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DAY 1 — FRIDAY, 20 MARCH 2026

Opening Ceremony • Plenary Sessions • Panel Discussions

10:00 *Registration & Coffee*

**10:30 Opening Ceremony & Welcome Addresses
CEPOS Staff- Keynote Address**

Anca Parmena Olimid, Cătălina Maria Georgescu, Cosmin Lucian Gherge, New Frontiers in Political Science Research: Concepts, Methods and Global Contexts

■ **Parallel Sessions A (11:00 – 12:30)**

11:00 Panel A1: Democratic Transitions and Consolidation

Chair: Andrzej Dubicki, Stanislaw Kosmyнка, Rafal Jung
Hybrid Session

Andrzej Dubicki, Uniwersytet Łódzki/WSMiP, Łódź, Poland

The issue of teaching Polish in diaspora regarding the political and historical background

Stanislaw Kosmyнка, Faculty of International and Political Studies, University of Lodz, Poland

Emotions in Politics: The Anti-Immigrant Discourse of the Radical Right Vox Party in Spain

Rafał Jung, University of Łódź, Political Theory and Political Thought (Sports Policy Research Group), Faculty of International and Political Studies, Łódź, Poland

Olympic Peace Made in Russia: The Soviet Union and the Russian Federation in the Olympic Movement

Dumitru-Cătălin Vasile, National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Craiova, Romania

The Impact of AI-Generated Content on Political Discourse in Post-Communist Societies

11:00 Panel A2: Visual Politics: An Interdisciplinary Approach

Chair: Marian Zidaru, Daniela Naidin
Hybrid Session

Marian Zidaru, MA Academy of Romanian Scientists, Romania

Stoica Lascu, Black Sea House Constanța, Romania

Data on SD Activity in Romania Resulting from the SOE Investigation of Jacob Lindermann

Daniela Naidin, University of Craiova, Faculty of Letters, Romania
Artificial Intelligence and the Reconfiguration of History Learning: An Interdisciplinary Analysis from the Perspective of Educational Sciences and Behavioral Anthropology

Tudora Crăciun, University of Bucharest/The Doctoral School of Philosophy, Bucharest, Romania
Art and Democracy. The Body in Post-Communist Art

Florin Nacu, Institute for Research in Social Sciences and Humanities, Craiova, Romania
Oltenia - the image of a post-communist evolution

Stoica Lascu, Black Sea House Constanța, Romania
Marian Zidaru, Academy of Romanian Scientists, Romania
The Cairo Negotiations in SOE. Documents from Spring and Summer 1944

12:30 *Lunch Break* Restaurant of the House of University - Ground Floor

■ **Parallel Sessions B (14:00 – 15:15)**

14:00 **Panel B1: Institutional Responsibility and Political Polarization**
Chair: Jan Bureš, Ladislav Cabada
Hybrid Session

Jan Bureš, Metropolitan University Prague, Prague, Czech Republic
The role of parliament in the communist coup in Czechoslovakia in 1948

Ladislav Cabada, Metropolitan University Prague, Prague, Czech Republic
(Dis)trust in Political Institutions and Long-term Polarising Trends in Europe

Tereza Vožárová, Faculty of Medicine, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
Responsibility as a Lost Value: Bioethical Consequences of Ideological Polarization

14:00 **Panel B2: Governance, Democracy and Political Ideologies: Civic Engagement and Inclusion**

Chair: Tereza Vozárová, Marija Martinović, Barbara Węglarz
Hybrid Session

Marija Martinović, Sorbonne Université – CEFRES, Paris, France
Paradoxes of Socialist Ideology in Yugoslavia: Coca-Cola Socialism as a Diplomatic Strategy?

Barbara Węglarz, University of the National Education Commission in Krakow, Poland
Joanna Lampa

Andrzej Frycz, Modrzewski University in Krakow, Poland
Krakow's participatory school budget as an example of civic education

Kacso-Carstocea Matei, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Romania

Lucian Claudiu Anghel, SNSPA - Bucharest, Romania
Post-Crisis Governance and Bank Risk-Taking in Europe

Diana-Maria Grosu, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, Romania

Digital governance in education: between the promise of inclusion and the risk of exclusion

14:00 **Panel B3: Environmental Governance, Social Movements and International Law in the Digital Age**

Chair: Daniel Ghiță, Adrian-Barbu Ilie, Livia Călin, Matei Diaconu, Simina Badea
Hybrid Session

Daniel Ghiță, Faculty of Law, University of Craiova, Romania
Defense strategies in civil proceedings

Adrian-Barbu Ilie, Faculty of Law, University of Craiova, Romania
Managerial Myopia and Sustainable Urban Governance: Legal Perspectives on Environmental Protection in Romanian Local Administration

Livia Călin, University of Craiova, Faculty of Law, Romania
Between self-determination and terrorism: the legal qualification of the actions of national liberation movements in contemporary international law

Matei Diaconu, Faculty of Law, University of Craiova, Romania
The importance of the promise to sell in the context of the development of the real estate market in Romania

Diana-Maria Grosu, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, Romania

Global models of digital governance and their adaptation in Romania: International lessons and implementation pathways

Florentina-Cristina Merciu

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography, Bucharest, Romania

Bogdan Suditu

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography, Bucharest, Romania

George-Laurențiu Merciu

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography, Bucharest, Romania

Urban space and collective memory: the role of commemorative monuments built after 1990 in the Municipality of Bucharest

Laetitia Casangiu, Independent Researcher, Constanța, Romania

Food and Politics: State Food Controls in Totalitarian Regimes

Simina Badea, Faculty of Law, University of Craiova, Romania

Lexicalised or Dead Metaphor and Metonymy in the Specialised Language of Law

Diana-Maria Grosu, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, Romania

Ioan-Sebastian Buduroi, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, Romania

Victor Stoica, "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University of Iași, Romania

Digital governance in education: between the promise of inclusion and the risk of exclusion

14:00

Panel B4: Public Policies, Governance and Social Resilience: AI, Education, Professional Development and Sociological Perspectives

Chair: Gabriela Motoi, Alexandrina-Mihaela Popescu, Veronica Gheorghită, Viorel Ghenea

Hybrid Session

Gabriela Motoi, University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Sciences, Craiova, Romania

Alexandrina-Mihaela Popescu, University of Craiova, Department of Teacher Training, Romania

Gender Equality in Research: A Sociological Analysis of European Statistics and Public Policies

Emilia-Maria Sorescu, University of Craiova, Romania
Structural Violence, Occupational Stress, and Trauma-Informed Policy in Helping Professions

Alexandrina-Mihaela Popescu, University of Craiova, Department of Teacher Training, Romania

Gabriela Motoi, University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Sciences, Craiova, Romania
Understanding Continuous Professional Development Needs among Teachers in Vocational and Technical Education: Evidence from a Sociological Study

Valentina Marinescu, University of Bucharest, Romania

Teodor Dumitrache, University of Bucharest, Romania
From Spells to Code: Comparing Medical Authority in Medieval Romania and the Age of AI

Gabriela Motoi, University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Sciences, Craiova, Romania

Mihaela Alexandrina Popescu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Sciences, Craiova, Romania
Educational Vulnerabilities and School Participation among Vocational and Lower Secondary Students: A Sociological Needs Assessment in Dolj County, Romania

Roxana Pleșa, University of Petroșani, Petroșani, Romania

Artificial Intelligence vs. Human Factor in Applied Behavior Analysis: A Comparative Analysis for Future Integration in Behavioral Sciences

Valentina Marinescu, University of Bucharest, Romania

Teodor Dumitrache, University of Bucharest, Romania
Comprehension and Retention in Print, Digital, and AI-Mediated Reading: A Scoping Review

14:00

Panel B5: Resilience, Youth Careers and Policy Strategies in the Information Age

Chair: Andreea Mihaela Niță, Mihaela Pârvu, Emilia Sorescu
Hybrid Session

Mihaela-Cristina Pârvu, University of Craiova, Romania

Andreea-Mihaela Niță, University of Craiova, Romania
From Vulnerability to Resilience: Developing Emotional Resilience in Children at Risk

Cătălina Maria Georgescu, University of Craiova, Romania
Silviu Dorin Georgescu, Independent Researcher, Craiova, Romania
Rethinking Educational Policies to counteract Social Media Dependence: Grit and Self-Efficacy as Protective Factors for Youth

Andreea-Mihaela Niță, University of Craiova, Romania
Pârvu Mihaela-Cristina, University of Craiova, Romania
Navigating the AI Labour Market: Career Guidance Strategies for Romanian Youth

Otilia Maria Trașcă, University of Craiova, "Eugeniu Carada"
Doctoral School of Economics Sciences, Romania
The Always-On Culture: Expectations for Work Communication Beyond Working Hours

Cătălina Maria Georgescu, University of Craiova, Romania
Silviu Dorin Georgescu, Independent Researcher, Craiova, Romania
Comparative Analysis of National Security Strategies: Policy Formation, Institutional Actors, and Instruments of National Power

Irina Janina Boncea, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Pragmatic Aspects of Irrealis Tools in the Language of Information Technology

14:00

Panel B6: AI, Finances, banking & digital market

Chair: Ramona Pârvu, Ramona Birau
Hybrid Session

Saidalavi K, Department of Management and Commerce, MANUU, Hyderabad, Telangana, India

Rasheed K, Department of Management, Aliah University, Kolkata, West Bengal, India

Virgil Popescu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Craiova, Romania,

Ramona Birau, University of Craiova, "Eugeniu Carada" Doctoral School of Economic Sciences, Craiova, Romania,

Roxana-Mihaela Nioata (Chireac), University of Craiova, Doctoral School of Economic Sciences "Eugeniu Carada", Craiova, Romania
Investigating the Impact of e-Service Quality on Customer Satisfaction by Examining the Trends in Consumer Behavior towards Quick Commerce (Q-commerce)

Ramona Costina Pîrvu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Craiova, Romania
Constantina Alina Ciurilă (Tapi), University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Craiova, Romania
Economic and Sociological Theories on the Impact of Technology on Labor: Toward an Institutional Task-Mediation Framework

Lucian-Florin Spulbăr, University of Craiova, Doctoral School of Economics Sciences „Eugeniu Carada”, Romania
The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on the Quality and Transparency of Corporate Reporting

Daniel-Marius Mitrache, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Romania
Management challenges in the internationalization of Romanian SMEs

Lavinia-Adelina Mitrache, University of Craiova, Romania
The Impact of the War in Ukraine on Sustainable Development and Global Economic Resilience

Cezar-Cătălin Ene, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Assessing the Impact of Financial Risk on Organizations by Modelling the Unemployment Rate Using the Arima Model

Daniel-Marius Mitrache, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Romania
The Impact of PropTech Technologies on Office Building Management Efficiency

14:00 **Panel B7: Economic Resilience in Global Development: Trade Exchange and ESG Policies**

Chair: Narcis Mitu, Cristian Stanciu
Hybrid Session

George Teodor Mitu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Craiova, Romania

Narcis Eduard Mitu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Craiova, Romania

Mihaela Zglavoci, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Craiova, Romania

ESG and Economic Resilience in the EU: Evidence from Macro Indicators

Lucian-Florin Spulbăr, University of Craiova,
Doctoral School of Economics Sciences „Eugeniu Carada”,
Romania
*Reconfiguring Corporate Governance under the Impact of Hybrid
and Conventional Wars*

George Teodor Mitu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics
and Business Administration, Craiova, Romania

Narcis Eduard Mitu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics
and Business Administration, Craiova, Romania

Mihaela Zglavoci, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and
Business Administration, Craiova, Romania

*From PISA to Prosperity: How Education Quality Is Associated with
Economic Development in the EU-27 (2018, 2022)*

Andrei Cristian Spulbar

University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business
Administration Craiova, Romania

Cristian Valeriu Stanciu, University of Craiova, Faculty of
Economics and Business Administration Craiova, Romania

*FinTech and the integration of financial markets and institutions:
mapping research frontiers and impact pathways*

Andrei Cristian Spulbar

University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business
Administration Craiova, Romania

Cristian Valeriu Stanciu, University of Craiova, Faculty of
Economics and Business Administration Craiova, Romania

*FinTech and financial stability: risk channels, resilience, and
regulatory trade-offs*

Lavinia-Adelina Mitrache, University of Craiova, Romania

*Quality education as a determinant of progress towards the
Sustainable Development Goals*

Eugen Stanciu, "Eugeniu Carada" Doctoral School of Economic
Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

Cristian Valeriu Stanciu, University of Craiova, Faculty of
Economics and Business Administration Craiova, Romania

*Blockchain Exchange Design and Trading Instruments: A
Conceptual Framework for Centralized and Decentralized Markets*

Daniela Iulia Maria Carbune, University of Craiova, Romania

*Macroeconomic Determinants of Bank Profitability. Research
Trends and Future Perspectives in the Era of Artificial Intelligence*

Cristian Valeriu Stanciu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration Craiova, Romania

Eugen Stanciu, Eugeniu Carada" Doctoral School of Economic Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

The Digital Assets Landscape: A Bibliometric Analysis of Intra-Market Linkages

Andrei Smărăndescu, University of Craiova, Doctoral School of Economics Sciences "Eugeniu Carada"

The Evolution of ESG Integrated Lending: Implications for Credit Allocation and Underserved Populations

15:15

Coffee Break & Networking

■ Parallel Sessions C (15:30 – 16:30)

15:30

Panel C1: Law, constitutionalism and the rule of law in contemporary political systems

Chair: Dan Claudiu Dănișor, Mădălina Dănișor, George Gîrleşteanu, Mădălina Nica

Hybrid Session

Dan Claudiu Dănișor, University of Craiova, Faculty of Law, Department of Public Law, Romania,

Mădălina Cristina Dănișor, University of Craiova, Faculty of Law, Department of Public Law, Romania,

George Liviu Gîrleşteanu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Law, Department of Public Law, Romania,

Elena Mădălina Nica, University of Craiova, Faculty of Law, Department of Public Law, Romania,

Vertical separation of power – a means of guaranteeing freedom in states governed by the rule of law

George Liviu Gîrleşteanu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Law, Department of Public Law, Romania

Rule of law standards

George Liviu Gîrleşteanu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Law, Department of Public Law, Romania

Iohan-Andrei Ghibu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Law, Department of Public Law, Romania

Emergency Powers and The Rule of Law: Theoretical Reflections and Legal Realities

Cosmin Lucian Gherghe, University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Sciences, Craiova, Romania

A Comparative Analysis of the Legal Statute of Political Parties in European Democracies

15:30

Panel C2: Governance and institutional transformation in democratic societies: public administration, accountability and policy frameworks

Chair: Oana Stăiculescu, Gabi-Daniela Găărăiman, Cristina Stanciu, Roberta Ploscă, Armand Mihail Calotă

Hybrid Session

Cristina Stanciu, University of Craiova, Law Faculty, Romania

The shipping contract as a hybrid of commission and transport

Oana Staiculescu, University of Craiova, Romania

Gabi-Daniela Găărăiman, University of Craiova, Romania

Decision Rights and Accountability in Government AI

Roberta Ploscă, University of Craiova, Law Faculty, Craiova, Romania

The value of morality in the system of legal science and in the enhancement of social relations

Armand Mihail Calotă, University of Craiova, Romania

Legal perspectives on the regulation of artificial intelligence systems and the protection of the stability of employment relationships

Cristina Stanciu, Faculty of Law, University of Craiova, Romania
Legal protection in civil law and transport law

Oana Staiculescu, University of Craiova, Romania

Veronica Gheorghită, University of Craiova, Romania

The Informational Ecology of Public Data in Romania

Armand Mihail Calotă, University of Craiova, Romania

The legal challenges of artificial intelligence in data and consumer law

Cosmin Lucian Gherghe, University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Sciences, Craiova, Romania

Assessing the Political and Legal Implications of the UN Security Council Resolutions in Supporting Justice Mechanisms in Conflict Zones

15:30

Panel C3: AI, Human Development and Societal Security: Policy, Health, and Law

Chair: Anca Parmena Olimid, Cătălina Maria Georgescu, Cosmin Gherghe

Hybrid Session

Anca Parmena Olimid, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania

Daniel Alin Olimid, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania

Digital Public Services and Human Development in the AI Era: A Citizen-Based Anticipatory Governance, Security Policy and Information Approach

Daniel Alin Olimid, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania

Anca Parmena Olimid, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania

Demographic Change, Social Cohesion and Human Development Sustainability and Security: Health Policy Innovation and Regulatory Sandboxes

Aman Shreevastava, P.G. Department of Commerce and Management, Purnea University, Purnea, Bihar, India-854301

Shahil Raza, Department of Commerce, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh 202001, India

Bharat Kumar Meher, P.G. Department of Commerce and Management, Purnea University, Purnea, Bihar, India-854301

Ramona Birău, Finance and Accounting Department, "Constantin Brâncuși" University of Târgu Jiu, Faculty of Economic Science, Tg-Jiu, Romania & University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Craiova, Romania

Virgil Popescu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Craiova, Romania

Ștefan Mărgăritescu, University of Craiova, "Eugeniu Carada" Doctoral School of Economic Sciences, Craiova, Romania, Email:

Md. Wahiduz Zama, Department of Commerce, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh 202001, India

The Superiority of Asymmetric Volatility Models: An Empirical Comparison of GARCH-Family Specifications for the Volatility of MSCI Mexico Index

Ramona Birău, University of Craiova, "Eugeniu Carada" Doctoral School of Economic Sciences, Craiova, Romania

Virgil Popescu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Craiova, Romania

Understanding colors in finance - The impact of Green, Blue and Black Finances on sustainable economic growth

Cătălina Maria Georgescu, *University of Craiova, Romania*

Anca Parmena Olimid, *University of Craiova, Romania*

Daniel Alin Olimid, *University of Craiova, Romania*

Silviu Dorin Georgescu, *Independent Researcher, Craiova, Romania*

Cosmin Lucian Gherghe, *University of Craiova, Romania*

Assessing the Correlations between Socioeconomic Development and Sustainable Policy Outcomes: A Multidimensional Analysis of Health, Education, Equality, Employment, Security and Climate Resilience

Maria-Mădălina Bulancia, *Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-political Sciences, Romania*

Legitimizing the „peaceful rise” of the People’s Republic of China. A Conceptual Analysis of Official Chinese Discourses and Trends in Academic Publication

Lucian Bălănuță, *University Alexandru Ioan Cuza Iași – Faculty of Letters – specialization Journalism and Communications Sciences*

Transactional Realism - recasting power as bargain. The diplomatic strategy of the United States in relation with the Russia-Ukraine war

16:30

Social & Cultural Programme

City Tour Craiova

Guided visit of the historic city centre

Craiova **Pastry & Chocolate Tour**

Visit to Mihai Viteazul Square and Prefecture Square

Walk through English Park and University area

Local culture and heritage presentation

Networking walk & informal discussions

■ **Parallel Sessions D (18:00 – 19:00)**

18:00

Panel D1: Political culture, values and language skills

Chair: **Floriana Anca Păunescu**, **Ileana Mihaela Chirițescu**, **Lavinia Costinel Lăpădat**, **Maria-Magdalena Lăpădat**

Hybrid Session

Ileana Mihaela Chirițescu, *University of Craiova, Romania*

Floriana Anca Păunescu, *University of Craiova, Romania*

Communication Mediated by Digital Means

Adrian-Florin Bușu, University of Craiova, Romania
Natural Language Processing as an Integrated Model of AI-Mediated Pedagogy

Floriana Anca Păunescu, University of Craiova, Romania
Ileana Mihaela Chirițescu, University of Craiova, Romania
Clarity, Coherence, and Communication: The Case for Standardized Administrative Language

Laviniu Costinel Lăpădat, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Energy Output and (De)industrialisation: Redefining the Socio-Economic and Cultural Fabric of the World's Three Major Blocs (EU, US and China)

Maria-Magdalena Lăpădat, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Specialized Vocabulary and Academic Communication Skills in English for Psychology: An ESP-Based Approach

Cristina-Gabriela Marin, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Loredana Ispas, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Biblical Idioms Used in Travel-Related Contexts

Laviniu Costinel Lăpădat, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Integrating Romanian Culture and Civilisation in Language Instruction for Foreign Students

Diana Marcu, University of Craiova, Romania
The Integration of AI into the Lives of Engineering Students: A Case Study

Laviniu Costinel Lăpădat, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Maria-Magdalena Lăpădat, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
The AI Revolution: Friend or Foe in Higher Education and the Subsequent Job Market Integration

Maria-Magdalena Lăpădat, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Classical Legacy vs. Modern Dissemination in Teaching English for Psychology Students: From Freud and Jung to Jordan Peterson

18:00

Panel D2: Media Writing, Language and AI-Driven Communication

Chair: Costina Denisa Bărbuceanu, Andreea Mihaela Stoian,
Daniela Scorțan
Hybrid Session

Costina Denisa Bărbuceanu, University of Craiova, Romania
Active Learning Strategies for Increasing Student Engagement in English Language Teaching

Cristina-Eugenia Burtea-Cioroianu, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Using Artificial Intelligence in Teaching Romanian as a Foreign Language

Daniela Scorțan, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Immersive experience in teaching

Cristina Maria Andrei, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
The Relevance of Writing Practice

Viorel Ștefan Ghenea, University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Sciences, Romania
Montaigne on Otherness: The Cannibal as Noble Savage

Andreea Mihaela Stoian, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
The importance of teachers in the educational system

Cristina-Gabriela Marin, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
Abbreviations Used in Tourism Terminology

Alina Roxana Popa, University of Craiova, Craiova, Romania
The Values of the “Succeeeder” Psychographic Group as Discernible in The Sunday Times Newspaper Review of a Hotel

Costina Denisa Bărbuceanu, University of Craiova, Romania
From Chalkboard to Chatbots: Integrating AI Tools in the Modern ELT Classroom

18:00

Panel D3: Roundtable Discussion: East–West Dialogue Thirty Years On & CEPOS Research Workshop and Tutorials Series: Security, Governance and Public Policy: Community Engagement and Social Dynamics

All Day-1 Participants — Paper Presentations & Moderated Discussion

Physical Attendance

Anca Parmena Olimid, University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Sciences, Romania

Citizens-Focused Governance and Digital Information Integrity: An Updated Review of the Evolving Topics and Emergent Metrics

Cătălina Maria Georgescu, University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Sciences, Craiova, Romania

Investigating Institutional Image in Security Contexts: An Imagological Framework Combining Press Monitoring and Social Media Analysis

Cosmin Lucian Gherghe, University of Craiova, Faculty of Social Sciences, Craiova, Romania

Analysing the Legal Framework of Information Security and the Fight Against Disinformation in Romania: The Interaction Between National Security, Cyber Infrastructure, and Democratic Processes

18:00

Panel D4:

STUDENT RESEARCH SESSION: Applied Intelligence Analysis (A2I) Panel & EU POLICIES AND SECURITY (CEPOS Student Project Research, Quiz, Facts, Press and Legal Monitoring, Social Analysis)

CEPOS & Political Sciences specialization, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova - CEPOS 15th international student symposium

Coordinating Professors: Parmena Olimid, Cătălina Georgescu, Cosmin Gherghe. Date: launched on December 2025-March 2026

Daniel-Petruț Băsășteanu, MA Political Sciences, National and Euro-Atlantic Security, 1st year, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

EU cybersecurity strategy 2020–2025

Gabriela-Crina Ciupitu, BA Political Sciences, 2nd year, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

Countering Disinformation and Hybrid Threats in the European Space

Mirela Gheorghiu, MA Political Sciences, National and Euro-Atlantic Security, 1st year, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

Strengthening of the common security and defence policy (CSDP). Case study – the Strategic Compass for Security and Defence (2022)

Theodor Gheorghiu, MA Political Sciences, National and Euro-Atlantic Security, 1st year, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

Cybersecurity resilience: a shield against hybrid threats

Dumitru-Radu Guran, MA Political Sciences, National and Euro-Atlantic Security, 2nd year, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Craiova, Romania

The EU–NATO partnership in managing hybrid threats

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The EU cybersecurity strategy 2020–2025: a framework for digital security

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EU Security Policy in the Eastern Neighborhood (Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia)

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European health security after COVID-19: the role of HERA and ECDC

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Migration and the EU asylum policy

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EU security policy in the Mediterranean and the Middle East

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EU migration and asylum policies

19: 00 Gala Dinner & Networking Reception

20:00 End of Day 1 Sessions

DAY 2 — SATURDAY, 21 MARCH 2026

Parallel Sessions • Keynote • Closing Ceremony

■ **Parallel Sessions E (10:00 – 11:00)**

10:00

Panel E1: Geopolitics and Security in Post-Communist Space

Chair: Parmena Olimid, Cătălina Georgescu, Cosmin Gherghe

Hybrid Session

Alexandra-Ștefania Dinulescu, Baku State University, Azerbaijan,
Observing Romania's Role in Regional Natural Gas Transport Systems

Radu Cupcea, Institute of Political Science and International Relations "Ion I. C. Brătianu" of the Romanian Academy
Presidential Advisers in post-communist Romania

Radu Pătrașcu, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work – University of Bucharest, Romania
Public opinion on Russia in Ukraine and Georgia. Comparative Analysis

Valentin Manguirea, SNSPA - Doctoral School, Management, Bucharest, Romania

Lucian Claudiu Anghel, SNSPA - Bucharest, Romania

Who Controls the Decision? Artificial Intelligence, Algorithmic Control, and Consumer Trust in Banking

Luiza-Maria Filimon, Ovidius University of Constanța, Faculty of History and Political Science, Constanța, Romania
The Crisis of Euroscepticism and the Rise of the Illiberal Parties. A Comparative Analysis of Party Manifestoes from Romania, Poland and Hungary in the Context of National and European Elections

Karina Beatrice Crețu, Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, Romania

Redefining American Conservatism after 2016: Transatlantic Illiberal Currents and the Crisis of Liberalism

Agim Sulejmani, South East European University, North Macedonia

Jonuz Abdullai, South East European University, North Macedonia
Multilateral Parliamentary Cooperation as a Tool for Accelerating Western Balkan Integration into the European Union

10:00 Panel E2: Art, Cultural Heritage and Politics in Contemporary Societies

Chair: Simber Atay, Selma Kozak, Antonia Matei, Marijana Ražnjević Zdrilić

Simber Atay, Dokuz Eylül University, Fine Arts Faculty, Photography Department, Izmir, Turkey
Florin Șerban's Cinematic Perspective

Antonia Matei, The Faculty of Journalism and Communication Studies, University of Bucharest, Romania
Reconfiguring Journalistic Roles in Romania: A Longitudinal Analysis Based on the Worlds of Journalism Study (2016 - 2023)

Selma Kozak, Kütahya Dumlupınar University Faculty of Fine Arts, Department of Visual Communication Design, Kütahya, Turkey
Rien ne pousse à l'ombre des grands arbres: Constantin Brâncuși and the Politics of Cultural Heritage

Ivana-Marija Vrsaljko, University of Zadar, Department of Applied Communication Studies, Zadar, Croatia

Marijana Ražnjević Zdrilić, University of Zadar, Department of Applied Communication Studies, Zadar, Croatia
Media and Culture in Croatia in the Post-War Period (1945-1946)

Leonard-Denis Păușan-Barna

West University of Timișoara, Timișoara, Romania
The Romanian Press During the Transition from the Communist to the Post-Communist Period. Case Study: Art, Culture, and Economy

■ **Parallel Sessions F (11:00 – 12:30)**

11:00 Panel F1: AI-Driven Markets and Democratization: Accuracy, Governance and Innovation

Chair: Parmena Ollimid
Hybrid Session

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Mircea Laurentiu Simion, University of Craiova, "Eugeniu Carada"
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*Exploring Japanese stock market volatility using symmetric and
asymmetric GARCH models: A case study*

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*Algorithmic Hiring and Bias: Evaluating the Accuracy, Fairness, and
Ethical Implications of AI-Driven Recruitment Systems*

Paula-Simona Gafincu (Ciubotă), Alexandru Ioan Cuza
University, Doctoral School of Philosophy and Social-Political
Sciences, Romania

*Simulation and resistance in the democratization of Romania: Public
policy instruments between the normative control of the West and
the survival of local elites*

Mihai Frunză, Doctoral School of Management, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA), Romania
Impact of Energy Price Shocks on the Romanian Electricity Market: An Extended Econometric Analysis Using Local Projections and Error-Correction Modelling

11:00

Panel F2: Digital Humanism and Sustainability: Technologies for the Sustainable Development Goals

Chair: Cătălina Georgescu

Hybrid Session

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Stefan Margaritescu, University of Craiova, "Eugeniu Carada" Doctoral School of Economic Sciences, Craiova, Romania,
Major Financial Scams that Shook Post-Independent India: An Investigative Study for the long term period 1950-2023

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Exploring the Impact of Privacy, Security, and Ethical Considerations on Consumer Trust in E-Commerce

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The Impact of the Right of Access Principle on Determining the Applicable Law in Cross-Border Insolvency Proceedings: A Comparative Analytical Study

Sarab Thamer Ahmed, University of Thi-Qar / College of law / Department of private law, ALnassiriy, Thi-Qar, Iraq

Digital Humanitarianism and the Principle of Distinction: Protecting Tech-Volunteers under International Humanitarian Law

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Green Technologies and Sustainable Global Business Practices

12:00

General Discussion & Conclusions

All Participants — Chairs of Panels

Hybrid Session

C L O S I N G C E R E M O N Y

12:30

Closing Address & Farewell

Hybrid Session

13:00

End of Conference

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