses the agency of second track negotiators in feeding the peace industry in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. She specifically looks at what profiles of negotiators and which designs of negotiation activities have produced accords that stand a better chance to be implemented. ***Reclaiming Human Security in an Age of Global Security.***

Mr. Alexandru Kis, PhD is an associate lecturer at the University of Oradea and a reserve officer in the Romanian Army, with field experience in international operations in Angola, Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan. During the last 15 years of his military career, Dr. Kis has specialized in intelligence work at the NATO HUMINT Centre of Excellence (HCOE) in Oradea, Romania, where he contributed to multiple NATO working groups focused on doctrine development, training management, and quality assurance. He holds an M.A. in International Relations and Security Systems from the Faculty of Political Science, International Relations, and European Studies at Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, where he has been a member of the Laboratory for Human Security Analysis since 2022. His academic background is complemented by a joint Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Oradea, conducted in cooperation with the Romanian National Defence University "Carol I" in Bucharest, with a doctoral dissertation titled *NATO and Human Security*. Dr. Kis has published numerous articles and contributed chapters to several academic volumes in Romania and abroad, addressing a wide range of topics related to socio-human dynamics, cultural awareness, NATO policies, intelligence, and security studies. ***Artificial Intelligence Applications in Human Interactions Training – A Case Study for Human Security Scenarios.***

Mr. Dumitru-Cătălin Vasile is a leading professional in artificial intelligence governance, cybersecurity, and digital transformation. He heads the Department for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies in the Romanian Ministry of Economy, Digitalization, Entrepreneurship, and Tourism. With over 20 years in the technology sector, he has held leadership roles at companies including Oracle, Motorola Solutions, and Zebra Technologies, managing cross-regional teams in software development and secure digital infrastructure. He previously advised on Digitalization, AI, and Cybersecurity within Ministry of Research, Innovation, and Digitalization. Mr. Dumitru-Cătălin Vasile holds an Executive MBA from Tiffin University (Ohio, USA) and several other advanced degrees. He is currently a PhD candidate at SNSPA, researching the impact of AI and digitalization on foreign and defense policies, with a focus on global security, defense strategies, and modern conflict including Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems and hybrid warfare. ***Algorithmic Propaganda – The Convergence of AI and Communication Platforms in Shaping Hybrid Conflict Narratives.***

The Scientific Committees, <https://conferences.ulbsibiu.ro/hstapa/hstapa-2025/committees/> brings together renowned experts in the field of human security, from Philips University of Marburg; the Romanian Academy of Scientists; University of Strasbourg, University of Bordeaux, Florida Atlantic University; Sichuan University; Institute for Legal, Political and Sociological Research Chisinau; Free International University of Moldova; Lucian Blaga

University of Sibiu, Institute for Political Studies Belgrade, National University of Public Service, Budapest; Romanian Diplomatic Institute; Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv; Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt Üniversitesi; New Europe Center Kyiv; Sukhishvili University, Tbilisi; University of Information, Technology and Management of Rzeszów; University of Koblenz-Landau; University of Alaska, Anchorage; L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Astana; Florida Atlantic University.

The selected papers after the peer-review process will be published in **Studia Securitatis Journal** (SS), December 2025 Issue <https://conferences.ulbsibiu.ro/hstapa/hstapa-2025/publication/>.

Studia Securitatis Journal - <https://magazines.ulbsibiu.ro/studiasecuritatis/> - is a member of Crossref (<https://www.crossref.org>). We assign a DOI name for each article published in Studia Securitatis Journal. DOI prefix - 10.54989/stusec (<https://www.doi.org/>). **International Databases:** ERIH+, CEEOL, DOAJ, EBSCO, INDEX COPERNICUS, J-GATE, ULRICH'S PERIODICAL DIRECTORY, INFOBASE INDEX SOCIONET, RESEARCHBIB, MIAR, EUROPEAN XFEL PUBLICATIONDATABASE, GLOBAL IMPACT&QUALITY FACTOR. Founded in 2007, Studia Securitatis Journal is a peer-reviewed academic journal dedicated to the field of security studies, primarily focused on topics related to national security, international relations, defense policies, and various dimensions of security studies. It serves as a platform for scholars, researchers, and professionals in the field to disseminate their findings, analyses, and theoretical discussions on a wide array of security-related topics. It is published biannually by the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, under the Research Center in Political Science, International Relations and European Studies, and the Department of International Relations, Political Science and Security Studies. The journal has evolved from its origins in the Faculty of Political Science, International Relations and European Studies, reflecting its strong academic foundation and commitment to advancing the discourse on security. As of 2022, this represents a significant partnership in the field of security studies. This collaboration aims to bridge the gap between academic research and practical solutions in addressing contemporary security challenges.

The International Conference "Human Security. Theoretical Approaches and Practical Applications" serves as a vital forum where theoretical frameworks and real-world applications converge. Participants from diverse backgrounds, including academia, government, and non-governmental organizations, gather to discuss pressing security issues such as human rights, conflict resolution, and sustainable development. This partnership not only enhances the academic discourse on human security, but also promotes the practical implementation of these ideas in policymaking and on-the-ground initiatives. Overall, the synergy between Studia Securitatis Journal and the International Conference "Human Security. Theoretical Approaches and Practical Applications" enriches the field of security studies by fostering a dynamic exchange of knowledge that is both theoretically sound and practically relevant.

The International Conference "Human Security. Theoretical Approaches and Practical Applications" (HSTAPA) is an event that brings together leading academics, policymakers, practitioners, and civil society organizations to explore and advance the multifaceted concept of human security. This conference aims to foster a deeper understanding of theoretical frameworks while highlighting innovative practical solutions to contemporary security challenges, addressing the pressing issues facing humanity today.