**EUXGLOB III** International conference

***Perspectives of the EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood***

Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj, Faculty of European Studies

**EUXGLOB Centre in partnership with ICDE**

9-10 November 2023

Conference Programme

**Thursday, 9 November**

**9:00-9:45** **Opening session (plenary),** Robert Schuman Room

Associate Professor Adrian-Gabriel Corpădean, Dean of the Faculty of European Studies, Babeș-Bolyai University – *Welcome address*

Professor Valentin Naumescu, Faculty of European Studies, UBB Cluj, Director of the EUXGLOB Centre – *Introductory remarks to the 3rd edition of EUXGLOB*

H.E. Ramona Chiriac, Head of the Representation of the European Commission to Bucharest, *The EU’s Enlargement Policy*

H.E. Dorin Recean, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, *The European Perspective of the Republic of Moldova*

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**9:45 – 12:00 Panel 1,** Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Associate Professor Raluca Moldovan, UBB Cluj

Associate Professor Silviu Nate, Lucian Blaga University Sibiu, Director of the Centre for Global Studies, *The EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood Policy: A Geopolitical Conundrum*

Associate Professor Natalia Stercul, Moldova State University Chișinău, Program Director at Moldova’s Foreign Policy Association, *Moldova’s EU Path: Resilience, Support and Democratic Governance*

Assistant Professor Oleksandr Rusnak, Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine, *Basic Principles of Post-War Reconstruction of Ukraine*

Associate Professor Khatuna Chapichadze, Georgian Technical University (GTU); San Diego State University (SDSU), *The European Perspective for Georgia – Why a Different Path from Ukraine and Moldova?*

Dr. Ioana Elena Secu, The European Institute of Romania, Bucharest, *The new geopolitics of the Union – perspectives on the Eastern Partnership and the necessity of the 3 Wills (The Will to Resist; The Will to Stay United; The Will to Be Engaged)*

Professor Valentin Naumescu, UBB Cluj, *Scenarios for the EU enlargement policy in the future post-war context*

Discussions.

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**10:00 – 12:00 Panel 2**, Nelson Mandela Room

Chair: Assoc. prof. Raluca Moldovan, UBB Cluj

Associate Professor Adrian-Gabriel Corpădean and Lecturer Mihaela Oprescu, UBB Cluj, *Approaches to Freedom of Expression in the European Commission's Monitoring of the Western Balkans' Integration Bids: strategies, semantics and prospect*

Senior Assistant Professor Petia Gueorguieva, New Bulgarian University Sofia, *Between Western Balkans and EU Eastern Neighbourhood: Bulgarian parties’ positions on EU’s future enlargements*

Vladimir Mitev, Cross-border Talks, *The Bulgarian-Romanian mini-Schengen area as a project for change in South-eastern Europe*

Associate Professor Marius Mitrache, West University Timișoara and UBB Cluj, *The EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood Dilemma: Building Societal or State Resilience?*

Dr. Dorin Popescu, President of the Black Sea House Association, Constanța, *The Black Sea. Searching for the Lost Hegemon*

Adjunct Professor Maryana Prokop, Jan Kochanowski University Kielce, *The war in Ukraine impacting EU trade*

Discussions

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**12:00-13:30** **Working lunch**, the Pyramid Restaurant

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**14:00 – 16:00**, **Plenary session**, Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Professor Valentin Naumescu, UBB Cluj

14:00-15:00 **Keynote speech** and discussions, Professor Ulrich Schneckener, Osnabrück University: *Zeitenwende’ for EU enlargement and security? The idea of a Greater European Council*

15:00-16:00 **Keynote speech** and discussions, Professor Corneliu Bjola, Oxford University –*Quo Vadis EU? The Franco-German Four-Speed Plan: Prospects and Challenges*

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**16:30 – 19:00 REMIT Round table**, Robert Schuman Room (plenary session)

16:30-16:40Moderator: Professor Valentin Naumescu, UBB Cluj, Director of the EUXGLOB Center, President of the ICDE think-tank, REMIT researcher.

**Speakers:**

16:40-16:50 Dr. Ovidiu Raețchi, Secretary of State, President of the Euro-Atlantic Center for Resilience (E-ARC), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest.

16:50-17:00 Dr. Olga Chiriac, Project Europe, Head of Engagement at the Irregular Warfare Initiative, USA, associated researcher at the Center for Strategic Studies in Bucharest.

17:00-17:10 Dan Cîmpean,Director of Romanian National Cyber Security Directorate, Representative of Romania in European Cybersecurity Competence Centre Governing Board, Bucharest.

17:10-17:20 Associate Professor Răzvan Grigoraș, Dean of the Faculty of Intelligence Studies, “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy, Bucharest.

17:20-17:30 Lt. Col. Professor Paul Tudorache**,** Vice-Dean of the Military Science Faculty at the “Nicolae Bălcescu” Land Forces Academy, Sibiu.

17:30-17:40 Associate Professor Silviu Nate, Lucian Blaga University Sibiu, Director of the Global Studies Center, Sibiu.

17:40-17:50 Professor Mircea Boscoianu,Transilvania University Brașov, Senior researcher at the National Institute for Aerospace Research "Elie Carafoli" Bucharest.

17:50-18:00 Dr. Oana Poiană Marchiș, Researcher at the Institute of International Relations and Area Studies, UBB Cluj, REMIT researcher.

18:10-18:20 Lt. Col. Curtis D. Cordon, Air, Space & Nuclear Policy Advisor, US Military Delegation to the NATO Military Committee, Brussels.

18:20-18:50 Free discussions

18:50-19:00 Conclusions

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**19:00**-**20.30 Dinner**, the Pyramid Restaurant

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**Friday, 10 November**

**9:00-10:45 Panel 3,** Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Associate Professor Silviu Nate, ULB Sibiu

Lt. Col. Curtis D. Cordon, Air, Space & Nuclear Policy Advisor, US Military Delegation to the NATO Military Committee, Brussels and UBB Cluj PhD student, *The growing role and importance of Small Regional Groups in European Integration*

Professor Jamie Shea, Visiting Professor at University of Exeter, former NATO high official, *NATO enlargement to Ukraine: what is the way forward?*

Andrei Ștefan Enghiș, PhD candidate, UBB Cluj and Policy Officer at the European Commission, *NATO’s rediscovered raison d’être*

Luigi Nicolo Segarizzi, PhD candidate, UL Brussels and UBB Cluj, *The “Assistance Paradox”: Societal implications of externally-forged disinformation on EU and NATO security support to Moldova*

Mădălina Tiurbe, PhD candidate, UBB Cluj, *NATO in the EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood*

Discussions

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**9:00-11:00 Panel 4**, Nelson Mandela Room

Chair: Associate Professor Raluca Moldovan, UBB Cluj

Professor Gabriela Ciot, UBB Cluj and Dr. Luciana Butișcă, *European Green Deal`s energy and security policies` challenges for Black Sea region*

Professor Magdalena Tomala, Kielce University of Technology, *Management in the renewable energy sector in the European Union*

Ms. Satenik Shahbazyan, "Aratta'' Consulting Company Armenia, *Armenia as a one of the focus countries of the EU4Energy programme*

Dr. Oana Poiană Marchiș, researcher, UBB Cluj, *The energy revolution triggered by the Russo-Ukrainian war and its repercussions on the Black Sea regional power redistribution*

Leonela Leca, GLOBSEC, *Advancing EU energy goals in the Black Sea region. Is there life after decoupling from Russian gas?*

Nicholas Kalani Zalewski, PhD candidate, Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, *Azerbaijani Natural Gas: The European Union’s Dependency On Natural Gas From Nations In Conflict*

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**11:00-12:45 Panel 5,** Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Assoc. prof. Răzvan Grigoraș, “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy, Bucharest

Associate Professor Raluca Moldovan, UBB Cluj, *The impact of the Middle East’s regional dynamics on the EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood*

Lecturer Dorin Ioan Dolghi, University of Oradea, *Identity variable and the conflictual patterns in the former Soviet space. A comparative analysis on Ukraine and Republic of Moldova*

Dr. Avraham Cohen, postdoc researcher, *Second Cold War and the economic potential of Russia*

Mr. Ștefan-Ioan Cianga, expert at the Parliament of Romania, *The Prospect of Failing to Defeat Russia. Critical implications for Regional Security in the Extended Black Sea Area*

Maria-Teodora Hodorog, PhD candidate at UBB Cluj, *Global Cooperation in the Post-War Reconstruction of Ukraine*

Discussions.

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**11:00-12:45 Panel 6**, Nelson Mandela Room

Chair: Professor Gabriela Ciot, UBB Cluj

Assistant Professor Renata Kunert-Milcarz, University of Wroclaw, *Prospects for European integration of Moldova in the light of Russian aggression against Ukraine*

Associate Professor Alexandru Lăzescu, Al. I. Cuza University Iași, *The impact of the political, geopolitical, and societal tensions within EU on the security of its Eastern flank*

Serghei Pricopiuc, PhD candidate, West University Timișoara, *Transnistrian separatism and Moldova's accession to the European Union: policies and implications in the context of the Eastern Partnership*

Andrei Sopon, PhD candidate, UBB Cluj, *Political War between U.S.A. and Russia. Consequences for EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood*

Discussions.

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**12:15-13:50**, **Panel 7**, L1 Room

Chair: Florina Anamaria Caloianu, UBB Cluj

Adrian-Ionuț Bogdan, MA student, UBB Cluj, *The Role of the War in Ukraine in Changing the Balance of Power between the US, Russia and China*

Anna Lanina, MA student, University of Warsaw, *Public documents from non-recognised states and occupied territories in the Ukrainian and Moldavian legal practice*

Horațiu Bontea, MA student, UBB Cluj, *The Russian invasion of Ukraine and its influence on the rhetoric of the Bucharest Nine*

Alex Cozma, MA student, UBB Cluj, *From the Halls of Parliament to the World Stage: How Romanian and Moldovan Politicians Shape Foreign Policy*

Petra Naghi-Comșa, BA student, UBB Cluj, *Schrodinger’s Drone - the spark that lit the flame regarding EU’s Eastern Border’s security implications*

Vlad Fărcaș, MA student, UBB Cluj, *Saturation Warfare: A Soviet tactic reinvented in the Black Sea Region*

Discussions.

**13:30 – 15:00 Panel 8**, Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Diana Petruț, UBB Cluj

Florina Anamaria Caloianu, PhD candidate, UBB Cluj, *Turkey Energy Strategies and Policies in the Black Sea - Neo-Ottomanism and the context of the war in Ukraine and the 2023 Elections*

Claudiu-Bogdan Aldea, PhD candidate, UBB Cluj, *East Meets East: Japan’s Strategic Interests in Eastern Europe*

Iosefina Blazsani-Batto, PhD candidate, UBB Cluj, *Azerbaijan – a key-country in the field of Energy for the EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood*

Emilia Nicoleta Șchiop, PhD candidate at UBB Cluj, research fellow, Boston USA, *The path of Bosnia and Herzegovina toward the European Union*

Discussions.

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**13:30 – 15:00 Panel 9,** Nelson Mandela Room

Chair: Assoc. prof. Raluca Moldovan, UBB Cluj

Simona-Daniela Bordea, PhD candidate, Carol I National Defence University, *Managing Security in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood: Perspectives and Defence Resource Management Strategies*

Cătălin-Gabriel Done, PhD candidate, University of Naples ”Federico II”, *The Security Context over the Black Sea Region in the New Geopolitical Arrangements: Three Scenarios of North-South Cooperation*

Tana-Alexandra Foarfă, PhD candidate UBB Cluj, *The Reconstruction plan for Ukraine – the key to prove Europe’s Geopolitical Resilience?*

Marius-George Ghiță, PhD candidate, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, *The impact of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine on the EU enlargement policy*

Discussions

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**15:30-17:00 Panel 10**, Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Associate Professor Silviu Nate, ULB Sibiu

Professor Ileana Orlich, Arizona State University, *The Language Perspective and the US Romanian Diaspora*

Professor Bruce A. Pagel, Arizona State University, *The War in Ukraine: An Operational Perspective, 2023*

Assistant Professor Luke M. Perez, Arizona State University, *American Strategic Cultures and Foreign Policy Uncertainty Toward Ukraine*

Assistant Professor Matthew Slaboch, Arizona State University, *Émigrés, Exiles, and the War in Ukraine*

Discussions

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**15:00-16:45 Panel 11**, Nelson Mandela Room

Chair: Claudiu Aldea, UBB Cluj

Sun Heqi, PhD candidate, University of Warsaw, *Ukraine's Post-War Reconstruction and China's Belt and Road: Opportunity and Option*

Dr. Nicolae Țîbrigan, "Ion I.C. Brătianu" Institute of Political Science and International Relations Bucharest, *Resilience in the New Media Literacy Index for Eastern Europe 2023*

Despina Popescu, PhD candidate, UBB Cluj, *Russia’s Increasingly Aggressive Counterbalancing of the West throughout the 21st Century and the Weaponization of Narratives*

Diana Petruț, PhD candidate, UBB Cluj, *Moldova’s Accession to the EU: Opportunities and Challenges*

Eugeniusz Kuznicow-Wyszyńsk, PhD candidate, University of Warsaw, *Ukraine’s path to EU membership: overcoming obstacles and aspirations*

Discussions

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**17:00-19:00 Round table,** Robert Schuman Room

***The Regional Impact of the Great Powers' Changing Relations***, with the participation of ICDE think tank experts and guests.

Speakers:

Professor Valentin Naumescu, President of ICDE (moderator)

Associate Professor Silviu Nate

Associate Professor Raluca Moldovan

Curtis D. Cordon

Andrei Enghiș

Dr. Dorin Popescu

Associate Professor Natalia Stercul

Professor Gabriela Ciot

Romeo Stavăr-Vergea

All participants and students may ask questions or have interventions within the allocated time of the event.

**19:00** Conclusions & end of EUXGLOB III