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THE EU AFTER THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: Priorities, Challenges, Relations with the World

Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj, Faculty of European Studies
EUXGLOB Centre in partnership with REC and ICDE
 Cluj-Napoca, December 5-6, 2024 (hybrid format)

Thursday, 5 December

9:00-11:00 Opening session (plenary), Robert Schuman Room

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

H.E. Ramona Chiriac, Head of the Representation of the European Commission to Bucharest, *Message of the REC*

Professor Valentin Naumescu, Faculty of European Studies, UBB, Director of the EUXGLOB Centre, *Introductory remarks to the 4th edition of EUXGLOB*

Ms. Alina Pădeanu, European Action External Service, Service of Deputy Secretary General CSDP and crisis response (DSG-DEF), (online), *Responding to geopolitical shifts : EU as a security and defence actor*

Keynote speech (30 minutes): **Professor Corneliu Bjola**, Oxford University, *From Reliance to Resilience: European Security in a Post-American Order*

Keynote speech (30 minutes): **Professor Ulrich Schneckener**, Osnabrück University, *Russia's war of aggression as "Zeitenwende" for the European security order*

Discussions

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11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

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11:30 – 13:00 Panel 1, Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Professor Sergiu Mişcoiu, UBB

Profesor Valentin Naumescu, UBB, *A Changing EU in a Changing World Order. Possible Directions*



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Professor Daniel Göler, Passau University, *The New Role of the European Commission in the CSDP*

Professor Petia Gueorguieva, New Bulgarian University, *CEE's Populists and Sovereignists in the European Parliament after the 2024 European Elections*

Assistant Professor Ahmet Cemal Ertürk, (online), & **Sena Türkođan**, Teaching Assistant, Istanbul Kultur University, *The EU experimentalist governance in its neighbourhood: The case of the Turkish energy sector*

Lecturer Liridon Lika, University of Liège, *The EU Enlargement Strategy towards the Western Balkans in the Context of the War in Ukraine*

Discussions

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11:30-13:00 Panel 2, Nelson Mandela Room

Chair: Assoc. prof. Natalia Stercul, State University of Moldova

Professor Magdalena Tomala, Kielce University of Technology (online), *Social Justice in Implementation the EU Green Deal – A Case of Poland*

Dr. Ioana Constantin-Bercean, Researcher, „Ion I.C. Brătianu” Institute of Political Science and International Relations, *The EU-GCC Strategic Partnership in the Shadow of the Middle East Wars*

A. Murat Tuncer, consultant, (online), AnkaPedia, *The Legitimacy of the 2023 Türkiye Presidential Election*

Sena Türkođan, Teaching Assistant, & **Assistant Professor Ahmet Cemal Ertürk**, Istanbul Kültür University, *EU Post-Election Environment Policy: Prospects for the Future of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance*

Javid Ibad, Research Assistant, UBB, *Radicalization in the EU: the case of the European Parliament Elections in the Netherlands*

Discussions

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13:00 – 14:00 Lunch, Pyramid Restaurant

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14:00 – 16:00, Panel 3, Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Dr. Liridon Lika, University of Liège



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Laurențiu Petrila, PhD Lecturer, University of Oradea, & **Felix Angel Popescu**, Agora University of Oradea, *The sources and causes of Euroscepticism and their impact on the European Parliament elections*

Adrian Ionuț Bogdan, PhD candidate, UBB, *Romania-Ukraine-Moldova Trilateral: A Minilateral Cooperation Framework in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood*

Mădălina Tiurbe, PhD candidate, UBB, *France's Political Landscape: The Impact and Aftermath of the 2024 EU Elections*

Vlad Mărginaș, PhD candidate, UBB & Universite Libre de Bruxelles, Marie Curie GEM-DIAMOND doctoral fellow, *Greece's Political Continuity in the 2024 European Elections: Center-Right Continuity Amid Political Fragmentation*

Diana Petruț, PhD candidate, UBB, *The EU's Relations with Latin America following the 2024 European Elections*

Romāns Gagunovs, PhD candidate, Rīga Stradiņš University, (online), *Long-term Viability of Political Parties and Party Associations in Latvia as a Pillar of Political Security Amid European Geopolitical Challenges*

Discussions

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14:00 – 16:00, Panel 4, Nelson Mandela Room

Chair: Professor Daniel Göler, Passau University

Isabel Hoffmann & Katharina Kleynmans, Doctoral Researchers, University of Osnabrück, *The production of mobility options: migration and border management in the framework of the Eastern Partnership of the European Union*

Assoc. prof. Radu Nechita, Lecturer Romana Cramarenco, Diana Năsulea, Christian Năsulea, UBB, *The Draghi Report: symptoms, diagnostic and remedies*

Associate Professor Florentina Chirodea, Associate Professor Luminița Șoproni, Lecturer Ioana Lucia Bordeianu, University of Oradea, *Cross-border logistics and its role in the development of border regions. Case study: the Romanian-Ukrainian border between 2014 and 2024*

Associate Professor Constantin-Vasile Țoca, Lecturer Cosmin Chiriac, University of Oradea, *European funding as a stimulus for cross-border tourism on the Romanian-Hungarian border*



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Associate Professor Alina Stoica & MA Student Bianca Larisa Gaidos, University of Oradea, *Russian cultural diplomacy/propaganda actions at the Eastern border of European Union*

Lecturer Edina Lilla Mészáros, University of Oradea, *The revival of realist geopolitics at the EU's Northern and Eastern borders. Can we speak about a deliberate facilitation of irregular immigration?*

Discussions.

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14:00 – 16:00, Panel 5, Konrad Adenauer Room

Chair: Senior assist. prof. Petia Gueorguieva, New Bulgarian University

Assoc. prof. Florin Duma, UBB, *Exploring the opportunity of defragmentation of the stock market in the EU as a stability factor in the current geopolitical context*

Lecturer Dorin Ioan Dolghi, University of Oradea & **Dacian Duna**, UBB, *“Drifting state”: a conceptual and theoretical framework of understanding the political and societal balance and swing of the Republic of Moldova*

Assoc. prof. Ana Pantea, UBB, **Assoc. Prof. Ludmila Armașu-Canțîr**, UPSC Ion Creangă, Moldova, *Transnistria as a state of mind*

Lecturer Cosmin Chiriac, University of Oradea, *Takeaways from the activity of Intercommunity Development Associations from the western border of Romania*

Maria Enachi, PhD candidate, UBB, *Implications of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict on Moldova's presidential campaign 2024*

Mihaela Spînu, PhD candidate, UBB, *The Republic of Moldova path towards European integration and its visibility in social media*

Discussions

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16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

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16:30 – 19:00 Panel 6, Nelson Mandela Room

Chair: Dr. Dorin Popescu, Black Sea House

Professor Yevhen Mahda, Associate professor, National Technical University of Ukraine Igor Sikorsky KPI, *Russia's Nuclear Blackmail in the Black Sea Region*

Sylwia Maria Zakrzewska, Assistant, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn (online), *Belarus in European Union Policy (2009-2020)*



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Zmicier Mickievič, Belsat TV (online), *Belarus as a part of the new Axis of Evil in Europe*

Assoc. prof. Natalia Stercul, State University of Moldova, *The European Dream: major obstacles for the Moldova's EU accession*

Vladimir Mitev & Piotr Wójcik, Cross Border Talks, *Perceptions of changing geography of power in the EU: views from Poland, Romania and Bulgaria*

Assoc. prof. Alina Andreica, UBB, *Cybersecurity and AI regulations in the EU*

Andrei Enghiș, PhD candidate, UBB, (online), *The EU and NATO, an enduring partnership*

Curtis D. Cordon, PhD candidate, UBB, & Executive Officer, US Military Delegation to NATO (online), *The New Arsenal of Democracy: Transatlantic Industrial Mobilization for Ukraine and Security in the 21st Century*

Discussions

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16:30 – 19:00 Panel 7, Konrad Adenauer Room

Chair: Claudiu Aldea, UBB

Matei Lupchian & Ilinca-Veronica Haiura, students, UBB, *Combating right-wing populism: A comparative analysis on how different countries approach immigration and economic equality*

Andreea-Elena Cioată, UBB graduate, *Protest or Progress? The Rise of Independent Candidates in the 2024 European Parliament Elections*

David Măhălean, MA student, UBB, *Russia's influence on Europe*

Cerasela Ioana Ungureanu, student, UBB, *Belarus: the irregular migration towards the European Union's border*

Alexandra Mirela Simedrea, MA student, UBB, *Political Borders: Analyzing the Impact of Austria's 2024 Elections on Romania's Schengen Ambitions*

Livia Mandu, Cornel Racoveanu, students, SNSPA (online), *European Security, Environmental Protection, and Organized Crime: The Impact of NATO and Security in the Black Sea*

Andrada Raț, Ștefania Pica, MA students, UBB, *Beyond Dependency: The EU's Pursuit of Digital Sovereignty Through the DSA and ECS*

Cristina Maria Mareș, student, UBB, *Armenia: in search of the European mantle? An analysis of the factors that have the potential to relaunch the path towards European Union candidate status*

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16:30 – 19:00 REMIT* Scenario Testing Game, Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Professor Roberta Haar, Maastricht University

This is a role-playing exercise designed to test various scenarios on the topic of military AI, where each participant will take on a different role in order to solve the presented problem. The moderator will explain the rules of the game and other interested conference participants are welcome to join as audience during this instructive and entertaining exercise.

(*REMIT is a research initiative funded by the EU's Horizon Europe programme for research and innovation. It aims to transform the EU's role in global governance and cooperation in the digital age. The REMIT project aspires to **Reignite Multilateralism via Technology**).

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19:00-20.30 Dinner, Pyramid Restaurant

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Friday, 6 December

9:00-11:00 Panel 8, Nelson Mandela Room

Chair: Dr. Ioana Constantin Bercean, Institute for Political Science and IR, Romanian Academy

Dr. Dorin Popescu, Black Sea House Association, *The Russian hybrid war machine vs the European Dream in the broader Black Sea region*

Professor Octavian Țicu, Moldova State University, *Between European Union and Russia: Stakes and results of the elections in the Republic of Moldova after the "Revolution" of 2009*

Nicolae Țibrigan, Researcher, Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations „Ion I.C. Bratianu” of Romanian Academy (online), *2024 Presidential Elections in Moldova: Navigating the Post-Referendum Landscape*

Lecturer Ovidiu Vaida, UBB, *EP elections in Romania 2024, as European ones, or just some other elections?*

Visiting Lecturer Veronica Russu & Assistant Professor Renata Kunert-Milcarz, University of Wroclaw (online), *Election in Moldova in 2024 – Russian hybrid threats and attitude toward Moldova's EU integration*

Tatiana Platon & Alex Cozma, MA Graduates, UBB, *Sharp parliamentary diplomacy: a study on the influence of Russian parliamentarians on the political dynamics in the Republic of Moldova*

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9:00-11:00 Panel 9, Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Assoc. prof. Raluca Moldovan, UBB

Professor Roberta Haar, Maastricht University, *Understanding the debate in U.S. foreign policy regarding the benefits of multilateralism and China*

Professor Thomas Christiansen, Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali "Guido Carli" Rome, (online), *Trump 2.0, Von der Leyen 2.0 and the Future of EU-China Relations: Between Risks and Opportunities*

Professor Șerban Filip Cioculescu, University of Bucharest, *The European Union between the USA and People Republic of China. Towards a tripolar structure of the international order?*

Dr. Oleksandr Rusnak, Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine, *The 2024 elections in EU countries and their impact on support for Ukraine*

Marius Mitrache, assistant professor, West University of Timișoara, *"Europe's security cannot depend on the voters in Wisconsin every 4 years": Between Strategic Autonomy and NATO's European pillar, a neoclassical realist approach on Europe's Defence Dilemma.*

Andreea Stretea, Teaching Assistant, UBB, *From Euro-Optimism to Euroscepticism: East-Central Europe's Shifts and EU Cohesion Risks*

Discussions

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11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

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11:30-13:30 Panel 10, Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Prof. Corneliu Bjola, Univ. Oxford

Assoc. prof. Raluca Moldovan, UBB, *Plus ça change? The Middle East and the US after the 2024 presidential elections*

Prof. Melania-Gabriela Ciot & Kudzai Cathrine Bingisai, PhD candidate, UBB, *The EU-Zimbabwe relations towards sustainable development: a complex perspective*

Prof. Alexandru Balas, SUNY Cortland & **Assoc. prof. Ana Pantea**, UBB, *Missed Opportunity? The Relations Between EU and India*

Assoc. prof. Khatuna Chapichadze, Georgian Technical University (online), *The Issue of the Referendum for Georgia's Parliamentary Elections of 2024: The EU Enlargement Context*

Professor Mircea Brie, University of Oradea, *Identity as a Border in Western Balkans. Comparative Conceptual Perspectives*



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Tana Foarfă, PhD candidate, UBB, (online), *Can Draghi's vision of EU competitiveness become reality under the new European Commission?*

Discussions

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13:30 – 14:30 Lunch, Pyramid Restaurant

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14:30 – 15:15 Robert Schuman Room

The presentation of the 2024 Initiative for European Democratic Culture (ICDE) Award România Europeană to this year's recipient (in Romanian)

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15:30 – 17:30 Panel 11, Robert Schuman Room

Chair: Diana Petruț, UBB

Iosefina Blazsani-Batto, PhD candidate, UBB, (online), *Bridging Horizons: The EU's Evolving Relationship with Azerbaijan and the Eastern Neighbourhood*

Anamaria-Florina Caloianu, PhD Candidate, UBB, *Navigating Legal Support: Romania's engagement with Ukraine and the ICJ*

Eugeniusz Kuznicow-Wyszyński, PhD candidate, University of Warsaw (online), *European integration and identity dynamics: The EU's impact on citizenship and identity in Ukraine and Belarus*

Sun Heqi, PhD candidate, University of Warsaw (online), *Decoupling and De-Sinicization? China's Influence on the European Integration Process in the Western Balkans*

Horățiu Bontea, MA Graduate, UBB, *European Integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Navigating Structural and Ethnic Challenges in the New Enlargement Policy*

Assistant professor Elżbieta Stolarska-Szeląg, Kielce University of Technology (online), *ESG as a support tool in human resource management*

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16:00 – 18:00 Panel 12, Nelson Mandela Room

Chair: Lect. Ovidiu Vaida, UBB



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Associate professor Polgár István, University of Oradea, *Border management in the context of new forms of territorial and transnational cooperation in the Western Balkans.*

Assistant Professor Katarzyna Kiliańska, Kielce University of Technology (online), *Risk for the EU arising from aid to Ukraine: An ESG Perspective*

Lecturer Lucian Dumitru Dîrdală, Al. I Cuza University Iași (online), *The persistence of the Spitzenkandidat: democratic legitimacy and political expediency after the June 2024 European elections*

Adjunct prof. Maryana Prokop & prof. Arleta Hrehorowicz, Jan Kochanowski University of Kilece, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, (online), *EU Support for Ukraine During the War – Humanitarian, Financial, and Military Aid*

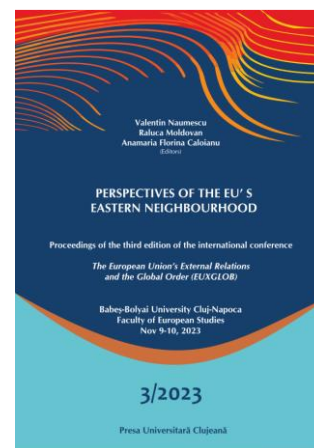
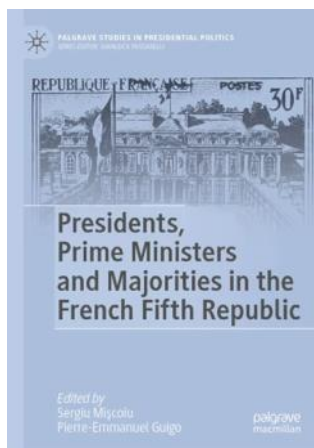
Claudiu Bogdan Aldea, PhD candidate, UBB, *Japan in the Year of Elections*

Maria Teodora Hodorog, PhD candidate, UBB, (online), *2024 Election Outcomes in Global Powers and Their Influence on Korean Peninsula Foreign Policy*

Discussions

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17:30-18:00 Book launches, Robert Schuman Room



- *Presidents, Prime Ministers and Majorities in the French Fifth Republic* (Eds. Sergiu Mișcoiu, Pierre-Emmanuel Guigo, Palgrave Macmillan, 2024)
Presenter : Prof. Valentin Naumescu, Babeş-Bolyai University
- *Perspectives of the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood* (Eds. Valentin Naumescu, Raluca Moldovan, Anamaria Florina Caloianu, Presa Universitară Clujeană, 2024)
Presenter: Prof. Corneliu Bjola, University of Oxford



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18:00 – 20:00 Dinner, Pyramid Restaurant