

## 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

### DAY 2: HUMAN RIGHTS PANEL AT RAU (FRIDAY, 3 JULY 2026)

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

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

9:30 – 10:00

**Registration and Welcome Coffee**

10:00 – 10:10

**Welcome Addresses**

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

10:10 – 11:30

**High-Level Keynote Session: Advancing International Human Rights Protection in the Fight Against Organized Crime**

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

**Iulia MOTOC**, Member of the Institute of International Law, Judge at International Criminal Court and former Judge at the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR, 2013-2023) and Professor of International Law

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**Juan Pablo Albán Alencastro**, Chair of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances, United Nations (online)

**Beata STOCZYŃSKA**, Ambassador, Executive Director, Asia-Europe Foundation

**Irina NĂSTASE**, National Program Manager, International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC)

#### Q&A Session

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee Break

#### 12:00 – 18:00 Academic Session: Presentation of Accepted Research Papers

Each panelist is requested to limit their presentation to approximately **15 minutes** to ensure adequate time for all participants to present their research and contribute to the discussion. We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the scheduled structure of the session and facilitating an engaging academic exchange.

12:00 – 13:30

#### Panel I: Human Rights

##### Moderator:

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

##### Panelists:

**Joseph Andre CANNATA CI**, University of Malta / University of Groningen, Malta

**PRIVACY, DATA PROTECTION AND AI INSIDE AND OUTSIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS: RE-POSITIONING EUROPE'S RESPONSE TO ORGANISED CRIME AT SEA AND ACROSS BORDERS**

**Laurențiu PETRILA**, University of Oradea, Romania

**GEOPOLITICAL COLLATERAL AT SEA: CIVILIAN SEAFARERS, LABOUR RIGHTS AND THE PROTECTION GAP IN HYBRID MARITIME OPERATIONS**

**Emete GÖZÜGÜZELLİ**, Social Sciences University of Ankara, Cyprus

**THE DIGITAL STATE OF EXCEPTIONALGORITHMIC BIOPOLITICS AND THE EROSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN EU MARITIME SURVEILLANCE**

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**Mila IVANOVA**, Burgas Free University, Bulgaria

**DIGITAL EVIDENCE AND THE PROTECTION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN CROSS-BORDER HUMAN TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATIONS WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

**Anca Elena BALASOIU**, Romanian-American University, Romania

**RECENT ASPECTS ON ORGANISED CRIME IN ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND ITS IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS: A SPECIAL REGARD ON THE HUMAN FACTOR**

**Marianna DIMOU**, International Hellenic University, Greece

**FROM SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

**Q&A Session**

**13:30 – 14:30**

**Lunch break**

**14:30 – 17:00**

**Panel II: Human Rights**

**Moderator:**

**Anca Elena BALASOIU**, Romanian-American University, Romania

**Panelists:**

**Florencia Valentina MALDONADO**, University of Turin, Argentina & **Mihai CAZACU**

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY: LABOUR EXPLOITATION AT SEA**

**Maria TURDA**, University of Manchester, UK

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION IN VIETNAM: AN EXPLORATORY STUDY OF FAMILY-BASED CARE, CHILD PROTECTION AND EMERGING EXPLOITATION RISKS**

**Oleksandr STOVPETS**, Odessa National Maritime University, Ukraine

**SOCIAL-PHILOSOPHIC VISION OF MAIN CHALLENGES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE BLACK SEA REGION IN THE CONTEXT OF UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

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**Hilda-Hedvig VARGA**, Romanian-American University, Romania

**THE INDIAN COMMUNITY IN ROMANIA: AN EXPLORATION OF INTEGRATION, RIGHTS AND THE FACTORS INFLUENCING MIGRATION**

**Q&A Session**

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**Tania GARCÍA**, Carlos III University, Spain

**Panelists:**

**Ekin Deniz UZUN**, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Türkiye

**TRAFFICKING RISK AT SEA: REMOTE SURVEILLANCE, COORDINATED INTERCEPTION, AND STATE DUE DILIGENCE UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**Wasi WASI ULLAH**, Lloyd Law College, India

**PROTECTION OR IMPUNITY? JUVENILE JUSTICE FRAMEWORKS, CROSS-BORDER TRAFFICKING NETWORKS, AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS PARADOX IN SOUTH ASIAN LAW**

**Hendrik VAN AS**, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa

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**COUNTERING CROSS-BORDER ORGANISED CRIME AND REDUCING HUMAN RIGHTS INFRINGEMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

**Oludayo BAMBOSE**, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

**AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ROLE OF ALUMNI IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION (CLE) IN NIGERIA TO INCREASE ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN NIGERIA**

**Maria-Beatrice BERNA**, Titu Maiorescu University, Romania

**ECONOMIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT SEA: A GENDER PERSPECTIVE**

**Juan Carlos MARTÍN**, University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain

**NAVIGATING SEAFARING LABOUR QUALITY: ASSESSING EUROPEAN MARITIME WORKING CONDITIONS VIA FUZZY MULTICRITERIA DECISION-MAKING**

**Roza PATI**, St. Thomas University College of Law, USA

**MARITIME CHILD SAFEGUARD PROTOCOL (MCSP) – A NOVEL LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORK AGAINST CHILD TRAFFICKING AT SEA**

**Paulo Henrique REIS DE OLIVEIRA**, University of São Paulo, Brazil

**CRIMINALISING SEAFARERS? INTERPRETING MARITIME LABOUR STATUS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN BRAZIL AND CABO VERDE**

**Balaguru ARUMUGAM**, Vel Tech University, India

**THE LEGAL DEFINITION OF PIRACY VS. ARMED ROBBERY AT SEA AND ITS IMPACT ON HUMAN SECURITY**

**Srishti CHATURVEDI**, National Law Institute University & **Nivedita CHAUDHARY**, Delhi University, India

**CONSTITUTIONALISING THE OCEAN: HUMAN DIGNITY, STATE POWER AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES OF MARITIME ORGANISED CRIME**

**Daniel CRISTEA**, Criminal Investigation Office, County Police Inspectorate Buzau, Romania

**EMPIRICAL STUDY ON CROSS-BORDER ORGANIZED CRIME AND THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY**

**Laurențiu Gabriel CÎRSTEA**, “Ștefan cel Mare” Academy, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, Republica Moldova

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**THE RIGHT TO PRIVATE LIFE OF PERSONS WHO ESCAPE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION IN THE FIELD OF CROSS-BORDER ORGANIZED CRIME**

**Ciprian COADĂ**, University of Craiova, Romania

**THE NEED FOR REGULATION AS AGGRAVATING VARIANTS OF SOME HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES COMMITTED BY VIOLATION OF ROMANIA'S LAND AND MARITIME BORDERS**

**Mihaela COJOCARU**, "Ștefan cel Mare" Academy, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, Republica Moldova

**DOCTRINAL AND NORMATIVE APPROACHES TO PROTECTING THE HUMAN RIGHT TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AT SEA AND ACROSS BORDERS**

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**Panelists:**

**Laura GAZDAGOVÁ**, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University of Košice, Slovakia

**MARITIME ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES AND THEIR RECOGNITION IN INTERNATIONAL LAW**

**Luttine Ilenia BUIONI**, Tor Vergata University, Italy

**THE REVISION OF THE FACILITATORS PACKAGE AND THE SO-CALLED CRIME OF SOLIDARITY**

**Sandhya DREW**, City St Georges University, UK

**CROSSING THE CHANNEL: RISKS TO LIFE AND THE UK-FRANCE TREATY**

**Denize Camille FRANCISCO**, Ample Consultancy & Mediation Services, UAE

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***HUMAN RIGHTS AT RISK: STRENGTHENING UAE- GCC TRADE CORRIDORS THROUGH CUSTOMS - MODERNIZATION, GEOPOLITICAL LOGISTICS RESILIENCE, AND MEDIATION FRAMEWORKS AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME AT SEA AND ACROSS BORDERS***

**Tania GARCÍA**, Carlos III University, Spain

***SURROGACY AS THE PURPOSE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING: A CHALLENGED TO BE FACED***

**Alina GENTIMIR**, University Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Romania

***INVISIBLE VICTIMS: HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE SHADOW OF ORGANIZED CRIME AND ARMED CONFLICTS***

**Alba GERDECI**, Epoka University, Albania

***THE ITALY-ALBANIA MIGRATION AGREEMENT: HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION RISKS IN CROSS-BORDER AND MARITIME CONTEXTS***

**Dilek Kart GÜLCIHAN AYBIKE**, Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University, Turkey

***INVISIBLE LIVES AT SEA: MIGRANT VULNERABILITY AND PROTECTION CHALLENGES IN TÜRKIYE'S MARITIME BORDERS***

**Arcadio Vicente HERRERA ARVAY**, Universidad Nacional de La Rioja, Argentina

***IS IT POSSIBLE TO TRANSFORM SOCIAL CONTROL INTO SOCIAL INTEGRATION THROUGH THE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES?***

**Hye-Min KIM**, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

***THE SOLIDARY OBLIGATION TO MAKE REPARATION: A SECONDARY LEX SPECIALIS FOR INDIVISIBLE HUMAN RIGHTS HARM CAUSED BY THE INDISPENSABLE CONTRIBUTION OF PLURAL STATES AT SEA AND ACROSS BORDERS***

**Dayana LEÓN FRANCO**, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador

***CHILDREN AT RISK: CRIMINAL RECRUITMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, AND ORGANIZED CRIME GOVERNANCE IN ECUADOR***

**Arundathi M S**, Gujara National Law University, India

***INVISIBLE VICTIMS OF THE BLUE ECONOMY: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS OF ORGANIZED CRIME AT SEA AND ACROSS BORDERS***

**Jacek MIERZWA**, The Border Guard Academy (WSSG), Poland

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**HUMANITARIAN BOARDING IN MARITIME SECURITY**

**Diana MILEA**, "Constantin Stere" University of European Political and Economic Science, Republica Moldova

**PROTECTION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS THROUGH THE CRIMINALIZATION OF FORCED MARRIAGE: EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES****Q&A Session****16:30 – 18:00****Panel III: Human Rights****ONLINE LINK: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/399335057432269?p=xJwNSjD9n1uZTrUbxU>****Co-moderators:**

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**THE LEGAL OBJECT AND THE MATERIAL OBJECT OF ROBBERY: PROBLEMATIC ASPECTS REGARDING THE MATERIAL OBJECT**

**Vitor NEVES**, L6 Advogados, Portugal

**BOUND TO THE CRIME THEY WERE FORCED TO COMMIT: THE NON-PUNISHMENT GAP FOR EU VICTIMS OF CYBER-ENABLED TRAFFICKING IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN SCAM COMPOUNDS**

**Oluwanimilo OLA-OLORUN**, Thomas Adewumi University, Nigeria

**CLIMATE-INDUCED DISPLACEMENT, MARITIME SMUGGLING, AND STATE RESPONSIBILITY AT SEA: REFRAMING HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION IN CROSS-BORDER MIGRATION ROUTES**

**Natalija ORLIĆ**, University of Maribor, Slovenia

**WHEN LANGUAGE BECOMES A PROCEDURAL RISK: INTERPRETERS AS HUMAN RIGHTS SAFEGUARDS IN MULTILINGUAL INSTITUTIONAL INTERVIEWS**

**Vesna POPOSKA**, Skopje Military Academy and University Goce Delcev, North Macedonia

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***THE WEAPONISATION OF CONNECTIVITY: HYBRID THREATS, CRITICAL UNDERSEA INFRASTRUCTURE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN EMERGING MARITIME FRONTIERS***

**Parul SHUKLA**, Gautam Buddha University Greater Noida, India

***THE EXPLOITATIVE NEXUS REVISITED: HUMAN TRAFFICKING, CROSS-BORDER ORGANISED CRIME, AND LEGAL GAPS IN SOUTH ASIAN AND EUROPEAN CONTEXTS***

**Gianina-Anemona RADU**, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Police Academy, Romania  
***DIGITAL BORDERS AND INVISIBLE BIAS: HUMAN RIGHTS CHALLENGES IN DATA-DRIVEN CROSS-BORDER CRIME CONTROL***

**Viacheslav RUBSKYI**, Odessa National Maritime University, Ukraine

***PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE IN THE TRIAD: PERSONALITY - FAITH - DELINQUENCY***

**Bijendra SHANDILYA**, Indian institute of Management, India

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**Shweta CHATURVEDI**, Dhirubhai Ambani School of Law, India

***ALGORITHMIC COMPLICITY AT SEA: HOW AI-POWERED MARITIME SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS ENABLE AND CONCEAL TRANSNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME***

**Mohammad SIKANDAR**, Odisha National Law University, India

***COMPLICIT BORDERS: EU MIGRATION EXTERNALISATION AND THE COLLAPSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA***

**Sergiu Adrian VASILE**, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Police Academy, Romania

***EUROPEAN COAST GUARD COOPERATION - FRONTEX AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION IN MARITIME BORDER SECURITY***

**Shikha VASISHTA**, Bennett University, India

***WOMBS ACROSS BORDERS: ORGANIZED CRIME, REPRODUCTIVE TRAFFICKING, AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH***

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

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***GENDERED DIMENSIONS OF LABOUR MIGRATION IN ALBANIA: TOWARDS GENDER-SENSITIVE MIGRATION POLICY AND PRACTICE***

**Putranto YOGI**, Ministry of Marine and Fisheries Affair, Indonesia

***INDONESIA'S COMMUNITY-BASED SURVEILLANCE (POKMASWAS) AND THE FUTURE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT SEA***

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

***SPOTTING TRAFFICKING AT SEA: HUMANITARIAN BOARDING IN ACTION***

**Q&A Session**

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