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AGORA: International Conference (2nd Edition).
*Strengthening the European Union in Times of
Strategic Disruption*

 **May 5-6, 2026, Iași, Romania**

Hybrid format (In-Person & Online)

Academic Partners of AGORA 2026: 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 European Union is operating in an era marked by profound strategic disruption. The global social and political environment is undergoing rapid transformation, shaped by economic imbalances, geopolitical rivalries, technological acceleration, and security uncertainties. The shift toward an increasingly multipolar international order, the reconfiguration of alliances, and the resurgence of great-power competition are redefining the EU's external environment and testing its capacity to act as a coherent global actor. At the same time, the Union faces significant internal challenges. Democratic resilience is strained by political fragmentation, declining trust in public institutions, ideological polarization, and the spread of disinformation. Against this backdrop, sustained and critical academic dialogue is essential for rigorously assessing these transformations and fostering informed debate.

AGORA International 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 Interest:

- 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

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: **20 April 2026**

Notification of acceptance: Authors will receive notification of acceptance within one week of submission

Full paper submission: **30 May**

All submitted papers will undergo a peer-review process and will be considered for publication either in the collective volume *The Eastern Frontier of European Civil Security: Institutional Dynamics and Strategic Transformations* (to be published in October 2026 by the “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University Press, Category B – UEFISCDI) or in *Annales of Political Sciences – UAIC*, a peer-reviewed academic journal indexed in major international databases.



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Participation & Registration

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

Registration is free of charge.

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!

Associate Professor Corina Barbaros, Chair of AGORA Conference 2026

Professor Virgil Stoica, President of the Scientific Committee