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May 5-6, 2022

The EU and NATO Approaches to the Black Sea Region

(Hybrid format, participants will be onsite or online)

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THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

9.00 – 9.30 *Registration of participants* (Faculty of European Studies, 2nd floor, outside Room Schuman)

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Plenary session (Robert Schuman Room)

9.30 - 9.35 *Welcome Address and Opening of the EUXGLOB II*, Prof. **Daniel David**, Rector of Babeş-Bolyai University

9.35 - 9.40 *Opening Remarks*, **Mr. David Muniz**, Chargé d'affaires, a.i., US Embassy Bucharest

9.40 – 9.45 *Developing International Cooperation at BBU*, Prof. **Sergiu Mişcoiu**, Director of the Centre for International Cooperation of BBU

9.45 - 9.50 *Introductory Remarks on Behalf of the Faculty of European Studies*, Assoc. Prof. **Adrian Gabriel Corpădean**, Dean of the Faculty of European Studies

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9.50 Panel 1 (Room Schuman) *Introduction to the first panel, plenary format*

Chair: Prof. **Valentin Naumescu**, Director of the EUXGLOB Centre, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University

9.50 – 10.05 – *NATO's Deterrence and Defence Posture and the Black Sea Region*, **Ms. Burcu San**, Director of NATO Operations Division

10.05 - 10.20 *NATO and the Imperatives of Geopolitical Security in the Black Sea Region*, **keynote speaker Prof. Aurel Braun**, Professor of International Relations and Political Science, University of Toronto, and Associate at Davis Centre Harvard University

10.20 – 10.35 *Orange Code of Geopolitical Competition: Romania and the Global Realignment*, **Iulian Fota**, Secretary of State for Strategic Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania

10.35 – 10.50 *Western Policy Balancing between Russia and China*, **keynote speaker Dr. Jamie Shea**, former NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary-General for Emerging Security Challenges

10.50 – 11.05 *The Power Game between Russia and the West: The Role of Uncertainty*, **keynote speaker Dr. Tom Casier**, Jean Monnet Chair, Director Global Europe Centre

11.05 – 11.20 *Artificial Intelligence and Crisis Management: The Case of the Black Sea Region*, **keynote speaker Prof. Corneliu Bjola**, Associate Professor of Diplomatic Studies, University of Oxford

11.20 – 11.40 Questions & answers

11.40 – 12.00 Coffee break

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Panel 2 (Robert Schuman Room)

Chair: Assoc. Professor **Raluca Moldovan**, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University

12.00 – 12.15 *Black Sea Geopolitical Echoes and the World Power Distribution*, Assoc. Professor **Silviu Nate**, Global Studies Centre, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu



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12.15 – 12.30 *The Consequences and Perspectives of the Russian War against the West in the Black Sea Region*, Professor **Valentin Naumescu**, Director of the EUXGLOB Centre, Faculty of European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj

12.30 – 12.45 *Restraint! The Security Implications of Paradigmatic Shifts in American Foreign Policy*, **Marius Ghincea**, Senior Teaching Assistant at Johns Hopkins University Bologna and researcher at European University Institute (EUI) in Florence

12.45 – 13.00 *The Challenges of the EU's Strategic Autonomy. Can Europe Live up to Expectations in Its Immediate Neighbourhood?* Assoc. Prof. **Georgiana Ciceo**, Faculty of European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University

13.00 – 13.30 Questions and answers

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Panel 3 (Institute of International Relations and Area Studies IIRAS)

Chair: Senior Researcher Dr. **Oana Poiană**, the Institute for International Relations and Area Studies, Faculty of European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj

12.00 – 12.15 *Why Don't We Have Energy Cooperation in the Black Sea Region?*, **Cristian-Dan Tătaru** – FEL Romania, Intelligent Energy Association, adviser for the Washington D.C. Eurasia Energy Chamber

12.15 – 12.30 *The Energy Policy of Unrecognized States in the Wider Black Sea Region*, **Isac Mihai**, “Dunărea de Jos” University of Galaţi, Geopolitics and East-European Social and Cultural Interferences MA, Karadeniz Press

12.30 – 12.45 *Biomass Energy in a Black Sea Region Country such as Armenia*, **Satenik Shahbazyan** – Attorney at Law “Aratta Consulting” LLC, Legal advisor at “Electric Networks of Armenia” Closed Joint-Stock Company (CJSC)

12.45 – 13.00 *SMR and NLG, an American Response to the Russian Gas Weaponisation in the Black Sea Region*, **Cristian Bordei** – Senator, Senate of Romania, and researcher PhD candidate

13.00 – 13.15 *The Shift from Reactive to Proactive. Black Sea Energy Insecurity and Regional Power Redistribution after the Russian Invasion of Ukraine*, **Dr. Oana Poiană** – Senior researcher, Institute of International Relations and Area Studies, Faculty of European Studies, UBB



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13.15 – 13.30 Questions and answers

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Panel 4 (R. Schuman)

Chair: Assistant Professor of International Relations Dr. **Kateryna Shynkaruk**, National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy

14.30 – 14.45 *Russian Invasion in Ukraine: A Game-Changer for the Black Sea Region*, **Sergiy Gerasymchuk**, Deputy Executive Director at Foreign Policy Council “Ukrainian Prism”

14.45 – 15.00 *US-Russia Negotiations and the EU’s Interest*, Assoc. Prof. **Gabriela Ciot**, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj

15.00 – 15.15 *Nuclear Security in the Black Sea Region: Contested Spaces and Security Challenges*, Dr. **Ioana Constantin-Bercean**, Researcher at “Ion I.C. Brătianu” Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest

15.15 – 15.30, *Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine: Making Sense of the New Security Reality*, Dr. **Kateryna Shynkaruk**, Assistant Professor of International Relations, National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy

15.30 – 15.45 *The War in Ukraine as a Factor in Creating a New Collective Security System in Europe*, Dr. **Oleksandr Rusnak**, Assistant Professor, Department of History of Ukraine, Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University

15.45 – 16.00 *Doctrinal Aspects Regarding Russia’s Cyber Actions*, Professor **Ion Roceanu**, “Carol I” National Defence University Bucharest

16.00 – 16.30 Questions and answers

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

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Panel 5 (IIRAS)

Chair: **Diana Petruț**, researcher PhD candidate, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj



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14.30 – 14.45 *EU's Route towards Geopolitical Resilience: A Comparison between EU and NATO's Response towards Russia's Foreign Policy in 2014 and 2022*, **Tana Foarfă**, counselor at the European Parliament and researcher PhD candidate, "European Paradigm" Doctoral School, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University

14.45 – 15.00 *Misperceptions and Imperial Dreams. The Role Played by Subsystemic Factors in Russia's Decision-makers Miscalculations Leading up to the Ukraine Invasion*, **Ștefan-Ioan Cianga**, MA in International Relation Foreign Policy and Crisis Management, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj

15.00 – 15.15 *Increasing the Effectiveness, Visibility and Impact of the Security Policy Promoted by Romania in the Black Sea Region*, **Bogdan-Constantin Pagnejer**, researcher PhD candidate, Carol I National Defence University Bucharest

15.15-15.30 *Implications of NATO's Transformation Process on Romania's National Security* **Mircea Chiriac Dănuț & Floris-Adrian Ionescu**, Professor, respectively researcher PhD candidate at Carol I National Defence University Bucharest

15.30 – 15.45 *The Black Sea-Pivot Between East and West*, **Iulian Paladic** – MA student, Development, International Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid, SNSPA, Bucharest

15.45 – 16.00 *The Big Bully: Russia's Aggressive Foreign Policy towards Ukraine, Moldova, and Georgia*, **Diana-Nicoleta Petruț**, researcher PhD candidate, "European Paradigm" Doctoral School, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University

16.00 – 16.30 Questions and answers

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

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Panel 6 (R. Schuman Room)

Chair: **Dr. Dorin Popescu**, President of the Black Sea House Association Constanța, former diplomat in the Romanian MFA

17.00 – 17.15 *The Ongoing Crisis in the Black Sea Region: When the Quest for Values Becomes a Matter of Life and Death*, Professor **Silviu Rogobete**, West University of Timișoara



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17.15 – 17.30 *The Silent Conflict of the Black Sea Region: Disputes over Canonical Jurisdiction after the Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine*, Professor **Radu Carp**, Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest

17.30 – 17.45 *The Identity Crisis in Ukraine and the Process of Forming the Ukrainian Identity*, **Valentin Constantinov**, Researcher at the History Institute of Moldova, and Professor at Tiraspol State University

17.45 – 18.00 *Remembering the Diversity of the Black Sea Region*, **Yevhen Mahda**, Associate professor at Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute

18.00 – 18.15 *The Russian Federation – Power and Identity in the Black Sea Region*, **Pașcu Cătălina-Laura**, Post-doctoral researcher, Doctoral School of Philosophy and Social-Political Science, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași

18.15 – 18.30 *Europa Christiana – The Geopolitical Role of The Orthodox Church in The Black Sea Region*, **Done Cătălin-Gabriel** – researcher PhD Candidate, Department of Political Science within University of Naples “Federico II”

18.30 – 19.00 Questions and answers

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Panel 7 (IIRAS)

Chair: Lecturer PhD **Ovidiu Vaida**, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj

17.00 – 17.15 *Bird on the Wire: The Russia-Ukraine War and Turkey's (New) Balancing Act*, **Raluca Moldovan**, Associate Professor, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University

17.15 – 17.30 *China's Policy vis-a-vis the Countries of the Black Sea and the Belt and Road Initiative*, **Ana Pantea**, Lecturer, Head of the International Relations and German Studies Department, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University

17.30 – 17.45 *Turkey's Role as a Mediator and Enabler in the Regional Wars*, **Florina Caloianu**, MA student in International Relations, Foreign Policy and Crisis Management, Faculty of European Studies

17.45 – 18.00 *Europeanization and Turkey's Changing Foreign Policy Roles in the Black Sea*, **Ahmet Cemal Ertürk & Seyyide Sena Türkdöğän** – Istanbul Kultur University, Department of International Relations



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18.00 – 18.15 *The History of Cultural Minorities from Turkey*, **Nicoleta Şchiop**, researcher PhD candidate, Faculty of European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University

18.15 – 18.45 Questions and answers

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19.00 – 20.30 Cocktail (the Pyramid Restaurant)

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FRIDAY, 6 MAY 2022

Panel 8 (R. Schuman Room)

Chair: Professor **Sergiu Mişcoiu**, Faculty of European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj.
Discussant: Mr. **Vladimir Mitev**, Co-Founder of Cross-Border Talks.

9.00 – 9.15 *From National Populists to Citizen's Populists. Populisms or the "Business as Usual" in Bulgarian Politics*, **Petia Gueorguieva** - Sen. Assist. Prof. Ph.D., New Bulgarian University

9.15 – 9.30 *A Typology of Populism in the Republic of Moldova*, **Vincent Henry** - Université Paris Est Créteil

9.30 – 9.45 *Populism as a Recipe for Success: A Case Study of Presidential and Parliamentary Campaign in Ukraine in 2004-2019*, **Maryana Prokop** – Adjunct, Jan Kochanowski University Kielce

9.45 – 10.00 *The Return of Far-right Populism in Romania. A.U.R. – An Offspring of the Pandemic?*, **Sergiu Mişcoiu** - Professor, Faculty of European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University

10.00 – 10.15 *Populism as Policy Practice: The Case of Turkish Foreign Policy Practice*, **Toygur Sinan Baykan** - Assistant professor of Politics at Kırklareli University, Turkey

10.15 – 10.30 *Public Opinion and Support for the Euro-Atlantic Organisations in the Bucharest Nine Member States*, **Ovidiu Vaida**, Lecturer PhD at the Faculty of European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj

10.30 – 11.00 Questions and answers

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break



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Panel 9 (IIRAS)

Chair: Dr. **Ioana Constantin Bercean**, researcher at the Institute for Political Science and International Relations of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest

9.00 – 9.15 *Security Dilemma for Georgia amid the Russian-Ukrainian War*, **Khatuna Chapichadze** - Associate Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations, Faculty of Engineering Economics, Media Technologies and Social Sciences, Georgian Technical University (GTU), Tbilisi, Georgia; Adjunct Faculty Member, Department of Political Science, San Diego State University (SDSU)

9.15 – 9.30 *The Implications of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine for UN's Legitimacy*, **Georgiana-Despina Popescu**, researcher PhD candidate, "European Paradigm" Doctoral School, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University

9.30 – 9.45 *The Reincarnation of the Cold War in Cyberspace? Perspectives on the Great Powers' Battle of Words in the Context of the Ukraine War*, **Maria-Georgiana Roman** researcher PhD student, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University

9.45 – 10.00 *Considerations on Historical West-East Bipolarity: Cold War 2.0*, **Floris-Adrian Ionescu**, researcher PhD candidate, "CAROL I" National Defence University Bucharest

10.00 – 10.15 *Implications of Defence Management on National Objectives*, **Simona-Daniela Bordea**, researcher PhD candidate, Carol I National Defence University Bucharest

10.15 – 10.30 *The Geopolitics of Crimea: Thalassocratic Ambitions of a Continental Power*, **Bogdan Adrian Ionuț**, BA student, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University

10.30 – 11.00 Questions and answers

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

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Panel 10 (R. Schuman)

Chair: Professor **Silviu Rogobete**, West University of Timișoara



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11.45 – 12.00 *The Black Sea Region as a Zone of Irreconcilable Strategic Interests*, Dr. **Natalia Stercul**, Program Director, Department Eastern Studies: Ukraine and Russia, Foreign Policy Association of the Republic of Moldova

12.00-12.15 *Did Russia Lose Influence in Black Sea Region? Great Powers Competition in the Regional Security Complex*, **Adrian Pogăcian**, Chairman of ReThinking Europe

12.15 – 12.30 *The Black Sea: Another Battleground in the East-West Divide*, **Andrei-Ștefan Enghiș**, policy officer at the European Commission and researcher PhD candidate, European Paradigm Doctoral School, Faculty of European Studies BBU, and European Commission

12.30 – 12.45 *The Hybrid Design of the New World Order: A Black Sea View*, **Dr. Dorin Popescu**, President, Black Sea House Association, Constanța, Romania

12.45 – 13.00 *Great Britain's Interest in the Black Sea and the Eastern Flank in the Post-Brexit Age*, **Marius-Mircea Mitrache**, Associated Professor PhD at Babeș-Bolyai University

13.00 – 13.15 *Romanian Naval Forces, 160 Years of Excellence in the Maritime Domain. The Contribution of the Romanian Naval Forces to Ensuring Stability and Security in the Extended Region of the Black Sea*, **Counter Admiral Mihai Panait**, Head of the Romanian Navy Chiefs of Staff.

13.15 – 13.45 Questions and answers

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Panel 11 (IIRAS)

Chair: **Oana Poiană**, senior researcher, IIRAS, Faculty of European Studies, BBU

11.30 – 11.45 *Gender Dimension of Migration from Moldova: The Case of Gagauzia*, **Mihaela Șerpi**, MA student in International Relations, Foreign Policy and Crisis Management, Babeș-Bolyai University, Faculty of European Studies

11.45-12.00 *Cultural Heritage Shaping Nowadays Identities*, **Iosefina Blazsani-Batto**, researcher PhD candidate, European Paradigm Doctoral School, Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj, and Lecturer of Romanian Language and Civilization at Azerbaijan University of Languages in Baku

12.00 – 12.15 *The Challenges to Global Governance and EU External Action: A Path towards a Climate Diplomacy*, **Diana-Cristina Moisș**, MA student, College of Europe



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12.15 – 12.30 *Anti-access and Area Denial Military Structures, Destabilisation Factors in the Extended Black Sea Region*, **Andrei Mazere**, researcher PhD candidate at CAROL I National Defence University Bucharest

12.30 – 12.45 *The Fate of the Black Sea Region Security in a Cold War 2.0 Era*, **Dr. Alexandru Lăzescu**, Department of Journalism and Mass Communications, “Al. I Cuza” University Iași

12.45 – 13.30 Questions and answers

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16.00 – 18.00 (R. Schuman)

Round table discussion with experts from the EUXGLOB Centre and the think tank ICDE (Initiative for European Democratic Culture) – *The European and Global Order after the Russian Invasion of Ukraine*

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18.00 – 18.30 (R. Schuman)

Launch of the *Platform for Regional and Black Sea Security Studies* (www.euxglob.ro)

Closing remarks for EUXGLOB II

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