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## HUMAN RIGHTS AT RISK

### ORGANISED CRIME AT SEA AND ACROSS BORDERS (OC-SAB)

International Scientific Conference | 2-4 July 2026

Romanian-American University, Bucharest

1B Expozitiei Blvd., 9:30am-17pm, Room 017 & online

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## AGENDA

All times indicated in the programme are in **Bucharest Time (EET, UTC/GMT+3)**

**DAY 1: ORGANISED CRIME PANEL AT ROMANIAN-AMERICAN UNIVERSITY (THURSDAY, 2 JULY)**

**ONLINE LINK: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/386292584392121?p=fr1ogaGNmcgVInaoI9>**

**9:30 – 10:00**

**Registration and Welcome Coffee**

**10:00 – 10:15**

**Opening Ceremony and Welcome Addresses**

**Silvia TĂBUȘCĂ**, Local Organizer, Chair of the Conference Organizing Committee

**Tudor EDU**, Vice-Rector, Romanian-American University

**Irina PAPANICOLOPULU**, BlueRights Action Vice-Chair

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**10:15 – 11:30****High-Level Keynote Session: Strengthening International Responses to Organized Crime and Security Threats**

**Moderator: Silvia TĂBUȘCĂ**, INTERPOL's Human Trafficking Expert Group, Council of Europe's Network of Anti-Trafficking Lawyers, GI-TOC

**Panelists:**

**Joseph Andre CANNATACI**, Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Privacy

**Ilias CHATZIS**, Acting Head Organised Crime Branch & Chief Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

**Dana-Manuela ANA**, European Delegated Prosecutor, Coordinator of the Activities of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)

**Cristiana MACCHIUSI**, Justice Attaché at the Embassy of Italy to Romania and Anti-Mafia Prosecutor

**Q&A Session****11:30 – 12:00****Coffee Break****12:00 – 18:30****Academic Session: Presentation of Accepted Research Papers**

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**12:00 – 13:30****Panel I: Organized Crime**

**Moderator: Irena CHIRU**, PhD, Director, Doctoral Studies Council, Mihai Viteazul National Intelligence Agency, Romania

**Panelists:**

**Aitana RADU**, University of Malta, Malta

**GRAY AREAS IN DIGITAL INVESTIGATIONS OF CROSS-BORDER CRIME**

**Holly LEUNG**, University of Oxford, UK/ **Bonnie LAI**, University of Hong Kong

**THE ROLE OF THE COASTAL STATE IN COMBATting HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY****COST Action 23103 - Life, liberty and health: ensuring universal protection of human rights at sea**

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**Serghei SPRINCEAN**, Moldova State University, Institute of Legal, Political and Sociological Research, Moldova

**DIFFICULTIES IN ENSURING HUMAN SECURITY IN THE FACE OF THE NEED TO CONTROL ORGANIZED CRIME AT SEA AND ACROSS BORDERS**

**Mihaela ROTARU**, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Police Academy, Romania

**KEY POINTS ON PREVENTING AND COMBATING ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE CONTEXT OF HYBRID THREATS**

**Olga PEREVERZYEVA**, International Charitable Foundation "Maritime", Ukraine

**LEGAL REGULATION OF THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM AT SEA**

**Sorin Silviu FINTA**, “1 December 1918” Alba Iulia University, Romania

**DIGITAL ROUTES, HIDDEN PROFITS: INVESTIGATING MIGRANT SMUGGLING ON THE BALKAN ROUTE**

**Armela XHAHO**, University of Elbasan “Aleksandër Xhuvani”, Albania

**RETHINKING FOREIGN LABOUR MIGRATION IN ALBANIA: EMERGING HUMAN RIGHTS THREATS AND LABOUR EXPLOITATION**

**Q&A Session**

13:30 – 14:30

**Lunch break**

14:30 – 16:00

**Panel II: Organized Crime**

**Moderator: Holly LEUNG**, University of Oxford, UK

**Panelists:**

**Vageshwari DESWAL**, University of Delhi, India

**MARITIME DIMENSION OF TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME - A STUDY OF THE PALERMO PROTOCOL AND ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGES**

**Gheorghe-Iulian IONITA**, Romanian-American University, Romania

**THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH CRIMINAL LAW: ROMANIAN REALITIES AND EU PERSPECTIVES**

**Firdaus OLAKULEHIN**, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria, Nigeria

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**MARITIME INSECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS AT RISK: ORGANIZED CRIME, ILLICIT ECONOMIES, AND GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES IN AFRICAN WATERS**

**Rosca MARIANA**, Moldova State University, Moldova

**CROSS-BORDER SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS: MOLDOVAN-UKRAINIAN COOPERATION AGAINST IRREGULAR MIGRATION IN WARTIME**

**Nazir ULLAH**, National University of Malaysia

**EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION IN CYBERSPACE: BUILDING A GLOBAL LEGAL SHIELD FOR MIGRANT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN**

**Q&A Session**

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**Coffee Break**

**16:30 – 18:00**

**Panel III: Organized Crime**

**Moderator:**

**Vageshwari DESWAL**, University of Delhi, India

**Panelists:**

**Martin TRENDAFILOV**, Burgas Free University, Bulgaria

**ALGORITHMIC PATROLS & THE TECHNO-BORDERSCAPE**

**Iliyan BACHKOV**, Burgas Free University, Bulgaria

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**Avni BAHRI**, O.P. Jindal Global University, India

**POLICING THE SEAS, ENDANGERING LIVES: ORGANIZED CRIME AND THE FRAGILITY OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Leonardo GUIMARÃES**, Rio de Janeiro Federal University, Brazil

**THE CONNECTIVITY PARADOX IN THE AMAZON: LEO SATELLITES, ASYMMETRIC CONFLICT, AND THE EROSION OF STATE AUTHORITY**

**Silvia TABUSCA**, Romanian-American University, Romania

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**SOME BLUEPRINTS OF TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME AND EXPLOITATION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN VULNERABILITIES**

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**Co-moderators:**

**Valerio SINAJ IUSS**, University of Rome UnitelmaSapienza, Italy

**Lindita LIÇAJ**, University Ismail Qemali, Vlore, Albania

**Panelists:**

**Bogdan BOLBOACĂ**, Independent Researcher, Romania

**THE HUMAN PROXY: HOW SCAM COMPOUNDS TURN TRAFFICKED PERSONS INTO THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF CYBERCRIME**

**Lindita LIÇAJ**, University Ismail Qemali, Vlore, Albania

**MIGRANT TRAFFICKING AND ORGANIZED CRIME AT SEA: THE EU'S CHALLENGE IN PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS**

**June ANINDO**, Strathmore University and University of Nairobi, Kenya

**THE LAW IS WILLING BUT STATES ARE NOT: POLITICAL WILL AND COOPERATION DEFICITS IN CROSS-BORDER SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR ORGANISED CRIME CASES**

**Avantika DUREHA/ Sona SINGH**, Lloyd Law College, India

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***THE MIGRATION MIRAGE: POST-PANDEMIC DESPAIR, TRANSNATIONAL CRIMES AND INDIA'S NEWEST BORDERLESS PRISONERS***

**Prema ELUMALAI**, Vellore Institute of Technology School of Law, India

***INDIAN PORTS AND MARITIME DRUG TRAFFICKING: AN ANALYSIS OF THE MUNDRA HEROIN SEIZURE***

**Evghenia GUGULAN**, “Ștefan cel Mare” Academy, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, Republica Moldova

***LEGAL ANALYSIS OF THE PHENOMENON OF ILLEGAL STATE BORDER CROSSING IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA IN THE CONTEXT OF EMERGING TRANSNATIONAL THREATS GENERATED BY THE WAR IN UKRAINE***

**Ana-Maria GHERMAN-GRIMAILO & Ion SLISARENCO**, “Ștefan cel Mare” Academy, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, Republica Moldova

***THE ROLE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF LEGALITY IN DEFINING CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR ORGANIZED CRIME***

**Murtaza MOHIQI**, University of Agder, Norway

***BEYOND DEEPPAKES: GENERATIVE AI AND THE NEW ARCHITECTURE OF TRANSNATIONAL CRIME***

**Princess Doreen NEPOMUCENO**, Office of the Youth in Maritime (YIMO), Philippines

***PAYING THE PRICE FOR PEACE: HOW AN AI SPEED TAX SECURES ACCOUNTABILITY IN ASEAN MARITIME AND CYBER FRONTIERS***

**Maria-Ecaterina NISTOR**, Lund University, Sweden

***INVISIBLE FLOWS: AI, FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING***

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**Panelists:**

**Oluwasegun OGUNSAKIN**, Bellwether International, Nigeria

**SECURING THE ECOWAS-NIGERIA BORDER RELATIONS AMIDST SECURITY TENSION**

**Nishant Singh RAWAT**, Lloyd Law College, India

**LICENSED TO EXPLOIT: SOUTH ASIAN RECRUITMENT NETWORKS, THE KAFALA SYSTEM, AND THE TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME GAP**

**Valerio SINAJ IUSS**, University of Rome UnitelmaSapienza, Italy

**CLIMATE DISPLACEMENT, ORGANISED CRIME AT SEA AND THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-REFOULEMENT**

**Riya SINGH**, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India

**DIGITAL MARITIME CRIMINALITY AND THE LIMITS OF TERRITORIAL GOVERNANCE: HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF PLATFORMS, PORTS, AND ORGANISED CRIME**

**Mariana VATAMANITA**, “Constantin Stere” University of European Political and Economic Science, Republic of Moldova

**ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION OFFENCES IN THE CONTEXT OF URBAN PLANNING VIOLATIONS: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS BETWEEN REPUBLICA MOLDOVA AND EUROPE**

**Siddharth WARBHUVAN**, Gujarat Maritime University, India

**CYBER-ENABLED HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT SEA: A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF FLAG STATE RESPONSIBILITY, JURISDICTIONAL VOIDS, AND THE INTEGRATION OF EMERGING LEGAL FRAMEWORKS**

**Wasi WASI ULLAH**, Hamdard Institute of Legal Studies and Research, Jamia Hamdard University, India

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND ALGORITHMIC DECISION-MAKING IN JUVENILE JUSTICE: COMPATIBILITY WITH THE ‘BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD’ PRINCIPLE UNDER THE JJ ACT 2015**

**Saakshi YADAV**, O.P. Jindal Global University, India

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**CYBERATTACKS, SEAFARERS, AND SAFETY AT SEA**

**Kamila ZARYCHTA-ROMANOWSKA**, EUROREG, University of Warsaw, Poland

**RESILIENCE BEYOND BORDER CONTROL: HUMAN RIGHTS, INTEROPERABILITY  
AND MARITIME SECURITY AT SEA**

**Q&A Session**

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