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**THE NEW APPROACH OF TERRORIST ACTIONS PROMOTED BY THE
ISLAMIC STATE**

Title:	THE NEW APPROACH OF TERRORIST ACTIONS PROMOTED BY THE ISLAMIC STATE
Abstract:	<p><i>We perceive lately a reorientation of the representatives of the Islamic State towards the orchestration actions that have a major psychological impact on the Western population. These actions start from the correct premise that the Western public is more sensitive to images/records of a person’s decapitation – they have a bigger psychological impact than watching a car being detonated in a crowded place.</i></p> <p><i>Such actions also take place against people in Syria, Iraq and Libya, on a larger scale and with the same purpose – to spread fear amongst opponents and to punish them. From this point of view, we can state that decapitations and other actions with similar psychological impact have become the trademark of the Islamic State.</i></p> <p><i>The organization chooses carefully its target-public, a fact that is visible in the increase of the jihad’s propaganda over the Internet, which is very difficult to tackle.</i></p>
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**ROLUL SOCIAL MEDIA ÎN DESTRUCTURAREA „REȚELELOR ASCUNSE” ALE
IMIGRAȚIEI**

Title:	THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN DISRUPTING THE ”DARK NETWORKS” OF IMMIGRATION*
Abstract:	<p><i>Once the internet changed the world as we knew it. Now the world is changing the internet especially by using the social media. Criticism of Facebook’s privacy policy is on the rise. Now society has overruled their freewheeling ethic, the notion of the internet as an unregulated sphere evaporates and it becomes a battle field in order to gain supremacy over the information flows. Disrupting the immigration dark networks using the social media is one of the latest directions intelligence and police workers are trying to coordinate against the “dark web users”. The term dark network is typically used to refer to groups such as arms traffickers, terrorists, gangs but can be applied to illegal immigration groups as well.</i></p>

	<i>The article aims is to provide a general overlook about the immigration and the fight for the supremacy of the “shared information” in the virtual world.</i>
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THE CHARACTERISTICS OF INSURGENCY ACTIONS IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT

Title:	THE CHARACTERISTICS OF INSURGENCY ACTIONS IN AN URBAN ENVIRONMENT
Abstract:	<i>The purpose of the present paper is to analyse why and how urban insurgencies affect the counterinsurgency effort, which are the leavers that the insurgents use to get the upper hand and negate the state’s power. A comprehensive understanding of these factors leads to a better understanding of the phenomenon of urban insurgency. Another target for this paper is to present the broad conceptual frame of insurgencies and urban insurgencies in particular for people wanting to get in contact with this topic. This research intends to analyse a few factors that influence an insurgency in an urban environment and say how and why these factors affect the counterinsurgency effort.. Within the urban insurgencies, the forces fighting these insurgencies are shaped and influenced by various factors that are more or less under their control. Urban military tactics in conjunction with political means have to react to unexpected events caused by insurgents, thus leading to a chess like structure of events in which each player reacts to the movements of the opponent. A proactive attitude from both sides sometimes leads to a stalemate that can protract the conflict for years. Combating this kind of danger requires a joint effort from all of the state’s branches and structures.</i>
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**SOCIO-POLITICAL TREATMENT OF ETHNIC CHINESE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA –
 DECEASED ANGER OR DECEASED INCLUSION?**

Title:	SOCIO-POLITICAL TREATMENT OF ETHNIC CHINESE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA – DECEASED ANGER OR DECEASED INCLUSION?
Abstract:	<i>Getting in touch with the true essence of ethnicity-treatment in the host countries of Southeast Asia is a multi-faceted, yet touchy dealing, especially when the ethnicity in question is the Chinese one. In this article, we will be trying to classify in two categories the information regarding the Chinese diaspora in Southeast Asia.</i> <i>The first category of information looks closely into the forms of past Chinese mobilization in Southeast Asia, and into the range of approach that was advanced by the Imperial authorities, regarding the scintilla of this process.</i> <i>The second category of information accedes to reflections on the current policies of integration of ethnic Chinese in the domestic milieus of the regional states of Southeast Asia, setting ashore evidences of modern aggregation of facts.</i>
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ARMENIA ȘI UNIUNEA EUROPEANĂ. ROLUL PARTENERIATULUI ESTIC

Title:	ARMENIA AND THE EUROPEAN UNION. THE ROLE OF THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
Abstract:	<i>The article is about how Russia uses its foreign policy and soft power to attract and maintain its influence in Armenia.</i> <i>This country in the Eastern Partnership will be analyzed politically and strategically in relation to Russia.</i> <i>All the background of Armenia since 2009 will be written again with specific accent on the policy making of Russia that influenced Yerevan's decision.</i>
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**DNIESTER REGION
IN THE GEOSTRATEGY OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Title:	DNIESTER REGION IN THE GEOSTRATEGY OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION
Abstract:	<i>This article represents a geopolitical and geostrategic analysis of the Dniester region, a geopolitical ensemble, formed from of the triangle Republic of Moldova, Transnistria and Ukraine, located between two power centers – West and Russian Federation. The arguments will be presented according to several directions. The first one will describe the geopolitical decryption of the space we have mentioned, respectively determining the frameworks of a geopolitical analysis, allowing to understand the evolutions and the dynamics that marked this space. Then we will pass to the assessment of the region from the perspective of security dimensions, the delimitation of the Dniester zone as security region, pointing out the wide significance the concept got since 1991 and which has to be taken into consideration also in the case of this region. Recently, to these favorable premises concerning the geostrategy and security region joined another one, as important and with a potential that cannot be ignored. We speak here about the geostrategic situation of the Dniester region in the light of the Ukrainian crisis that makes the interest for the Dniester region to increase; plus the necessity of a global strategy becomes more vital. We will review these geopolitical evolutions, which announce significant geostrategic changes with direct impact on the Dniester region.</i>
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**EVOLUȚIA POLITICII EXTERNE ȘI A INTERESULUI NAȚIONAL AL
FEDERAȚIEI RUSE ÎN CONTEXTUL NOILOR METAMORFOZE GEOPOLITICE**

Title:	THE EVOLUTION OF THE FOREIGN POLICY AND THE NATIONAL INTEREST OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE NEW GEOPOLITICAL METAMORPHOSIS
Abstract:	<p><i>The 20th century ended with the disappearance of an empire, the importance of which can only be established throughout history. It was extraordinary, a state that had been created for about a century ceased to exist. The collapse of the Soviet Union, the biggest empire with a territory of 22,402,200 km², which had direct access to three oceans, the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Arctic Ocean, the state which had direct and land access to the European Community, China and India with vast natural resources, caused a geopolitical confusion on the international arena, concurring to the creation of a “black hole” in the center of Eurasia.</i></p> <p><i>This article presents an analysis of the foreign policy of the Russian Federation through a political trend related to the foreign policy vectors of the state: “occidentalists”, “statehood supporters” and “civilizationists”. It also contains an analysis of geostrategic interests’ formation, as well as of the foreign policy vectors of the Russian Federation from the perspective of the Russian political leaders’ succession and from the perspective of analyzing the main documents of the “Concept of foreign policy of the Russian Federation”, which embraces the basic directions of the foreign policy. Thus, the article highlights and analyzes eight stages of the Russian foreign policy formation.</i></p>
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MEASUREMENTS AND SPACE IN MODERN MILITARY OPERATIONS

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Abstract:	<i>Contemporaneousness demonstrates, more than ever, that the security environment is directly influenced by a number of economic factors, political, social, environmental, informational, and some interest. The configuration of the security environment is in close dependence on the technical evolution processes of regionalization and globalization, economic disparities, environmental degradation and a growing number of terrorist actions. All these elements directly affect the characteristics of contemporary military operations.</i>
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RELAȚIILE UNIUNII EUROPENE CU AZERBAIDJAN. STADIU ȘI PERSPECTIVĂ

Title:	THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND AZERBAIDJAN. STAGE AND PERSPECTIVE
Abstract:	<i>The present paper serves as an evaluation of the PaE in Azerbaijan, since its launching on the 7th of May 2009 which took place in Praga to the Vilnius Summit, taking place between the 18th-19th of november 2013. It focuses on the results of the implementation process of PaE in Azerbaijan up to present and on the perspectives of this political initiative.</i>
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**ASPECTS CONCERNING CONFLICTING ISSUES BETWEEN NICOLAE
CEAUȘESCU AND SECURITATE (1956 - 1973)**

Title:	ASPECTS CONCERNING CONFLICTING ISSUES BETWEEN NICOLAE CEAUȘESCU AND SECURITATE (1956 - 1973)
Abstract:	<i>In the context in which the former institution of „Securitate” - “state inside state”, protected by Stalin and developed by the Soviet counselors, was about to become a simple instrument, subordinated to the party and also the government, basically, a conflict was triggered between Securitate and Nicolae Ceaușescu, who was secretary of the Central Committee of the R.W.P., responsible of the Securitate`s activity. The leadership of Securitate received with dissatisfaction the assessments made by Ceaușescu, and in general by the party, regarding its activity. The members of Securitate considered that they had great merits in the establishment, maintenance and the progress of the state socialist regime, that without them, it would have been impossible to establish the regime and to set the country on the course of progress and develop it on the line of new political orientations, just so that out of the blue, to end up soiled by the way in which it was criticized at the secretariat level of the Central Committee of R.W.P.</i>
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**ATRIBUȚIILE STRUCTURILOR ȘI AUTORITĂȚILOR PUBLICE ÎN DOMENIUL
PROTECȚIEI CIVILE**

Title:	THE COMPETENCES OF THE PUBLIC STRUCTURES AND AUTHORITIES IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL PROTECTION
Abstract:	<i>The civil protection, component of the national security system, evolved from the passive protection to the anti-aerial protection, and then to civil</i>

	<p><i>defence and, nowadays, to civil protection. The effects of the emergency situation cannot be avoided but they can be managed and their impact can be reduced. Therefore, preventing the surprise in emergency situations generated by the occurrence of special events is important and necessary, even though the costs occur in the present and the benefits in the future.</i></p> <p><i>The National System for the Management of the Emergency Situations (SNMSU) is meant to coordinate the activity of the authorities and institutions involved in preventing and managing the emergency situations with a view to use efficiently the human, material and financial resources necessary for such an activity. Within SNMSU an important role is allocated to the General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations (IGSU), a special body subordinated to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, which has as main tasks: the unitary and permanent coordination of the activity of preventing and managing emergency situations and the activity of the territorial departments for emergency situations, created as separate services.</i></p> <p><i>Special roles in the activity of civil protection have the prefect, who is the president of the territorial committee for emergency situations, and the mayor, who is the president of the local committee for emergency situations.</i></p>
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ECONOMIC SECURITY OF UKRAINE RURAL AREAS: THE THREATS AND MECHANISMS TO MINIMIZE THEM

Title:	ECONOMIC SECURITY OF UKRAINE RURAL AREAS: THE THREATS AND MECHANISMS TO MINIMIZE THEM
Abstract:	<p><i>Specifics of rural areas and substantive nature of their economic security have been established.</i></p> <p><i>Threats to economic security in rural areas due to imperfection of agrarian reforms, transition to market-oriented economy and anticipated implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement have been studied.</i></p> <p><i>A set of mechanisms to minimize negative impacts on socio-economic and environmental development of rural areas has been proposed.</i></p>
Keywords:	Rural area, economic security, agriculture, rural population employment, arable area environment, threats/risks.

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AN ANALYSIS OF THE FOOD SECURITY DEPENDENCE WORLDWIDE

Title:	An Analysis of the Food Security Dependence Worldwide
Abstract:	<i>In this paper the problem of national food security is investigated. Food security level is estimated using the developed integral indicator for 41 countries. This indicator is based on the food availability, accessibility and food safety. The relationship between this indicator and some macroeconomic parameters and their risks was estimated with the help of panel regression methods that allow to evaluate some special features for each panel (country) and to summarize some general development trends.</i>
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THE TRANSNISTRIAN CONFLICT ANALYSIS LABORATORY OF THE UNIVERSITY LUCIAN BLAGA SIBIU

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DEVELOPMENT AS SOLUTION FOR RECONCILIATION IN THE TRANSNISTRIAN CONFLICT

The project aims at contributing to confidence building between Chişinău and Tiraspol by facilitating the dialogue between experts on themes of interest for the future of the region: political and economic development, the role of mass-media and civil society. A workshop is planned to be organized with the participation of civil society representatives, journalists, business representatives from Chişinău and Tiraspol. A report will be drafted, which will include the main findings of the experts, as well as recommendations for building confidence and contributing to the peaceful resolution of the Transnistrian conflict.

The project is implemented by the Transnistrian Conflict Analysis Laboratory of the University Lucian Blaga Sibiu. The Association Ecomuzeu Regional Sibiu is also a partner in the project, together with Promolex from Chişinău.

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