SUMMER SCHOOL ON CYBER-CRIME & CYBER-SECURITY (3CS)
3RD EDITION

ORGANISED CRIME IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & HUMAN TRAFFICKING

5-13 July 2025, Romanian-American University
Bucharest, Romania

Registration deadline: 15 June

N.B.: *This Summer School is a program designed in alignment with the ERASMUS+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) framework and participants are eligible for funding through ERASMUS+ Mobility.*

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Summer School on Cyber-Crime & Cyber-Security (3CS) is organized by the REACT Initiative (Research Excellence Against Child Trafficking) which is established under the Center for Human Rights and Migration of the Romanian-American University, with financial support and expertise provided by the Netherlands National Police. In collaboration with the Center for Research in Artificial Intelligence (CRAI), this Intensive Blended Program explores the intersection of law, human rights, security, technology, and AI. For 2025, 3CS emphasizes fighting **organized crime, AI, and human trafficking**, a global challenge increasingly facilitated by cyber-criminals exploiting more and more new technologies.

3CS offers international students participating in this summer school a unique environment to explore cutting-edge issues at the crossroads of technology and law as a pioneering program for those passionate about addressing global challenges in the digital age. Throughout the program, students will delve into the mechanisms behind cybercrime and cybersecurity, focusing on fighting (state-backed) organized crime. These issues are examined within the broader context of digital transformation, highlighting how cybercriminals exploit advanced technologies like cryptocurrency, AI and digital platforms. Students will engage with real-world scenarios, uncovering the complexities of digital evidence collection, cyber-forensics, and crypto investigations.

To enrich the learning experience, the program integrates lectures by professional experts, practical activities, and collaborative projects. Students will explore the role of global legal frameworks, ethical dilemmas surrounding digital platforms, and strategies to protect vulnerable persons from technology-enabled exploitation. The interdisciplinary nature of 3CS encourages participants to think critically about innovative solutions to these pressing issues. They better understand how state-backed organized crime poses a significant threat to national and international security. These criminal groups, often operating with tacit institutional approval or political support, can undermine the stability of the state. They engage in illicit activities such as human trafficking, cybercrime, and corruption, which can weaken law enforcement and judicial systems, eroding public trust in governmental institutions. By the end of the summer school, students will not only have gained in-depth knowledge of cybercrime and human trafficking challenges but will also have developed an international perspective on fighting these issues. The program emphasizes the importance of collaboration, preparing participants to contribute meaningfully to the international fight against organized crime and prevention of human trafficking in the digital era.

Furthermore, 3CS offers a unique opportunity for international students to gain an in-depth understanding of the complexities of transnational organised crime groups. As part of the program, students have the opportunity to participate in an insightful one-day field trip to the Danube Delta, a sensitive entry point to the Schengen Area. This trip will provide practical exposure to the region's challenges in fighting organized crime, further enhancing the learning experience.

MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- to understand the dynamics of cyber-crime, with a specific focus on organised crime and online human trafficking
- to explore the role of technology, especially AI, in both facilitating and fighting organised crime
- to develop practical skills to detect, prevent, and fight online organised crime
- to foster collaboration among participants from various disciplines and sectors, mainly ITC and social sciences, to innovate and implement effective solutions.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE:

- seminars: daily sessions led by experts in law enforcement, legal research, cybersecurity, or AI.
- workshops: practical activities on using cyber-security tools, AI applications, data analysis, and investigative techniques to tackle potential organised crime groups/human trafficking cases
- discussions: engage at a multidisciplinary group level to discuss current challenges and solutions
- networking: opportunities to connect with peers, lecturers, and stakeholders committed to fighting cyber organised crime and human trafficking
- projects: team-based projects where participants will apply their learning to propose and develop a solution to a specific challenge related to human trafficking, cyber-crime, and AI
- field and cultural activity: weekend cultural visits in Bucharest and field trip to Danube Delta.

TARGET GROUP:

The 9-day Summer School in Bucharest is open to students in law, law enforcement, political science, computer science, security studies, economics, humanities, and other related fields. While prior knowledge is not required, students should complete the online readings beforehand. The interdisciplinary program encourages collaboration, knowledge sharing, and a deeper understanding of transnational organized crime and human trafficking. **English-speaking students can apply by May 30, 2025**. Upon a well-justified request, the deadline may be extended until **June 15**.

Credits offered: 3 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System)

Accommodation on-campus hostel options include a **4-star double room at €60/night** or a **3-star standard triple room at €45/night**. The hostel is located 100 meters from the venue. Nearby, there are multiple meal options, including a cafeteria inside the hostel and three other restaurants/cafeterias within a 5-minute walk.

Funds for EU/EEA students may be eligible through **Erasmus+ Mobility programs**. Students should consult their Erasmus+ Department to confirm eligibility and develop bilateral agreements. Participants could receive **€70/day** for transportation, accommodation, and food in Romania, totaling **€630 for a 9-day stay** (plus 2 travel days).

There is NO PARTICIPATION FEE. However, each participant must confirm their attendance by securing a seat and **submitting a payment of €100 within 5 days of acceptance**. This amount is non-refundable and will be allocated to partially cover the travel expenses of the field trip to the Danube Delta.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Registration should be done as soon as possible and before the **15 of June 2025,** by filling in the online form HERE (https://forms.gle/PcuvKyX1yH4WHeiW6)

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DRAFT AGENDA

1-5 July 2025:   **READINGS AND PREPARATION for the face-to-face Summer School**

DAY 0   **ONLINE MEETING (Teams):** 3 July, 10:00-12:00 (CET)

DAY 1   **Saturday**

16:00 – 20:00   **Participants arriving and cultural activities – Bucharest Walking Tour by Night**

Late afternoon – 4pm, in front of the Atheneum; meeting at 3pm in front of RAU Hostel – participants with accommodation outside RAU Hostel are welcome to join here at 4pm directly at the tour starting point.

DAY 2   **Sunday**

10:30 – 13:00   **Cultural Activities – Village Museum & King Michael the 1st Park**

Meeting in front of RAU Hostel

19:00 – 22:00   **Evening Welcome Networking at Berăria H**

Meeting in front of RAU Hostel

DAY 3   **Monday (July 7)**

09:30 – 10:00   **Welcoming Coffee & Registration**

10:00 – 11:00   **Official Opening - Introductory Remarks (Senate Hall)**

Silvia TĂBUȘCĂ, PhD, Director, Center for Human Rights and Migration, RAU

Cosmin NEGRICEA, PhD, President, Romanian-American University (RAU)

Alexandru TĂBUȘCĂ, PhD, Dean, School of Computer Science for Business Management

Andrei LUCHICI, PhD, Director, Center for Research in Artificial Intelligence, RAU

11:00 – 12:00   **PART 1 Digital Rights and State Obligations in the Context of Organised Cybercrime and Human Trafficking**

Silvia TĂBUȘCĂ, PhD, Director, Center for Human Rights and Migration, RAU

12:00 – 13:30   **PART 2 Strategic and Operational Challenges in Addressing Organized Crime and Safeguarding Victims of Human Trafficking**

Liwia PALUS, PhD, Department of Criminology and Security Sciences, University of

13:30 – 14:30   **Lunch break**

14:30 – 16:00   **PART 3 – Understanding and Defining Organised Crime & Human Trafficking**

Cristiana MACCHIUSI, Former Anti-Mafia Prosecutor and Judge, Embassy of Italy in Romania

16:00 – 17:30	**PART 3 – Role of the EU Digital Services Act in the Prevention of Organised Crime**

Pavel POPESCU, Vice-president of the National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications (ANCOM)

DAY 4   Tuesday (July 8)

10:00 – 11:30	**PART 1 – Investigative Approaches to Online Organised Crime & Human Trafficking**

Valentin MIHAI, Chief Prosecutor, Cybercrime Department, Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism (DIOCT)

11:30 – 13:00	**PART 2 - Tackling Organized Crime in the Age of Cyber Threats/Transnational Cooperation in Combating Online Organised Crime & Human Trafficking**

George SCHULTZEL, Legat, The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Embassy in Romania

13:00 – 14:30	**Lunch break**
14:30 – 16:00	**PART 3 – Romanian Best Practices in Combating Transnational Organised Crime**

Vlad UDRESCU, Interim Head of the Office for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Directorate for Combating Organized Crime (DCOC)

Ciprian DUMITRESCU, Officer specialized in combating human trafficking, Directorate for Combating Organized Crime (DCOC)

19:30 – 21:00	**Cultural evening**

DAY 5   Wednesday (July 9)

9:30 – 12:30	**PART 1 – Practical Online Investigation Methods in Organised Crime & Human Trafficking**

Jorn van RIJ, Senior Researcher at the Intelligence Unit, The Netherlands National Police

12:30 – 13:30	**PART 2 – Practical Perspective on Human Trafficking Operated by Organised Crime Groups**

Anja LEEMANS, Director of the Unit for the Aliens Affairs, Migration Crime and Human Trafficking, The Netherlands National Police

13:30 – 14:30	**Lunch break**
14:30 – 15:30	**PART 3 – Collaborative Efforts in Combating Transnational Organised Crime**

Esther SEVILLA NAVARRO, Major of Guardia Civil, Embassy of Spain in Romania

15:30 – 16:30	**PART 4 – Transnational Cooperation in Combating Organised Crime & Human Trafficking**

Francisco YUSTA EGUARAS, Chief Superintendant Spanish National Police, Embassy of Spain in Romania

DAY 6   Thursday (July 10)

10:00 – 11:30	**PART 1 – Practical Aspects of the Modus Operandi of Transnational Organized Crime**

Laurent COLLORIG, Homeland Security Attaché for Romania and Republic of Moldova, Embassy of France

11:30 – 13:00	**PART 2 – Tracing Illicit Financial Flows: Investigative Approaches to Cryptocurrency Transactions**

Alexandru CĂCIULOIU, Deputy Head of the EU Training Hub Unit, EU CEPOL, Budapest, Hungary

13:00 – 14:00	**Lunch break**
14:00 – 16:00	**PART 3 – Understanding Criminal Behavior: Profiling Techniques**

Cristian CĂLEA, Training Officer, EU CEPOL, Budapest, Hungary

16:00 – 18:00   **PART 4 – COST Action CA23103 BlueRights session: Organised Crime at Sea**

Eve DE CONING, INTERPOL, UNODC, ILO consultant, Blue Justice Secretariat, former chair of the INTERPOL Fisheries Crime Working Group

Andrea LONGO, Co-lead of the Sub-working Group on Trafficking and Forced Labour of the EU COST Action BlueRights, Visiting Researcher, University of Basel

DAY 7   Friday (Field Trip Danube Delta)

6:00 – 11:00   **Field Trip to the Danube Delta as an Entry Gate to Schengen Area**

Departure very early morning – meeting in front of RAU Hostel

11:30 – 16:30   **On the Water: COST Action CA23103 BlueRights session: Navigating Fluid Borders and Identifying Risk Indicators of Transnational Crime and Exploitation in the Danube Delta**

Representative of the General Inspectorate of the Border Police

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DAY 8   Saturday (Danube Delta)

9:30 – 12:00   **Welcome Remarks and Understanding Transnational Organized Crime in Local Contexts**

Alexandru Dan MUNTEANU, Prefect of Tulcea County

Horia TEODORESCU, President, Tulcea County Council

Viorica PAVEL, General Inspector, Tulcea County Inspectorate

Ștefan ILIE, Mayor, Tulcea Municipality City Hall

Zoe SADICA, Elected Member of the Tulcea Council

Representative of the General Inspectorate of the Romanian Police

13:00 – 17:00   **Trip Tulcea-Bucharest and Practical Activities**

DAY 9   Sunday

Cultural Activities in Bucharest/Departure

Midmorning start – 10:30 meeting in front of RAU Hostel

DAY 10   ONLINE MEETING: 18 July, 10:00-12:00

10:00 – 12:00   **Practical Activities & Feedback**

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