



Conference

Full-Spectrum Warfare and the Role of Migration in Modern Integrated Operations

27–28 April 2026

Bucharest, Romania

Contemporary security environments are increasingly shaped by the convergence of military, political, economic, informational, and societal instruments of power. This convergence, commonly conceptualized as *full-spectrum warfare*, reflects the erosion of clear boundaries between war and peace, internal and external security, and military and civilian domains. Within this evolving paradigm, migration has emerged not merely as a humanitarian or demographic phenomenon, but as a strategic variable in modern integrated operations.

Full-spectrum warfare is characterized by the synchronized use of conventional force, irregular tactics, cyber operations, economic pressure, legal instruments, and information warfare. Migration flows intersect with these dimensions in multiple ways. They may arise as unintended consequences of conflict, but they can also be deliberately shaped, exploited, or weaponized by state and non-state actors to achieve strategic objectives. In this sense, migration becomes both a consequence and a tool of warfare, influencing political stability, social cohesion, economic resilience, and perceptions of security in target societies.

Modern integrated operations increasingly incorporate migration into broader hybrid strategies. Forced displacement caused by armed conflict, selective violence, or economic destabilization can generate large-scale population movements that overwhelm border management systems, strain public services, and intensify political polarization. Simultaneously, hostile actors may exploit migration narratives through disinformation campaigns, framing migrants as security threats or cultural enemies in order to deepen internal divisions and weaken democratic institutions. These dynamics demonstrate how migration can amplify hybrid effects without direct military engagement.



From an operational perspective, migration also presents significant intelligence and counterintelligence challenges. Mixed migration flows can be used by extremist or criminal networks for concealment, logistics, financing, and recruitment, while the sheer scale of movement complicates effective screening and risk assessment. However, an exclusively securitized approach risks undermining human security, international legal obligations, and societal trust, ultimately producing counterproductive outcomes.

This paper argues that migration must be understood as an integral component of full-spectrum warfare analysis rather than as a parallel or secondary issue. Effective responses require integrated security frameworks that combine strategic intelligence, border management, legal instruments, crisis management, and societal resilience. Such frameworks must balance national security imperatives with humanitarian principles, recognizing that societal fragmentation itself is a central objective of full-spectrum operations.

By examining migration through the lens of modern integrated operations, this contribution seeks to advance Security Science as a holistic analytical discipline capable of addressing complex, non-linear threats. Understanding how migration interacts with hybrid and full-spectrum warfare is essential for developing resilient societies, adaptive security institutions, and sustainable policy responses in an era where conflicts are increasingly fought across minds, borders, and social systems rather than solely on traditional battlefields.

Sunday, 26.04.2026

Hotel: Park Inn by Radisson Bucharest Hotel & Residence

Arrival of participants

19:00

--- Welcome dinner for speakers ---
Casa Românească Restaurant

Monday, 27.04.2026

Conference room: Marble Hall, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romania

09:00 – 10:30

Opening session

Cătălin Predoiu, Vice-prime Minister, Romanian Minister of Interior (tbc)
Prof. Dr. Iulian Chifu, President of Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center
Dr. Markus Ehm, Head of the Danube Region Project of the Hanns Seidel Foundation
Angela Ganninger, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Romania (tbc)
Prof. Dr. Darko Trifunovic, Director of Institute for National and International Security, Serbia
Police Quaestor, Assoc. Prof. Cătălin Andruș PhD, Director of the National College of Home Affairs

10:30 – 11:00

--- Coffee break ---

11:00 – 12:20

Panel 1: Full-Spectrum Warfare and the Transformation of Security

Focus: Theoretical and strategic framework

Contemporary security challenges can no longer be adequately explained through the classical distinction between war and peace. Full-spectrum warfare denotes the systemic integration of military, political, economic, legal, and informational instruments of power, in which society itself becomes a central battlespace. This panel examines the conceptual foundations of full-spectrum warfare and its implications for modern security policies and institutions.

Key questions:

- Does full-spectrum warfare represent a new phase of warfare or a new security paradigm?
- How are the boundaries between internal and external security increasingly blurred?
- Why are traditional security theories becoming insufficient?

Moderator: **Narciz Bălăsoiu**, Director of Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center

Program:

- Full spectrum warfare. The Boracay and Spider web cases
Prof. Dr. Iulian CHIFU, President of Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center
- Full Spectrum Warfare and the transformation of security,
Brig. Gen. ITA Army (ret) Mario Greco, Executive Director, Global Foresight Strategies
- Europe (GFS-Europe)
- Migration as a Strategic Challenge for European Home Affairs: Implications for Security Governance
Police Chief Quaestor Ștefan Săvulescu PhD, General Director of General Directorate for Operational Management – DGMO (TBC)
- Beyond Classical Security Thinking: Full Spectrum Warfare as an Emerging Strategic Paradigm,
Sultan Zahidov, Leading advisor at the Center of Analysis of International Relations, Senior instructor at the Baku State University, Azerbaijan

12:20 – 12:30

Q&A Session

12:30 – 13:30

--- Lunch ---

13:30 – 14:50

Panel 2: Migration as a Strategic Variable in Integrated Operations

Focus: Migration within hybrid and integrated strategies

In contemporary conflicts, migration appears not only as a humanitarian consequence of violence, but also as a strategic factor that can be shaped, directed, and exploited. This panel analyzes migration as an integral component of integrated operations, focusing on its role in destabilizing political systems, exerting pressure on institutions, and reshaping security environments.

Key questions:

- When does migration become an instrument of political and security pressure?
- How are migration flows embedded within broader hybrid strategies?
- Where are the boundaries between migration management and the instrumentalization of migration?

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Iulian CHIFU**, President of Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center

Program:

- Migration as a Hybrid Pressure Tool: Administrative Governance and Security Responses in Full Spectrum Operations
Dr. Jowanka Jakubek-Lalik, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw
- Civil Protection as a Pillar of Societal Resilience in Full-Spectrum Security Environments
Dr. Raed Arafat, Secretary of State, Emergency Situations Department, Romania (TBC)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crimmigration as a State and Social Impact Related to Migration - Where are the boundaries between migration management and the criminalization of migration? Dr. habil. Zoltán Hautzinger, Associate Professor, Head of Department of Aliens Policing, Faculty of Law Enforcement, Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary - Full-Spectrum Warfare and the Role of Migration in Modern Integrated Operations Prof. Tonći Prodan, PhD, Professor at the "Dr. Franjo Tudjman" University of Defence and Security, Zagreb, Croatia
14:50 – 15:00	Q&A Session
15:00 – 15:30	--- <i>Coffee break</i> ---
15:30 – 16:50	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 3: Information Warfare, Intelligence Challenges, and Migration Flows</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Focus: Cognitive and intelligence dimensions</p> <p>Migration has become a powerful catalyst for information operations, disinformation campaigns, and societal polarization. At the same time, large-scale migration flows generate significant intelligence and counterintelligence challenges, particularly in the context of mixed populations and asymmetric threats. This panel explores how migration is leveraged within the information and intelligence domains of contemporary conflict.</p> <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are migration dynamics exploited in information and psychological operations? • What intelligence risks and limitations arise from mass migration flows? • How can security imperatives be balanced with the protection of human rights? <p>Moderator: Police Quaestor, Assoc. Prof. Cătălin Andruș PhD, Director of the National College of Home Affairs</p> <p>Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Migration as a Weapon of Hybrid Warfare – The Role of intelligence, Prof. Dr. Darko Trifunovic, Director of Institute for National and International Security, Serbia - Turkey and Sahel region migration routes to Europe: Security and Intelligence Challenges Prof. John M. Nomikos, Director, Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS) - Strategic Intelligence and the Security Implications of Migration Felicia Rădoi, Romanian Intelligence Service - Migration and Internal Security: Intelligence Perspectives on Emerging Threats Brigadier General Durău, General Directorate for Internal Protection - DGPI (TBD)
16:50 – 17:00	Q&A Session

18:00

--- Dinner for speakers ---
Excelsior Restaurant

Tuesday, 28.04.2026

Conference room: Marble Hall, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romania

09:00 – 10:20

Panel 4: Institutional stress related to migration: subversion, espionage, radicalisation, terrorism

Focus: Institutional reaction to associated threat to migration and transit. Need for an integrated planning response

Reaction to a full-spectrum environment are always difficult since there is compartmentalisation of responsibility and a low capacity of integrating the strategic defense planning in this field. Individual institutions do respond in their areas but complex attacks involving different parts of the full spectrum are always a problem. This panel examines integrated security responses that combine migration to sabotage, espionage, radicalisation and terrorism, while preserving individual rights.

Key questions:

- How do migration flows affect institutional and state resilience?
- Which policy responses should we consider to tackle the complex full spectrum warfare?
- How can Security and intelligence offer solutions for integrated strategic planning?

Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Iulian CHIFU**, President of Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center (CPEW)

Program:

- Migration in the Crossfire of Narratives: anti-American and Pro-Russian Frames in Political Communication under Full Spectrum Warfare,
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rastislav Kazansky, PhD., The Head of Department of Security Studies, Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations Matej Bel University Banska Bystrica, Slovakia
- Institutional Resilience in Relation to Migration: From Crisis Management to an Integrated Approach in the Republic of Moldova
Gheorghe Bălan, Head of the Department for Strategic Defence and Security Studies, Agency for Military Science and History, Republic of Moldova
- Migration and Public Order: Operational Challenges for Internal Security Forces
Representative of the Romanian Gendarmerie General Inspectorate (TBD)
Brigadier General Cezar Toma – General Director a.i. of the General Direction of Gendarmerie Bucharest - Romanian Gendarmerie General Inspectorate

10:20 – 10:30

Q&A Session

10:30 – 11:00	--- Coffee break ---
11:00 – 12:20	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel 5: Societal Resilience and Integrated Security Responses</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Focus: Society as both target and response</p> <p>In a full-spectrum environment, societal cohesion, institutional trust, and resilience emerge as critical security variables. This panel examines integrated security responses that combine intelligence capabilities, legal instruments, border management, and societal resilience, while preserving humanitarian principles and legal standards.</p> <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do migration flows affect societal resilience and political stability? • Which policy responses strengthen resilience, and which generate counterproductive effects? • How can Security Science provide holistic responses to complex and non-linear threats? <p>Moderator: Narciz Bălășoiu, Director of Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center</p> <p>Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Migration as a Macroeconomic Shock: Economic Security under Full Spectrum Strategic Pressures in North Macedonia (2010-2024), Prof. Dr. Snezhana Mojsoska, Vice Dean, University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Security, Skopje, North Macedonia - Integrated Responses to Migration in Full Spectrum Warfare: Military, Political and Humanitarian Dimensions, Prof. Dr. Nikola Dujovski, Head of Department, Faculty of Security, Skopje, North Macedonia - Migration and Internal Security: Law Enforcement Perspectives Chief Commissioner Mihaela Merezeanu, Head of Unit, Directorate for Combating Organised Crime, the Romanian Police General Inspectorate - Integrated Border Management in the Context of Migration and Emerging Security Risks Chief Commissioner Adrian Cojocar – Head of Unit, Romanian General Inspectorate of the Border Police
12:20 – 12:30	Q&A Session
12:30 – 13:30	--- Lunch for speakers ---
	Departure of the participants

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Restaurants:

- **Casa Românească**, Strada George Enescu 23, 030167 București (26.04.2026)
- **Excelsior**, Strada Știrbei Vodă 24, 010112 București (27.04.2026)