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NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIES AND SOFT POWER POTENTIAL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND RUSSIA IN MOLDOVA

Title: NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGIES AND SOFT POWER POTENTIAL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND RUSSIA IN MOLDOVA

Abstract: On the eve of the Vilnius summit in November 2013 it became visible how Moldova was transformed into a heavily contested part of the East-European borderland between Russia and the European Union. The efficiency of both actors in their foreign policies toward this country depends among other things on their soft power potential, or on the ability to attract or co-opt both Moldovan elites and society. But soft power is not simply about being normatively or economically attractive; it is also about being a coherent, creative political actor which is ready to take political responsibility and risks in difficult (geo)political circumstances.

Particularly the European Union does need such an actor in front of the fact that Brussels is not able to propose now to East European states the membership perspective and consolidate on this basis a stable pro-European stance in neighboring countries. Referring to Browning and Joenniemi’s classification of neighborhood strategies, this paper investigates which strategies Russia and the EU pursue at the moment and how the developments in this area help or hinder them in increasing their soft power potential in Moldova.

Keywords: Neighbourhood, Geostrategy, Soft power, European Union, Russia, Republic of Moldova, Actorness

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VELOCITY OR STASIS? IRAN IN CENTRAL ASIA, BETWEEN DIPLOMACY REALIGNMENT AND NEW STRATEGIC REFERENCES

Title: VELOCITY OR STASIS? IRAN IN CENTRAL ASIA, BETWEEN DIPLOMACY REALIGNMENT AND NEW STRATEGIC REFERENCES

Abstract: The paper aims to conceive a transversal and cross-disciplinary demarche, with explorative references, on Central Asia at the start of the 21st century, on Iran’s velocity in adapting foreign approach, diplomacy and in redefining its strategic interests within a region of global strategic relevance, susceptible to perpetual geopolitical maneuvers. It encompasses core elements of foreign policy analysis, geopolitics intermingled with
elements of international relations theories, and it refers to primary and secondary sources. The article, therefore, is a statement on how Iran was directly influenced by the emergence of the post-1990 political overture and how it had to react towards the sudden vacuum of power and quest for recognition in Central Asia. The systemic changes challenged it by the elusiveness of the socialist systems and the hardline jockeying of the Western powers, thereby Iran’s geopolitical relevance decreased and enhanced its vulnerability within the International System. The direct interplay between Iran and the US under the dynamics of Central Asia and the New Great Game constitutes an adamant parameter by which Iran must fold on its own policies, but also a geopolitical determinant which stimulated partnerships with the old regional enmities – Russia and Turkey, and the newcomers, like China and India.

Keywords: Iran, Central Asia, Foreign policy, Energy prospects, Geopolitical interplays

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CAUZELE ÎNCĂLCĂRII NORMELOR DE DREPT INTERNAȚIONAL UMANITAR ŞI COMITERII DE CRIME DE RĂZBOI

Title: THE CAUSES OF THE VIOLATION OF THE HUMANITARIAN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND WAR CRIMES

Abstract: Since its appearance war was marked and probably will continue to be marked by violations of international humanitarian law. From this point of view we believe that the degree of compliance in this area varies depending on certain factors: the length of the conflict - the longer it is, the biggest the probability of abuses to be committed; the level of training of soldiers and commanders; statistics showing that professional soldiers are less likely to commit such practices; the level of hatred and animosity accumulated between warring parties. The probability that the laws applicable in armed conflicts are broken is deeply related to the depth and seriousness of the divergences. Another factor is for how long the problems have been around, because prolonged tensions have a tendency to encourage the appearance of war crimes when they are released.

Despite the many existing theories, it is necessary to mention that in history there are many instances when the abuses that have been committed are very difficult to motivate and explain, simply because people who have committed them did that just because they had the chance, without any other reason. Usually, this kind of "inexplicable" actions appear when civilians interfere in military operations or during domestic social unrest. Another feature of them is that they are heavily influenced by propaganda.

Keywords: War crimes, Genocide, International Humanitarian Law, Military
### Title:
PRIVATE SECURITY AND FRAGILE STATES

### Abstract:
In response to the failed states, international actors, institutions, states, and non-governmental organizations have taken steps to counter the impending problems, humanitarian and security, in these countries. Promising to provide protection and security within the region controlled by non-state actors, they raise customs, as evidence that the state has lost its territorial dominance. By doing so, state legitimacy is further degraded, and the presence of other competing actors would transfer monopoly of violence from the state.

In this context, most often weak existing authority, prefers to contract military private companies in the absence of a strong and compact armed state, or because of an ineffective international community.

In these circumstances, private military contractors have competitive advantages and their professionalism contrasts with fragile state armies’ mediocrity. Differences occur between public and private sectors; therefore public institutions are often driven by delicate situations.

### Keywords:
Private security, Failed states, Africa, Intervention, Legitimacy

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### Title:
THE CARAMAN NETWORK – A HISTORIOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS

### Abstract:
If we accept the idea that the documents that have been leaked by the “Caraman Network” helped the US and the USSR get to know each other
better, as Mr Raymond Garthoff claims, this means that a new hypothesis rises in this context. According to this perspective, Romanian espionage has been manipulated in a very subtle manner by both the Soviets and the Americans and “this would have contributed to the rising trust between East and West and to the preemption of a war that could have been based on an error”. Based on this new hypothesis, the “Caraman Network” could be valued at its true significance. In such a strategic context, this proves that Romania, through its secret services, was capable to play a role of bridging relations between East and West. Could this be a sufficiently strong historical basis for the President of the United States George W. Bush to formulate his strategic vision in the autumn of 2003 during his visit in Bucharest when he stated that he sees Romania as a “bridge” towards the Russian Federation? So we may ask ourselves whether Romania, which was on the point to be integrated in NATO, was just about to be restituted the same strategic position as it had already performed in the 60s?

Keywords: Mihai Caraman, DIE, DSS, DST, Chrales de Goulle, GRU, KGB, NATO, Secret services, Romania, US, USSR

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TERORISMUL. ATRIBUȚIILE AUTORITĂȚILOR ȘI INSTITUȚIILOR PUBLICE PENTRU PREVENIREA ȘI CONTRACARAREA TERORISMULUI

Title: TERRORISM. THE ATTRIBUTIONS OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN PREVENTING AND COUNTERING TERRORISM

Abstract: Since ancient times fear and terror have been ways to achieve political goals. There are numerous definitions of terrorism, but none universally accepted because of the primacy of the political purpose and interests that can be found behind terrorist acts. Terrorist acts have constituent elements, goals and their own characteristics. The phenomenon has evolved; changes in terrorist operations are due to the improvement of technologies, equipment and informatics revolution. International terrorism is a complex phenomenon, ever present and the most serious threat to the modern world.

The globalization of terrorism led to changes in national and international security and defense strategies, where the prevention and countering terrorist actions has a prime place. In Romania, the prevention and counter of terrorism is done in a unified way. The cooperation in this field is done inside the National System of Prevention and Countering Terrorism, which includes many central authorities under the technical coordination of the
Romanian Intelligence Service, which has an antiterrorist operational coordination center. Military intervention as an antiterrorist tactic may look easy, but it takes place only in special and restrictive circumstances because it has side effects that can cause great human and material losses. Terrorism remains essentially a political problem, this is why the intelligence services, diplomats and politicians must take into consideration the impact of any response to a terrorist attack, the consequences for political and national interests and to what extent the economic, political social implications justify the magnitude of response. Countries have the right and obligation to protect their citizens against terrorist actions, but the measures they take must not justify the violation of the rights and freedoms of citizens.

Keywords: Terrorism, Prevention, Public authorities, Institutions, National System of Prevention and Countering Terrorism

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ASPECTE ALE SECURITĂȚII ECOLOGICE ÎN FEDERAȚIA RUSĂ

Title: ASPECTS OF ECOLOGICAL SECURITY IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Abstract: Ecological security is an essential component of the national security of the Russian Federation. The article analyzes the environmental problems of the Russian Federation as well as the regulatory and institutional framework for achieving environmental security. Particular attention is given to environmental and climate doctrine of the Russian Federation

Keywords: Ecological security, National security, Environmental security, Environmental doctrine, Climate doctrine

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**GLOBALIZARE ȘI IDENTITATE NAȚIONALĂ. REPREZENTĂRI SOCIALE ALE TINERILOR ROMÂNI**

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examining the genesis of the conflict, its peculiarities and positions of the key actors in the conflict settlement process. Likewise, analyzing past conflict resolution attempts to resolve the conflict and its present status, the article offers a schedule of the evolution and current state of the Transdniestrian frozen conflict’s nature. Therefore, it is important that this nature be analyzed again in the future in order to have an accurate picture of this conflict and to see its influence on the regional political, economic, and especially the security environment. Also, it is important to consider the consequences of the conflict on perceptions of Moldova’s image abroad and offers a number of suggestions how must be actions to strengthen a favorable image of the country, emphasizing the need to focus on outcomes that ensure a viable Moldovan state.

Keywords: Transdniestrian conflict, Separatist trends, „Frozen conflict“, Conflict management, Process of negotiation, Symbolic influence, Image of the country.

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**SECURITY POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN TRANSNISTRIAN REGION**

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**Abstract:** The study shows main trends of modern international migration processes. The global pathways of international labor force migration and also migration corridors for each of these pathways are named. The influence of governmental regulation of the international migration on the main economic figures is analyzed. The "Golden migrant" concept for migration processes management optimization is proposed. The necessity of this concept’s usage in a practical governmental regulation of the labor force migration is theoretically substantiated.

**Keywords:** International labor force migration, Global Competitiveness Index, "Gold migrant", unemployment

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**Title:** ECONOMIC CRISIS AND THE PROBLEMS OF RETURNS OF MOLDOVAN LABOR MIGRANTS

**Abstract:** In this article it is analyzed the problem of Moldovan labor migrants returning from the European Union countries. The current economic crisis is affecting the emigration strategies of migrant workers. However, leaving the country does not mean receiving unequivocal return to their home countries. Based on research the author reveals a few basic behaviors of migrants. The article analyzes the underlying causes and motives of people to return to Moldova; it reveals the behavior of transnational migrants. The author concludes that if the main reasons stand out on material and financial reasons, then when returning home the worker is guided primarily on societal reasons. In the article there are deeply used the results of qualitative social research conducted by the author through Moldovan labor migrants in Moldova and in some European Union countries.

**Keywords:** Economic crisis, the Moldovan Labor migrants, The motives and reasons of return, Reintegration problems.

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**Title:** EXCERPTS FROM HISTORY OF ECONOMIC SECURITY: PROTECTION OF COPYRIGHT BY PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS. THE GERMAN CASE

**Abstract:**
We consider this subject welcome and necessary in order to understand the system of patenting and trademarking as an essential part of the economic security of the producers and consumers. The system of patenting is meant to protect (completely or partially) copyrights from being copied and misused but can, also, lead to abuse, although some companies may respect the copyright, patents and trademarks, according to the domestic and international laws.

The paper is about the foundation and activity of the German Patent Office and some aspects regarding the German patent registration in Romania. Short after the unification of Germany, the imperial authorities considered founding a patent office. This happened in 1877 and a prodigious work started. Until 1945 this office built up an immense data base which was confiscated by the Allies at the end of the war and provided to the public all over the world. This was an important hit on the German economy, respectively on the German industry and finance.

Germans were interested in registering their patents also in Romania. This was a matter of private law and generated relations between private persons in Germany and Romania. It also created the possibility for some Romanian lawyers to collaborate with the German Patent Office. WWII ended Romanian-German relations on this field.

**Keywords:** German Patent Office, German patents in Romania, German Romanian private relations

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Abstract: In early 1954, the Soviet-Yugoslav political and diplomatic relations were characterized by a mutual suspicion. However, in June 1954, Nikita S. Khrushchev initiated an extensive correspondence with Josip Broz Tito, and, as a result, a Soviet delegation visit to Yugoslavia was organized, between May 27 - June 2, 1955. Based on documents from the Central National Historical Archives, this article focuses on the main events that contributed to the normalization of the political and diplomatic relations between Soviet Union and Yugoslavia.

Keywords: Josip Broz Tito, Nikita S. Khrushchev, Communist Party of the Soviet Union, League of Communists of Yugoslavia, Yugoslav-Soviet relations

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Title: THE INFLUENCE OF ROMANIA'S SECURITY INTERESTS HAD ON ITS POSITION AS NEGOCIATOR OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT

Abstract: After getting over the crisis point of the Cold War, namely the Cuban Missile Crisis, the two superpowers, The United States of America and The Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics acknowledged the danger of the nuclear weapons as well as the need for dialogue and cooperation. Therefore, the two decided to create a common space, in which to be able to talk about the security issues they didn’t want and could not handle through traditional means, and, at the same time, a common space designed to ease the usage of the new forms of collective action. By this, they started the Helsinki Accords, known also as the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, having as founding document the Helsinki Final Act. This document triggered the emergence of the dissolutions regarding its real utility, as some saw it as a hybrid document that did not reflect the consensus and the common values but the existing tensions between the East and the West regarding the future of the European security system, and others saw it as “genuine charter of the relations inside Europe”. In this European context a process of international reassertion is in full bloom in Romania. The 70’s find
Romania in a deadlock, as the security dilemma was unleashed, on the one hand, by our country’s need to protect its territory from a tentative aggression coming from the Soviet Union, and on the other hand, by the yearning of guiding its foreign affairs according to the Marxist-Leninist ideology, that was not appreciated by the Occident/West. Having this context as a starting point for my essay, my aim is to tackle the way in which Romania’s security dilemma influenced our country’s contribution to the drafting of the Helsinki Final Act, and, at the same time, to emphasize the way in which the Romanian delegation think out its settlement by promoting and requiring a set of principles related to its national interest.

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**DEMERSURILE ROMÂNIEI PENTRU DESTINDERE ÎN CADRUL TRATATULUI DE LA VARŞOVIA (1966-1991)**

**Title:** THE ROMANIAN STRUGGLE FOR DETENTE INSIDE OF WARSAW TREATY (1966-1991)

**Abstract:** Within the Warsaw Treaty, beyond the monolith unity shaped by the absolutism of the Soviet power, the relations among the participating states at this military bloc were not at the discretion of the USSR. All along its existence, the Romanian diplomacy blocked the attempt of transforming the military bloc into a supra-national organization. The expansion of the Warsaw Treaty in the Asian area, as well as the bringing forth of the political-military issues outside the European area to the attention of the Warsaw Treaty were stopped by Romania. The Romanian diplomacy has promoted the maintaining the political decision at a national level and not the idea of delegating it to the military blocs and also to an exceptional attention to the procedural regulations of international negotiation formats. This essay was made mainly on the documents from the Archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Central National Historical Archives regarding Romania’s participation in the Warsaw Treaty

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