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THE NEW TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS AND THE PERSPECTIVES OF THE GLOBAL ORDER

Program of the conference

Thursday, April 15, 2021

9.00 – 10.00 Opening and Keynote Address (plenary session, link 1)

- Welcoming remarks: Professor Daniel David, Rector of the Babeş-Bolyai University
Associate Professor Adrian Gabriel Corpădean, Dean of the Faculty of European Studies
- **OFFICIAL OPENING: Message of the President of Romania, H.E. Mr. Klaus Werner Iohannis**
- **Keynote speaker: H.E. Bogdan Aurescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, Professor at the Faculty of Law, Bucharest University: *Perspectives on the future of NATO, transatlantic relations, and global security***



10.00 – 11.55 – Panel 1, Section 1: International cooperation and politics: challenges and opportunities. The West and the world order (link 1)

Chair: Professor Valentin Naumescu, Babeş-Bolyai University

- Mr. Đorđe Radulović, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro: *Montenegro's Path Towards the EU*
- Mr. Charles Grant, Director of the Centre for European Reform: *The West and the world order*
- Dr. Tom Casier, Director of the Global Europe Centre, University of Kent: *Contesting Western hegemony and the future of the global order*
- Professor Radu Carp, Bucharest University: *The US - EU partnership - current perspectives and challenges*
- Mr. Nicolae Ştefănuţă, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group: *Democracy in shambles*
- Mr. Jim Cloos, Secretary General of Trans European Policy Studies Association, Former DG for General and Institutional Policies at the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU: *How to reconcile strategic autonomy and international cooperation*

10.00 – 11.55 – Panel 2, Section 1: International cooperation and politics: challenges and opportunities. The West and the world order (link 2)

Chair: Associate Professor Raluca Moldovan, Babeş-Bolyai University

- Associate Professor Liviu Țirău, Babeş-Bolyai University: *Two ongoing crises: transatlantic ties and the EU-Russia relations*
- Associate Professor Georgiana Ciceo, Babeş-Bolyai University: *The capability expectation gap of EU's strategic autonomy ambition*
- Ms. Diana Peca, Executive Director of the Department of Asian Studies, Romanian-American University Bucharest: *The Coordinates of the Economic and Political Relations between Japan, China and South Korea. Implications for the relation with the United States of America and the European Union*
- Ms. Eni Lamçe, PhD Researcher, University of Vienna: *Main securitizing and de-securitizing actors of the OSCE debate in the Western Balkan region*
- Professor Gabriela Chefneux, Transilvania University of Braşov: *Metaphors in International Cooperation*
- Lecturer Dorin Popescu, President of the Black Sea House Association, Constanţa: *Black Sea – Black swans at the horizon line*



10.00 – 11.55 – Panel 3, Section Students: MA Students (link 3)

Chair: Ms. Anda Ghilescu, PhD Candidate, Babeş-Bolyai University

- Ms. Caloianu Ana Maria Florina, MA Student, Babeş-Bolyai University: *Piracy in Africa's waters: uniting EU and NATO against a common goal*
- Ms. Stoicescu Maria-Mihaela, MA Student, Oil and Gas University of Ploieşti: *Looking beyond the wall: Immigration and cultural identity in the relation between Post-Trump America and Europe*
- Ms. Moiş Diana-Cristina, MA Student, Babeş-Bolyai University: *The Coordination between the European External Action Service and the National Ministries of Foreign Affairs*
- Ms. Ruşti Ionela, MA Student, Babeş-Bolyai University: *The European Union and its Role in International Humanitarian Action: An Evolution of Shared Security Concepts, Legal Instruments and Peace-keeping Operations*
- Mr. Iulian Paul Paladic, MA Student, Babeş-Bolyai University: *The resources, the new silk roads and the South China's Sea*
- Mr. Ştefan-Ioan Cianga, MA Student, Babeş-Bolyai University: *Turkey's New Strategic Outlook and NATO. A Neoclassical Realist Approach*
- Mr. Mihai-Emilian Ivanov, MA Student, Babeş-Bolyai University: *The impact of Monetary Policy, Easing financial conditions and "Helicopter Money" on contemporary markets and politics*
- Mr. Bogdan Adrian Ionuţ, BA Student, Babeş-Bolyai University: *Between Russian and Chinese expansionism, NATO and its challenges*

12.00 – 13.55 – Panel 4, Section 2: Perspectives on the future of NATO and global security (link 1)

Chair: Professor Sergiu Mişcoiu, Babeş-Bolyai University

- Professor Roberta N. Haar, Maastricht University: *Transatlantic relations under a new U.S. presidency*
- Professor Valentin Naumescu, Babeş-Bolyai University: *Post-Trump Implications in the US and European Security Debates. Good news and bad news*
- Associate Professor Armand Goşu, Bucharest University: *Russian foreign policy - between tradition and innovation*
- Mr. Andrei Enghiş, Directorate-General for Informatics, European Commission: *EU-NATO, an everlasting partnership*
- Dr. Agnes Nicolescu, Aspen Institute Romania alumna, *Security perception narrative in the UK in a post-Brexit context*
- Professor Sergiu Mişcoiu and Ms. Andreea Urs, PhD candidate, Babeş-Bolyai University: *The West's return to the Heart of Africa: Political Opportunities and Security Dilemmas*



12.00 – 13.55 – Panel 5, Section 4: Liberal or illiberal? Culture and society in Europe and North America between radicalism, ideological polarization and new hopes (link 2)

Chair: Lecturer Gabriel Gherasim, Babeş-Bolyai University

- Associate Professor Bezen Coşkun, Director of the İzmir Policy Centre: *Social Movements, Culture and Society in Europe and the US: Yellow Vests and Black Lives Matter*
- Lecturer Şerban Văetişi, Babeş-Bolyai University: *The failure of the post-racial model in the West. Causes, practices and consequences*
- Lecturer Gabriel Gherasim, Babeş-Bolyai University: *The Entrepreneurial Logic of Trumpism in Retrospect*
- Dr. Nicolae Țibrigan, Institute of Political Science and International Relations "Ion I.C. Bratianu" of the Romanian Academy: *Integration of National Minorities - Optimization Perspectives of Gagauz Political Integration in Republic of Moldova*
- Assistant Professor Lyubomir Stefanov, New Bulgarian University Sofia: *The New "Normal" in Politics*
- Mr. Bogdan Mureşan, Expert at the European Institute of Romania: *Democracy protection and the European Union: between normative ambitions and hard realities*

12.00 – 13.55 – Panel 6, Section 1: International cooperation and politics: challenges and opportunities. The West and the world order (link 3)

Chair: Lecturer Ana Pantea, Babeş-Bolyai University

- Professor Heinz Gaertner, University of Vienna, International Institute for Peace: *What does Biden's presidency mean for multilateralism?*
- Associate Professor Ştefan Popescu, National School of Political and Administrative Studies Bucharest: *Back to Monnet's method? The political and strategic autonomy dimensions of the EU's new industrial strategy*
- Associate Professor Raluca Moldovan, Babeş-Bolyai University: *Rethinking American foreign policy in the Middle East: The priorities of the new Biden administration*
- Lecturer Ana Pantea, Babeş-Bolyai University: *After Myanmar coup: The (Un)changing Interests of the Great Powers in the Development of Myanmar*
- Assistant Professor Mirela Mărcuţ, University of Oradea: *A Global Digital Rulebook? Assessing the Potential for a Strategic Partnership between the US and EU in Digital Policy*
- Dr. Oana Poiană, European Research Institute: *Strategic autonomy and political actorness in East Central Europe: The case of the Three Seas Initiative*

13.55 – 15.00 – LUNCH BREAK



15.00 – 16.30 – Afternoon Keynote Speeches (plenary session, link 1)

Chair: Professor Valentin Naumescu, Babeş-Bolyai University

- Professor Aurel Braun, University of Toronto and Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University: *NATO as the Necessary Pillar of 21st Century Global Security*
- Professor Jamie Shea, former NATO official, University of Exeter: *NATO's 2021 Strategic Concept*
- Associate Professor Corneliu Bjola, Oxford University: *Digital sovereignty and the transatlantic relations: challenges and opportunities*

16.30 – 18.15 - Panel 7, Section 3: Hard and soft power today. A new geoeconomic context (link 2)

Chair: Mr. Andrei Ştefan Enghiş, The European Commission

- Lecturer Antonia Colibăşanu, National School of Political and Administrative Studies Bucharest: *Contemporary geopolitics and geoeconomics - an analysis framework*
- Dr. Richard Weitz, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute: *Arms Control in the Biden Era*
- Mr. Cristian Bordei, Senator, Member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs of the Parliament of Romania: *The Regionalisation and the new politics of Political globalisation*
- Mr. Iulian Mareş, President of the Balkan Development Support: *The First Challenge*
- Assistant Professor Adrian-Daniel Stan, Babeş-Bolyai University, Dr. Brînduşa-Nicoleta Pincu: *European external governance in action, how will Ukraine walk the long road to economic integration within the DCFTA?*
- Dr. Iulia Anamaria Ghidiu, Associate Member at the European Research Institute: *Soft Power Perspectives: Popularity of a New Transatlantic Erasmus among the Romanian Youth*

16.30 – 18.15 – Panel 8, Section Students: PhD Students (link 3)

Chair: Dr. Agnes Nicolescu, Babeş-Bolyai University

- Ms. Ioana-Constantin Bercean, PhD Candidate, Babeş-Bolyai University: *Iran's National Security Debate and its Implications for Future Negotiations With US*
- Ms. Anda Ghilescu, PhD Candidate, Babeş-Bolyai University: *The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict between the Trump and the Biden Administrations*
- Mr. Gabriel V. Danci, PhD Candidate, Babeş-Bolyai University: *The New Geopolitics of the Middle East and the Scramble for Hydrogen*
- Ms. Diana-Nicoleta Petruţ, MA Graduate, Babeş-Bolyai University: *The European Union's Global Strategy: Priorities regarding Latin America and the Caribbean*
- Ms. Tana Alexandra Foarfă, PhD Candidate, Babeş-Bolyai University: *Transatlantic relations post COVID-19 – ensuring democratic resilience?*
- Mr. Cătălin-Gabriel Done, PhD Candidate, University of Naples "Federico II": *Europeanization in the Context of Global Crises*



18.30 – 20.00 – IEDC Round Table - “The Transatlantic Alliance: Advancing NATO, Reinforcing EU-US Partnership, Facing Together the Global Contest” (plenary session, link 1)

The *Initiative for European Democratic Culture (IEDC)* think tank experts will assemble for a strategic-based conversation on how to boost the opportunities of a new transatlantic agenda and to face the challenges posed by authoritarian regimes to the Western World.

Moderator: Mr. Robert Lupiţu, Editor-in-chief Caleaeuropeana.ro

Participants:

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- Professor Radu Carp, Bucharest University
- Mr. Nicolae Ştefănuţă, Member of the European Parliament
- Associate Professor Raluca Moldovan, Babeş-Bolyai University
- Associate Professor Iulian Fota, Director of the Romanian Diplomatic Institute
- Lecturer Dorin Popescu, geopolitical analyst, President of the Black Sea House Constanţa
- Mr. Andrei Ştefan Enghiş, the European Commission