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AGORA: International Conference **"The Dynamics of Change. Trends and Perspectives in Global and European Politics"**

 *May 13-14, 2025, Iași, Romania*
Hybrid format (In-Person & Online)

Academic Partners of AGORA 2025: Moldova State University (Faculty of International Relations, Administrative and Political Sciences), Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University & Istinye University Istanbul (Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Context:

The global social and political environment is undergoing rapid and profound transformations, driven by economic imbalances, political crises, and shifts in geopolitical alliances. Democracies today face both endogenous and exogenous challenges, calling for new models of governance and resilient political strategies. The global balance of power is shifting toward a multipolar world, with emerging powers reshaping international relations. Alongside these geopolitical reconfigurations, democratic resilience, political fragmentation, and disinformation have become significant issues in national and international politics. Democracies contend with increasing political fragmentation, declining trust in public institutions, and ideological polarization, fueled by social and economic imbalances as well as cultural transformations. Under these conditions, governments must balance economic growth, sustainability, and social protection while addressing long-term challenges such as environmental changes and technological innovation.

This conference aims to provide a platform for scholars, researchers, and decision-makers to explore trends and future perspectives in both global and European politics. Both theoretical and empirical contributions are welcome, with a focus on analyzing the key political and social transformations that shape governance and decision-making processes. The conference encourages interdisciplinary approaches drawn from the social and political sciences, international relations, communication sciences, political philosophy, and other related fields.



Topics of Interests:

- Current geopolitical challenges and shifts in the global order
- European Union – current political and institutional challenges
- Governance reforms and the Evolving role of EU institutions
- Democracy, political institutions and society in contemporary political systems
- Strategic communication, media, and civic engagement
- Political identity, ideological dimensions, and political parties in contemporary democracies
- Sustainable development and public policies in contemporary political systems
- The impact of new technologies on national and international politics
- Philosophical perspectives on power, the state, and democracy
- The ongoing influence of historical legacies on contemporary governance

Thematic panels:

When Every Word Counts: Crisis Communication in International Relations

Session chair: Associate Professor, Corina Barbaros

Description: This thematic panel welcomes proposals examining how strategic communication influences international conflict resolution and emergency response. We seek both theoretical frameworks and real-world case studies that demonstrate how effective communication, cultural considerations, and stakeholder engagement can strengthen global resilience.

Navigating Security in a New Multipolar (Dis)Order

Session chair: Assistant Professor Olesia Țăranu

Description: As the old liberal international order is under constant attack in recent years, we are witnessing a transition to a multipolar world, with revisionist powers challenging international rules and norms. This panel will explore questions such as how traditional global and regional security dynamics are evolving in response to this global shift and what roles international institutions can play in upholding stability in a multipolar environment.

Migration and identity - a debate about challenges and opportunities for European Union

Session chair: Lecturer Simona Vrânceanu

Description: Since the refugee crisis in 2015, the migration phenomenon has become an important topic on the European agenda due to its complex effects in the social and political arena, whether from the perspective of the member states or due to supranational decisions. In this context, we aim to explore different approaches to European Union policy on migration and the integration process of immigrants, linking the phenomenon to identity issues.



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Submission Guidelines

Abstracts should be 250-300 words, written in English, and include:

- ✓ Title of the paper
- ✓ Author(s) name and affiliation
- ✓ Keywords (4-6)
- ✓ Contact details

Deadline for abstract submission: **30 April 2025**

Notification of acceptance: 4 May 2025

Full paper submission: 15 October 2025

Papers will be peer reviewed and considered for publication in the collective volume *Shifting Horizons: Social and Political Change in Eastern Europe*, to be published by Palgrave Macmillan (Politics Series).

Participation & Registration

The conference will take place in a hybrid format, allowing for both in-person and online participation.

Registration fee:

50 Euro/ academics and researchers

30Euro/ Ph.D. students

Conference languages: English and Romanian

Contact & Submission:

Please send your abstracts and inquiries to: agora.conference@uaic.ro

We look forward to your contributions and to engaging discussions on the evolving dynamics of global and European politics,

Assoc. Professor Corina Barbaros, Chair of AGORA Conference 2025

Professor Virgil Stoica, President of the Scientific Committee