



The 2017 edition:

# CON(TESTED) POWER CONTINUITIES IN THE BLACK SEA REGION.



**LECTURES**

**DEBATES**

**COLLABORATIVE  
VISION**

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### To our participants

The 2017 edition of the **Security in the Black Sea Region. Shared Challenges, Sustainable Future** Program (SBSR) is aimed to bring together in an interactive and collaborative format - including lectures, debates, applied scenario making and problem solving exercises - policy makers, academia, security experts and foreign affairs officials from the Black Sea Region and their strategic partners.

The SBSR program is organised under the high patronage of the Romanian Presidential Administration, by the Romanian Intelligence Service's "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy, in partnership with Harvard University and the National Intelligence University (NIU), US.

### THEME

The 2017 edition of the Program is dedicated to the theme: "(Con) Tested power continuities in the Black Sea Region" and it brings into focus the new ecologies of power developed around the diverging interest of the actors in the region. The main goal of the 2017 edition is to create the right framework in which the social, economic, security, cultural and identity issues at stake for sustainable partnership and understanding in the region can actually be mapped, understood and integrated into a specific toolkit of policymaking strategies in the benefit of all actors the Black Sea Region as well as their strategic partners.

The novelty that this year's edition brings consists of the highly interactive and practical oriented format. Each main theme is approached through an extensive 1 hour academic debate between two reputed scholars, followed by a Q&A session, a practical, interactive and dynamic exercise and last but not least, the creation of a toolkit of policymaking strategies with which each participant will have a chance to promote his/her perspective.

### HIGHLIGHTS

The dynamic format provides academics, policymakers and practitioners with the right framework in which create authentic communication and vision. The challenging set of scenario making tools and alternative exercises, that represent 70% of the actual program fosters and encourages communication skills, collaborative work, strategy making and the creation of an integrated, multilevel, transdisciplinary vision and knowledge on the topics discussed.

### LOOKING AHEAD

All participants in the program will become part of a distinguished community of alumni and platform where ideas are debated, strategies are created and innovation is encouraged. They will also have the chance to become in their turn speakers in the program and therefore influence the vision and developed of the next generation of experts, practitioners and policy makers sharing a common vision for the development of the Black Sea Region.

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## Program format

### OPENING STATEMENT – THE PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA

- The program is traditionally opened by the President of Romania, H.E. Klaus Iohannis, in a ceremony which takes place at the Presidential Palace in Bucharest, Romania.

### PROGRAM AGENDA

THEME	KEY NOTE SPEAKERS	TIME
<b>Politics and policies</b>		
<b>9:30-11:00</b>		
1. Opening session: Framing partnership(s) and conflict in the BSR: actors, roles, dynamics	H.E. Klaus IOHANNIS, President of Romania	May 29
		<b>Other speakers in the opening panel:</b> Director of the SRI, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Defense, NATO representative, Harvard University representative
<b>DEBATE</b>		<b>EXERCISE SESSIONS</b>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>		<b>14:00-15:30</b>
2. <b>Debate:</b> (Dis)Continuities in the Black Sea Region. Power projection, attribution and control		May 29
		<b>Exercise Session 1:</b> Actors and mechanisms of power
<b>16:00-17:00</b>		<b>17:00-18:30</b>
3. <b>Debate:</b> Rethinking strategies for conflict resolution		May 29
		<b>Exercise Session 2</b> Convergent & divergent interests: local, regional, European
<b>Security strategy and practice</b>		
<b>9:00-10:00</b>		<b>10:30-12:00</b>
4. <b>Debate</b> New ecologies of conflict – what’s at stake?		May 30
		<b>Exercise Session 3</b> Mapping ecologies of hybrid conflict (2012-2016)
<b>13:00-14:00</b>		<b>14:30-16:00</b>
5. <b>Debate</b> Democracy – defining and refining the practice of community		May 30
		<b>Exercise Session 4</b> Factors dis(favoring) community empowerment

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### Culture, communication & identity politics

<b>9:00-10:00</b>				<b>10:30-12:00</b>
6. <b>Debate</b>	Representations of majorities, minorities and identity politics. The narrative and the secretive.		May 31	<b>Exercise Session 5</b> Converging and diverging identity politics
<b>13:00-14:00</b>				<b>14:30-16:00</b>
7. <b>Debate</b>	Performing identities and communities – whose story the (new) media tells		May 31	<b>Exercise Session 6</b> Constituting identities - the role of traditional and new media

### TOOLKIT WORKING SESSIONS

<b>9:00-11:00</b>				
8. <b>Working session</b>	Toolkit preparation Teams 1-3	Participants	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Teamwork</b>
<b>11:00-12:30</b>				
9. <b>Working session</b>	Toolkit presentation Teams 1-3	Participants	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Teams present toolkit</b>
<b>13:30-14:30</b>				<b>Winner team award</b>
10. <b>Closing ceremony</b>		Plenary	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Diploma ceremony</b>

### Cultural Fun Tour

<b>16:00 – 18:00</b>				
11. <b>Culture Fun Tour</b>	- Old City	Participants		
<b>9:00 – 17:00</b>				
12. <b>Culture Fun Tour &amp; Picnic:</b>	Cotroceni Palace / Athenaeum and Mogosoiaia Palace	Participants	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	

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