

HUMAN RIGHTS AT RISK

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

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1B Expozitiei Bvd., 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=fr1ogaGNmcgVlnaoI9>

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 CANNATACI, 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

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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Alexandru-Cristian ROSU, Romanian American University, Romania

CRIMINAL LAW PROTECTION OF MINORS AGAINST SEXUAL ABUSE: DOMESTIC AND EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES

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

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**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

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

Oludayo BAMGBOSE, 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, Institute of Science and Technology, 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

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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

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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Kamila ZARYCHTA-ROMANOWSKA, EUROREG University of Warsaw, Poland

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

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

Denize Camille FRANCISCO, Ample Consultancy & Mediation Services, UAE

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 CHALLENGE 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 GÜLCİHAN AYBIKE, Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University, Turkey

INVISIBLE LIVES AT SEA: MIGRANT VULNERABILITY AND PROTECTION CHALLENGES IN TÜRKİYE'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

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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

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

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Putranto YOGI, Ministry of Marine and Fisheries Affair, Indonesia

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Alexandru NEGOITA, "Ștefan cel Mare" Academy, Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, Republica Moldova

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

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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

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

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

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

***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

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