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## 13<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# Redefining Community in Intercultural Context RCIC'26



## Cognitive Warfare and Resilience

FIRST CALL

BRASOV, MAY 21-23, 2026

## 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference *Redefining Community in Intercultural Context* RCIC'26



The present edition of *Redefining Community in Intercultural Context* Conference will focus mainly on the need for societal resilience, under the special circumstances of the omnipresence of virtual aggression on the understanding of security context and of threats to security. The important changes in the new international security context and the shift to defeating the opponent's will to resist or to fight - in fact, the ultimate goal of every war - determine the consideration of the concept of Cognitive Warfare (CogWar) as a form of confrontation, with effects on redefining community and on alteration of its will, understanding and capability to act appropriately.

**Main goal.** The main goal is an exchange of experience between professors, researchers and practitioners in the field of community dynamics, especially in the area of intercultural dialogue and military best practices. Moreover, we look forward to putting into practice the new ideas that will result from the cross-fertilization of teaching activities and scientific research. Our end-goal is to improve the quality of education and, consequently, of personal and intellectual development. Last but not least, we are eager to disseminate the results of our multicultural dialogue within the academic community and beyond it.

**Participants.** We welcome the participation of professors, researchers, PhD students, MA students.



**Structure of event.** RCIC'26 will consist of three main parts: plenary session; panels; socializing activities.

**Venue.** RCIC'26 will be held at the following venue: 'Henri Coanda' Air Force Academy, 160 Mihai Viteazul st., Brasov 500183, Romania

**Proposed topics:**

- **Cognitive Warfare & Resilience (New);**
- **Narrative analysis (New);** Discourse Analysis;
- Intercultural Communication;
- Media and Security.

**Workshop: Hybrid Threats (New),** coordinated by the European Initiative for the Exchange of Young Officers Inspired by Erasmus (EMILYO)/ European Security and Defence College, Bruxelles, through LoD-21, *Hybrid Threats*.

After having submitted the conference papers in advance, the topics will be discussed in panels. All new ideas arising from these discussions will subsequently be used as a starting point for future similar events.

**Deadlines:**

- submission of abstracts for review: March, 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

All abstracts should be submitted only as a unique *Microsoft Word file*, attached to an e-mail sent to: a.lesenciuc@yahoo.fr;

- notification of abstract acceptance: April, 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026;
- confirmation of payment fee: April, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026;
- submission of camera-ready papers: April, 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Paper:**

Each author has the right to submit no more than 2 papers or 1 paper and a topic to be debated within the workshop. Each paper must be submitted in English. The proceedings will be published in the magazine with double-blind refereeing.

**Conference fee: 100 €.** Participants in the pilot edition of the TTT *Hybrid Threats* Module are exempt from paying the fee.

The fee will cover the printed proceedings or proceedings on CD, the cocktail, the coffee breaks, the official dinner and the socializing activities.

Details regarding the registration fee/payment will be sent via e-mail to those whose articles have been accepted.

**The conference program** will be available on the conference website in due time.

**Conference website:**     <https://www.afahc.ro/ro/rcic.html>

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