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Teaching and learning and the use of digital tools have become the key priorities on the EU agenda in the last years, but there is limited evidence in terms of the policies, strategies, and measures adopted by the European universities to respond to these new developments and further consolidate the teaching component, by focusing on the role digital technologies can improve the teaching process. In this context, this project aims to make a contribution by investigating the field of EU Integration Studies. With this objective in mind, the project proposal has designed teaching, research, debate, and publication activities.

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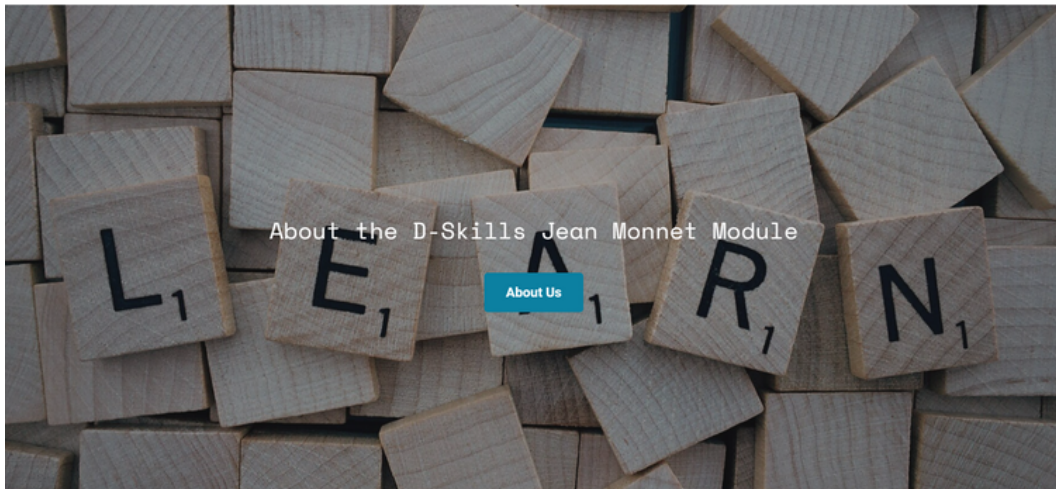


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TEACHING

European Union Policies course

European Union Policies is a mandatory course offered to 2nd-year students in International Relations and European Studies. European Union Policies serves as a model of teaching the EU with the support of digital technologies for stimulating the consolidation of the digital skills of the students enrolled in this course.

The course is divided into four modules: What are EU Policies? (8 hours), Theoretical approaches and instruments(16 hours), History and Evolution of EU Policies(16 hours), Case studies(16 hours) on the new member states(RO and Bulgaria).

The course European Union Policies is one of the core disciplines in the International Relations and European Studies Curriculum. This course has crossed significant changes over the years in terms of academic content, pedagogical approaches or instructors responsible for the teaching activities. The module leader(dr. Cuglesan) has taught this course for several years; the current proposal represents the outcome of a long process of reflection and several years of teaching this course in terms of designing the teaching activities in order to meet the needs of the students for academic and labour market purposes. The current version of the course and seminar activities represents the perfect blend between policy analysis skills, a top-down approach(knowledge of the history and evolution of EU Policies) and bottom-up approaches (case studies on the member states) as well as consolidation of academic writing, research skills and digital competences.



GUEST SPEAKER

Can the EU learn from experience?

**Friday, June 16, 2023 Sala del Consiglio,
Villa Salviati EUI – Florence**

Dr Cugleşan, D-SKILLS Jean Monnet Module Leader, has participated in the Roundtable Can the EU Learn from Experience? organized by the European Parliament Former Members Association and the Historical Archives of the European Union.

The event reunited professors and former members of the European Parliament and students who shared their insight on what the EU can learn from past experiences and crises.



CAN THE EU LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE?

*Friday, 16 June 2023 – Sala del Consiglio,
Villa Salviati, EUI – Firenze & online*

Programme

- 14.00-14.30 Performance
- 14.30-15.00 Institutional greetings
- 15.00-15.30 Cooperation EP FMA & HAEU
- 15.30-16.00 EP to Campus program
- 16.00-16.30 Erasmus+ program
- 16.30 Conclusion

The contributions will be published in an FMA publication Participation in Europe scheduled for late 2023.

For more information on the event: [Former Members Associations](#)



AUTHOR WORKSHOP

National Coordination and the European Union

23-24 November, Magdeburg

Dr Cugleşan, D-SKILLS Jean Monnet Module Leader, has participated in the Workshop organised by the Jean Monnet Chair Multi-level Governance in the EU on the issue of the EU Affairs National Coordination Systems.

The D-SKILLS Module leader will contribute with a chapter on the case of Romania.



Natalia Cuglesan • You
Lecturer at Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca
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Excellent workshop in Magdeburg on the 23 and 24 of November discussing the issue of the EU affairs national coordination systems in the EU member states.

Looking forward to contributing to this editorial project with a chapter on the domestic coordination system in Romania!



Roshell Gist and 9 others

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The project will revisit, update, and extend existing scholarship on the national coordination of EU policy coordination in the light of the changes introduced by the Lisbon Treaty and the new demands stemming from the EU policy responses to policy crises from the eurozone crisis through the COVID-19 pandemic to Russia's 2022 invasion of the Ukraine – in particular Kassim/Peters/Wright (2000) *The national coordination of EU policy: the domestic level*, OUP, (<https://doi.org/10.1093/0198296649.001.0001>) and Kassim/Menon/Peters/Wright (2001) *The national coordination of EU policy: the European level* (<https://doi.org/10.1093/0199248052.001.0001>).

The contributions will be published in the volume Heidebreder and Kassim(eds.), *The national coordination of European Policies*, Oxford University Press, 2024/2025.



Academic visit

SUNY Global Center, New York, March 30-April 1st, 2023

Dr Cugleşan, D-SKILLS Jean Monnet Module Leader, participated in the 2023 edition of the SUNY MEU in New York between March 30 and April 1.

Also, dr. Cugleşan served on the expert witness panel for approximately 100 students who negotiated for two days a diverse agenda which ranged from issues related to artificial intelligence, EU-China relations or climate change and energy issues. The witness panel aimed to clarify and offer insights into the problems that the students tackled during SUNY MEU.

The panel was organized in partnership with several Jean Monnet Modules and involved the participation of professors from Hofstra University(dr. Carolyn Dudek), Rhodes College(dr. Nikos Zahariadis) and Mr Joseph Dunne(Director of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington, DC)



On this occasion, dr. Cugleşan participated in the IEUSS Research Workshop The Future of Europe –Challenges and Priorities and delivered the paper “The Conference on the Future of Europe: Framing the Romanian and Bulgarian Citizen Perspectives on the Reform of the EU.” One of the objectives of this academic event is to publish an edited volume on the Future of Europe. [See conference programme](#)

D-Skills Jean Monnet Module

Online Lecture
October 20, 16.00

Guest Speaker

Alain LAMASSOURE
Member of the European Parliament (2014-2019)

Topic

DEMOCRACY WITHOUT LIBERALISM - DEALING WITH POPULISM IN THE EU.

The EP to Campus programme is organized by the European Parliament Former Members Association. It is a valuable programme that offers the chance to students to get in touch with practitioners and learn from their experience and insights on EU governance.

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Democracy without liberalism. Dealing with populism in the EU

Mr Alain Lamassoure, a member of the European Parliament for four terms (1989-2019), was invited in the framework of the EP to Campus Programme on October 20 to discuss virtually with students in Security Studies and International Relations and European Studies from the Department of International Studies and Contemporary History on the challenges of populism and democracy in the EU.

The lecture mapped the state of democracy in the EU. It advanced the remedies the EU should employ to respond to growing illiberalism and democratic backsliding in the EU.

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"The #EPtoCampusProgramme experience with @ALamassoure was an excellent opportunity to get first-hand knowledge about EU decision-making"

Testimonial of the student Elena-Denisa Moga (Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania)

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Join us Thursday, October 20, 16.00 via Zoom
@ALamassoureAlain will deliver the online lecture on dealing with populism and illiberalism in the EU for the students at Babeș-Bolyai University.

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Those who missed the lecture have the chance to follow the address on the D-Skills Jean Monnet Module youtube channel.

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Today at 15.00 (BXL time) former MEP and FMA Member @ALamassoure will be the Guest Speaker at the discussion hosted by the @UBBCJ as part of our EP to Campus Programme

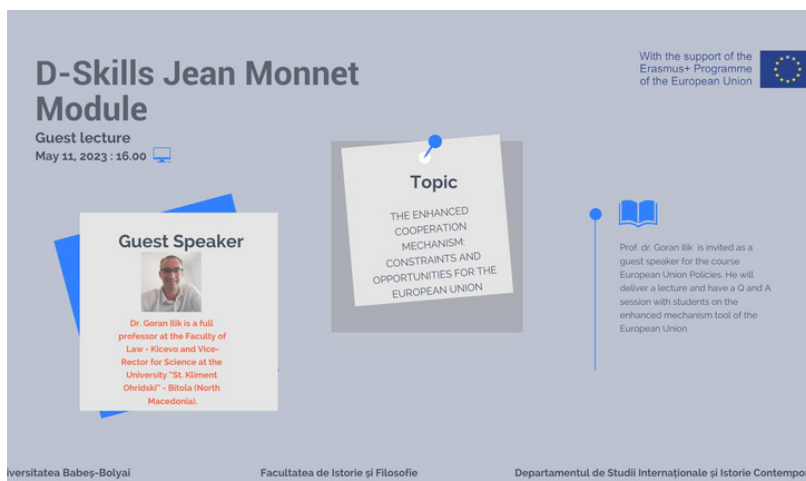
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Alain LAMASSOURE
30 October 2022
15.00 (BXL time) - 16.00

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European Integration and the Constitutional Identity of North Macedonia.

Prof Goran Ilik addressed the issue of EU decision-making instruments used by the European Union to advance integration. The lecture focused on the Enhanced Cooperation Mechanism (EnC) instituted as a flexible tool under the Amsterdam Treaty and further extended by the Nice and Lisbon Treaty to new areas such as the CFSP and defence sphere.

The lecture has exemplified the areas where the Enhanced Cooperation Mechanism has been applied, such as the Patent or Divorce Law or the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO).

Guest Speaker: Prof. dr. Goran Ilik

May 13, 2023

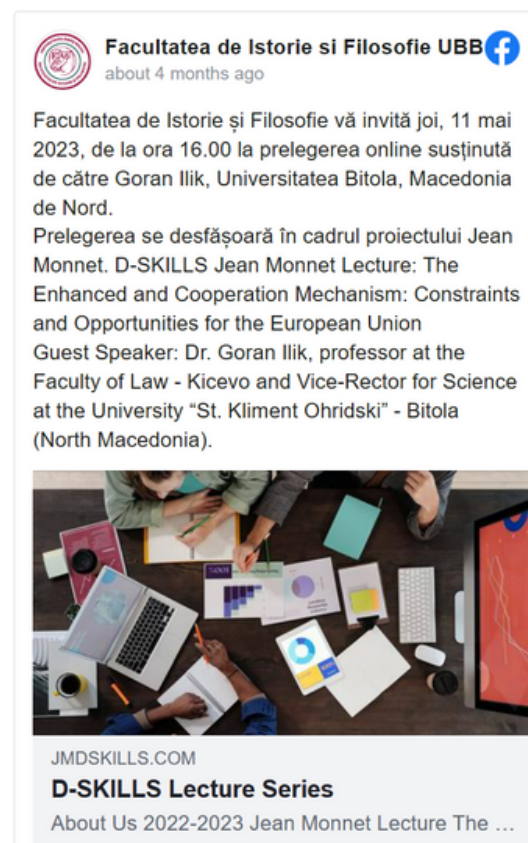
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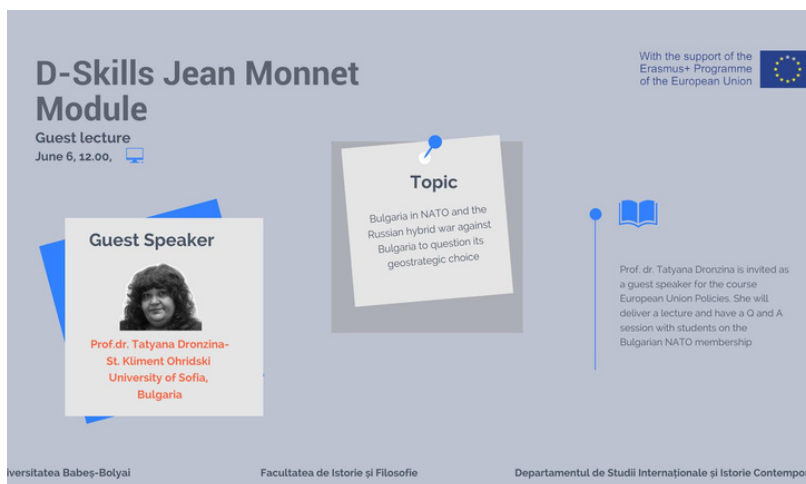
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Prof. Ilik argued that the EnC can act as a federator of the EU. The presentation used the “dynamic core federator” concept, advanced by Karl W. Deutsch in 1957, as a balancer between the federation units and protector of the whole from the domination of a single member or a group of members.


The lecture was attended by undergraduate students in European Studies enrolled in the EU Policies and Multi-level Governance in the European Union classes.

The online lecture ended with a Q and A session.






D-Skills Jean Monnet Module
Guest lecture
June 6, 12.00, 

Guest Speaker

Prof. dr. Tatyana Dronzina-
St. Kliment Ohridski
University of Sofia,
Bulgaria

Topic
Bulgaria in NATO and the
Russian hybrid war against
Bulgaria to question its
geostrategic choice

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The lecture began with an explanation of the concept of hybrid war and its characteristics. The presentation then focused on the pro-EU and pro-Russian political parties in Bulgaria, and moved on to an inventory of the main disinformation narratives on the Russian war against Ukraine.

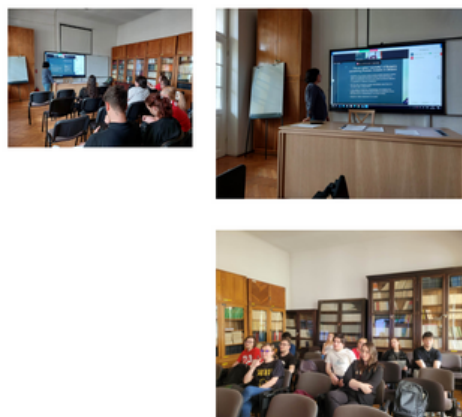
Professor Dronzina's discussion shed light on the complex issues surrounding hybrid warfare and disinformation, providing valuable insights for the students.

The lecture ended with a Q and A session with the students.

THE D-SKILLS LECTURE SERIES

Bulgaria in NATO and the Russian hybrid war against Bulgaria to question its geostrategic choice

During her lecture, Professor Tatayna Dronzina discussed the issue of hybrid war and disinformation narratives used by the Putin regime in the context of Russian aggression against Ukraine. The presentation aimed to familiarize students with the concept of hybrid war and how Russia uses it to question Bulgaria's role in NATO.

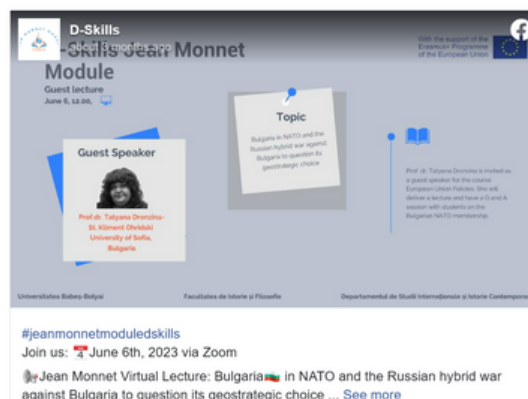



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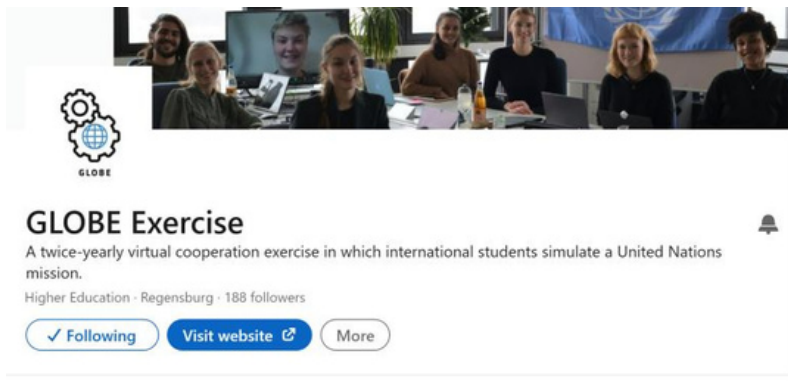
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 Jean Monnet Virtual Lecture: Bulgaria  in NATO and the Russian hybrid war
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OTHER EVENTS

GLOBE SIMULATION, 5-8 December, 2022

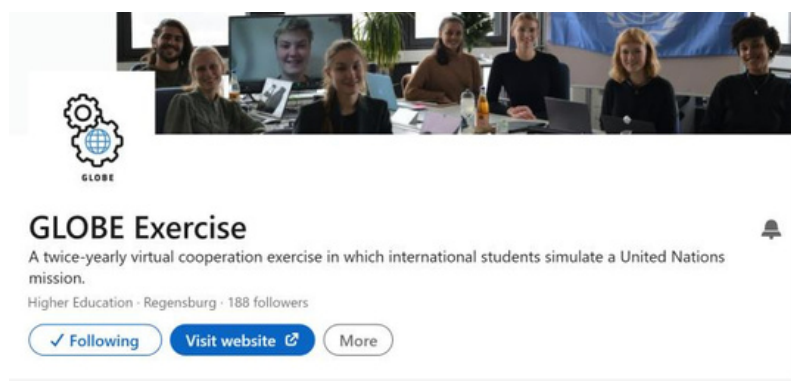
GLOBE is a mix of a traditional simulation game and crisis management exercise where students virtually navigate through a simulated conflict scenario in the Sahel region, focusing on Mali's security and humanitarian situation.



A team of five students (Reanasinta Diva, Claudia Pop, Daniel Coca, Tudor Dolhăscu, and Raul Ianoș) from the BA programme in Security Studies and MA programme Leadership and Communication in International Organisations from the Department of International Studies and Contemporary History participated in the GLOBE Simulation programme.

The programme, run by the Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Regensburg (Germany), has involved, for the first time, participants from Babeș-Bolyai University. The UBB team played the role of the Institute of Sahel Security Policy and, in partnership with students from the University of St. Gallen, had to draft a report on the non-state armed groups and the various actors involved in the conflict. The analysis was to support the work of the ECOWAS in the region, played by the Ostbayerische Technische Hochschule Regensburg (Germany).

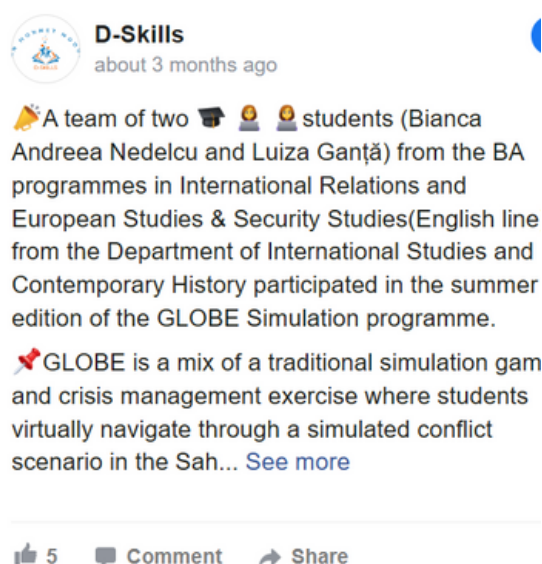
During the three days of the simulation exercise, the students conducted research activities which allowed them to apply the knowledge acquired in the field of International Relations. At the same time, it was an excellent opportunity to enhance their transversal skills and practice real-life scenarios.



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GLOBE SIMULATION, 10-12 June 2023

GLOBE is a mix of a traditional simulation game and crisis management exercise where students virtually navigate through a simulated conflict scenario in the Sahel region, focusing on Mali's security and humanitarian situation.



A team of two students (Bianca Andreea Nedelcu and Luiza Ganță) from the BA programmes in International Relations and European Studies & Security Studies(English line) from the Department of International Studies and Contemporary History participated in the summer edition of the GLOBE Simulation programme.

The 2023 summer edition has involved 22 participants from several European Universities: OTH Regensburg, Babeș-Bolyai University, Dublin City University, University of Trento, and University of Glasgow.

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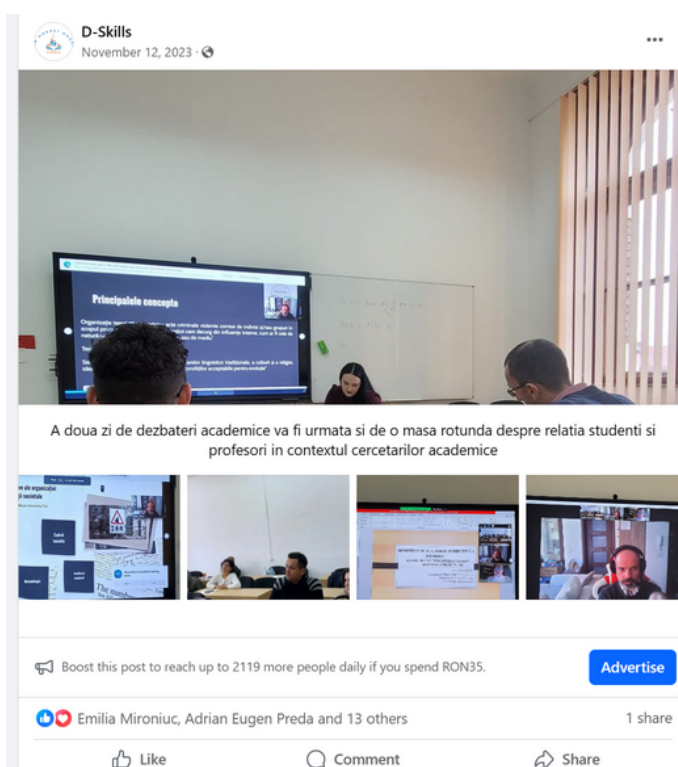
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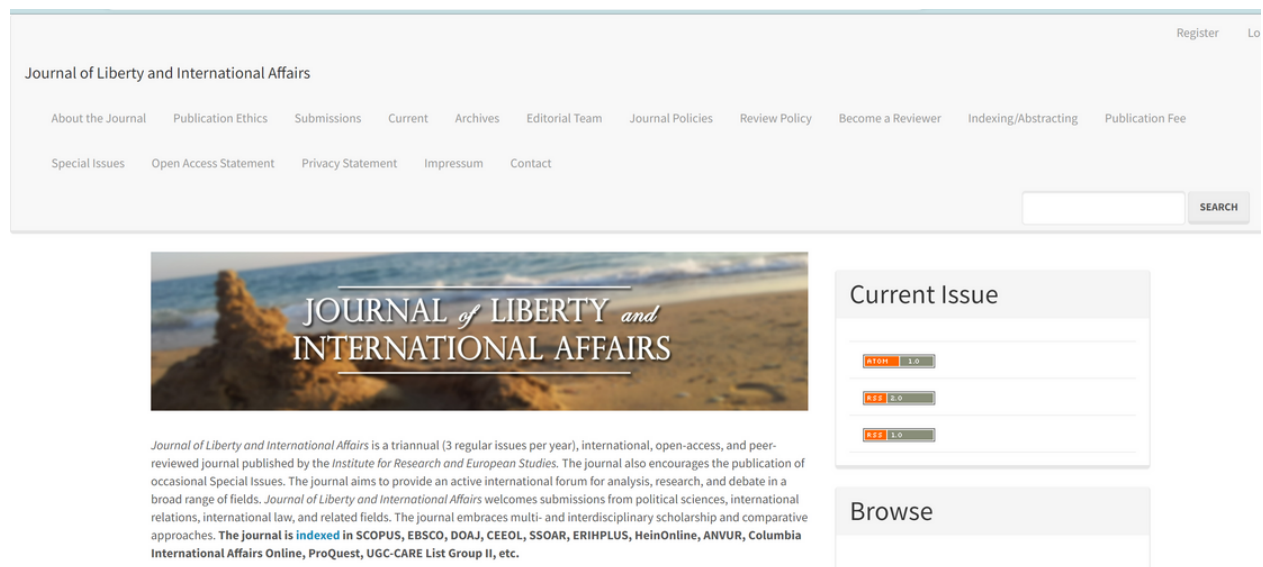


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Student Conference, November 2023

The student conference *Politică și Politici* is an academic event open to students in the field of International Relations and European Studies. The conference supports the research activities of the students and aims to generate extended discussions on their theoretical and methodological approaches.





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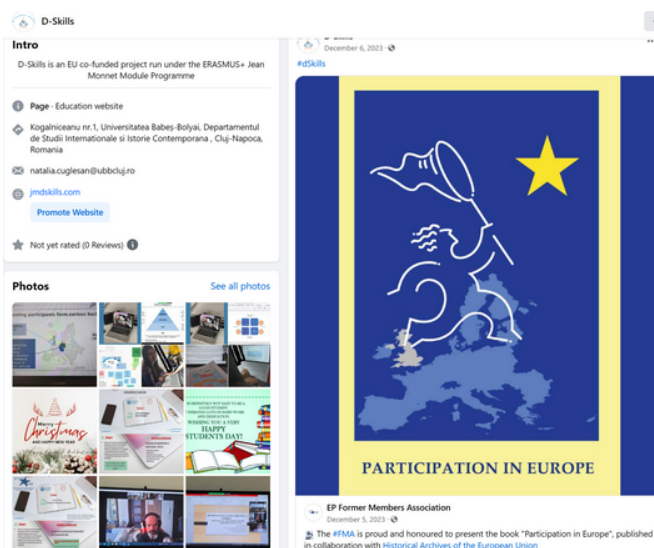
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The Romanian Presidency of the Council to the European Union. Great expectations?

Article published in JILA, Vol. 8, No.3, 2022, pp.459-474.

PUBLICATIONS

NATALIA CUGLEȘAN



What has the EU learned from past crises?

The book “Participation in Europe” by Monica Baldi and Michael Hindley is a FMA_HAEU collaboration that was published in 2023. The book explores ways to enhance civic education and envision a European landscape where citizens are not just spectators but active architects of their democratic future.

You can download the book here: <https://jmdskills-publications/>

[The right to have digital rights in the European Union. A step towards digital citizenship?

Abstract: *The chapter investigates the EU approach to building digital citizenship and its human-centric and value-orientated strategy to extend the rights that apply offline also in the digital environment. It focuses on the Digital Rights and Principles interinstitutional declaration, a manifesto of EU beliefs on what digital rights represent. The paper argues that the EU's understanding of digital rights builds extensively on fundamental rights, such as the right to privacy, by adding new developments, such as the right to digital legacy or by extending other fundamental rights, such as the right to education in the digital world. Still, at the same, it has contributed to the emergence of new rights that do not fall into the category of fundamental rights, such as the right to a digital identity or internet access or to file complaints under AI, which resulted from current global realities. As such, the EU has adapted to technological advancements and protected user rights in the digital space, scoring as a normative digital global actor.*

Key Words: digital citizenship; digital rights; EU digital policy; digital transformation; digital norms; digital citizens;

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Chapter published in Mihai Alexandrescu(Ed.),
Citizens of the European Union. Status, Identity and
Beyond, Presa Universitară, Fall 2023, pp.39-66.

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Digital teaching and learning in the field of EU Integration Studies in the new member states



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