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Romanian Yearbook of International and European Law

Inaugural Conference

14 October 2026

West University of Timisoara

PROGRAM

GENERAL AGENDA

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 10:30 Welcome Remarks

10:30 - 13:45 Panels

13:45 - 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00 - 18:00 Panels

Welcome Remarks

9:00 - 10:30

Hall A - Amphitheater A01

Marilen Gabriel Pirtea

Rector of the West University of Timișoara

Lucian Bercea

Dean of the West University of Timișoara, Faculty of Law

Marius-Gabriel Lazurca

Presidential Adviser for National Security, Foreign Policy
Strategic Partnerships, and Romanians Abroad

Joseph H. H. Weiler

New York University

Philip Alston

New York University

Mattias Guyomar

President, European Court of Human Rights

Introductory Speech

Iulia Motoc - Judge, International Criminal Court

Why a Romanian Yearbook of International and European Law?



Hall A - Amphitheater A01

Panel Discussion

10:15

MODERATOR

Mārtiņš Paparinskis

University College London, former Chair of the UN International Law Commission

Chin Leng Lim

Chinese University of Hong Kong; British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Identities in International Law

Thomas Skouteris

University of Khorfakkan

The Construction of National Traditions in International Legal Scholarship

Gocha Lordkipanidze

Judge, International Criminal Court

Time as Thingness: Subsequent Practice and the Ontology of International Law

Ineta Ziemele

Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union

Shift in “Center vs. Periphery” Dynamics and its Impact on International Law



Hall A - Amphitheater A01

Panel Discussion

11:45

MODERATOR

Roxana Dumitrache

Romanian Cultural Institute, West University of Timișoara

Roxana Banu

University of Oxford

The History of Private International Law in Romania

Iulia Motoc

Judge, International Criminal Court

The History of Public International Law in Romania

Andrei Mamolea

Boston University

Vespasian Pella, the Uses of History, and the Future of International Law

Bogdan Iancu

University of Bucharest

*Constitutional Traditions of Nationalism and Internationalism:
the Incorporation of Human Rights norms in Romania*

Luisa-Miriam Nicolici – Stark

*The Tradition of International Law in Romania and the Limits of
Territorial Stability in International Law*



Hall A - Amphitheater A01

Panel Discussion

15:00

MODERATORS:

Iulia Motoc

Judge, International Criminal Court

Mihai Bădescu

West University of Timișoara

Malgosia Fitzmaurice

Queen Mary University of London

*Reflections on ICJ's Advisory Opinion on Obligations of States
in Relation to Climate Change and its Influence on General International Law*

Olufemi Elias

Queen Mary University of London

ad hoc Judge, International Court of Justice; member, UN International Law Commission

The Sources of International Law in the ICJ's Advisory Opinion on Climate Change

Anne van Aaken

University of Hamburg

Rule of Law: Bandwagon Effects (authoritarian and democratic), Learning and Diffusion

Lorand Bartels

University of Cambridge

The Most Favoured Nation Principle in Trade Law: Worth Defending?

Matei Alexianu

Loyola University Chicago

Provisional Measures as Legal Statecraft

Mario Oyarzabal

Legal Adviser, Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs; member of the UN International Law Commission

Diplomacy and International Law



Hall A - Amphitheater A01
Roundtable Discussion – Feminism in
International Law
16:50

Hillary Charlesworth
Judge, International Court of Justice

Iulia Motoc
Judge, International Criminal Court

Roxana Dumitrache
Romanian Cultural Institute, West University of Timișoara

Raluca Bercea
West University of Timișoara

Closing Remarks
17:35

Edith Brown Weiss
Georgetown University
Reconsidering the Future in International Law



Hall B - room 201

Panel Discussion

10:15

MODERATOR

Bianca Șerb

West University of Timișoara

Ion Gâlea

Judge at the General Court of the European Union

*The concept of international organisation in the recent judgment
IMG v Commission (C-790/24P) of the European Court of Justice*

Mihai Bădescu

West University of Timișoara

*Dispute Settlement Mechanisms in the European Union's Agreements with its Eastern Neighbours
as Indicators of Rule of Law Adherence: Positive Perspectives for Ukrainian and Moldovan
Accession?*

Eduardo-Mirel Hanes

*In Complete Independence of the Territorial Authorities: Romania, the European Commission of the
Danube, and the Origins of the Principle of Speciality*

Florestan Letulle

University of Strasbourg

*The Tradition of Participation in International Organizations in Central and Eastern Europe:
An Inquiry into the Instrumentalisation of International Law by the Great Powers for the Exercise of
Exclusive Control*



Hall B - room 201

Panel Discussion

15:00

MODERATOR

Carmen Moldovan

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași

Manon Laganà

University of Valencia

From Authoritarian Surveillance to The Digital Big Brother: State Surveillance and The Erosion of The Right to Respect for Private and Family Life in Eastern Europe Under the European Convention on Human Rights"

Yuval Shany

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

AI systems and the international human right to a remedy

Dana Neacșu

Columbia University

The Ideology of Generative AI: Technology, Authority, and Power in Law

David Mark

UNDP Expert | Researcher, West University of Timișoara

The European AI Act in the Age of Agentic AI: The Alignment Challenge and the Limits of Human Oversight.



Hall C - room 202

Panel Discussion

10:15

Moderator:

Raluca Bercea

West University of Timișoara

Mykola Gnatovsky

Judge, European Court of Human Rights

*From the Periphery to Co-Authorship: Central and Eastern European Lawyers and the Future of the
International Legal Order*

Veronika Bílková

Charles University Prague

Central and Eastern Europe in the Practice of the Venice Commission

Bianca Guțan

„Lucian Blaga” University of Sibiu

Romania and the European Charter of Regional or Minority Languages



Hall C - room 202

Panel Discussion

11:45

MODERATOR

Pavel Šturma

Charles University Prague; former Chair of the UN International Law Commission

Marek Wasiński

University of Łódź

SWAIL as Decoding: Conceptual Compression and the Liminal in International Law

Mārtiņš Paparinskis

University College London, former Chair of the UN International Law Commission

The International Law Commission and the Eastern Europe (an Group)

Dano Brossmann

VVGB Advocaaten / Avocats

ISDS Laboratory: Central and Eastern Europe's historic experience with investor-state dispute settlement

Hélène Ruiz Fabri

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne

Roxana Dumitrache

Romanian Cultural Institute; West University of Timișoara



Hall D - room 203

Panel Discussion

10:15

Moderator:

Alexandra Burdulea

West University of Timișoara

Anja Seibert-Föhr

Judge, European Court of Human Rights

Rule of Law Backsliding: What Role for the European Court of Human Rights?

Lorraine Schembri Orland

Judge, European Court of Human Rights

Gender Based Cyber Crime

Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou

University of Liverpool

The Role of the Venice Commission Reports in ECtHR Case Law concerning Central and Eastern European States

Corina Corbu

Former President of the Romanian High Court of Cassation and Justice

Mental Health at the European Court of Human Rights



Hall D - room 203

Panel Discussion

12:00

MODERATOR

Mihai Bădescu

West University of Timișoara

Ioana Cismas

University of York

Compliance + restraint in armed conflict: towards full(er) protection

Cosmin Cercel

Ghent University

Between Legal Orders: Articulating Sovereignty through Emergency Powers and International Law in the Long 19th Century

Bianca Șerb

West University of Timișoara

The Changing Ambitions of International Law: From Post-Cold War Optimism to a Fragmented International Order



Hall E - room 204

Panel Discussion

10:15

MODERATOR

Lucian Bojin

West University of Timișoara

Pavel Šturma

Charles University Prague; former Chair of the UN International Law Commission

The Czech Contribution to International Criminal Law

Péter Paczolay

Judge, European Court of Human Rights

The Role of the ECHR in the Hungarian legal system

Ganna Yudkiyska

Chair-Rapporteur, United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; EQUITY Law Firm

Ukraine and International Law

Krzysztof Wojtyczek

Jagiellonian University; former Judge, European Court of Human Rights

Jurisdiction in European Human Rights Law



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Panel Discussion

11:45

MODERATOR

Ganna Yudkivska

Chair-Rapporteur, United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention;

EQUITY Law Firm

Sergey Sayapin

KIMEP University

International Law Beyond the Core: A Silk Road Perspective on Central and Eastern Europe

Lauri Mälksoo

University of Tartu

Russia and International Law

Ignacio de la Rasilla

Wuhan University

Under the Red Flag? The Rise of International Law Journals in China, 1982-2026

Răzvan-Vlăduț Cheșa

Legal Personality Without Independence, Statehood Without Effectiveness: The Montevideo Convention and Two Eastern European Anomalies, 1940–1991



Hall F - room 205

Panel Discussion

10:15

MODERATOR

Ignacio de la Rasilla - Wuhan University

Gabriela Alexandra Oanta

University of A Coruña

Succession of States to membership of an international organization

Diana Botău

Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca

Reconceptualising Territory in International Law: Beyond the Westphalian Map

Carmen Moldovan

Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi

Overcoming the Impasse: New Horizons in Accountability and Reparation for Aggression

Daniela Deteşeanu

University of Bucharest

From "Outstanding Universal Value" to Jus Cogens? A Central and Eastern Europe Perspective on the Protection of World Heritage



Hall F - room 205

Panel Discussion

12:10

MODERATOR:

Diana Botău

Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca

Lucian Bojin

West University of Timișoara

Lean on me when you're not strong. In times of deepest crisis of International Law, its language remains unchanged

Octavia Spineanu-Matei

Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union

Romania and the Court of Justice of the European Union

Sebastian Rădulețu

Judge, European Court of Human Rights

Romania and the European Court of Human Rights

Alina Miron

University of Angers/West University of Timișoara

Romania and the International Court of Justice

Carmen Achimescu

University of Bucharest

Nearly a Century before the World Court: Romania in Advisory and Contentious Proceedings - from Territorial to Global Concerns

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