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The *International Law Association*, the *Center for Studies in International and Transnational Law* of the University of Bucharest, the *Fridtjof Nansen Institute* and the *Collège Juridique franco-roumain d'études européennes* are pleased to invite you to the international conference ***Energy, Environment, and Law of the Sea***, which will take place on 29 September 2023, in Bucharest, at the Faculty of Law – University of Bucharest.

The overall aim of the conference is to provide an interdisciplinary approach to the contemporary influencing factors and the most recent emerging trends related to resources management, with a particular emphasis on energy security and environmental challenges at sea. It will take advantage of the experience and perspectives of Norway, France and Romania in relation to particular regions – such as the Mediterranean and the Black Sea – in order to focus on the identification of possible regional tendencies that may be relevant on a broader European and global levels, with the contribution of practitioners, public authorities and academics.

In the context of an increased need for resources, the conference will address the interest of States with respect to aspects such as taking full advantage of their rights over maritime spaces, including from the perspective of resources management and environmental protection. Regional conflicts and unsettled maritime boundary disputes are likely to affect the preservation, exploration

and exploitation of resources and might have significant impacts on the engagement of States related to environment protection.

Thus, energy security represents an important development that triggers multiple consequences and requires dedicated research. It comprises not only exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbon resources within the continental shelf, wind or solar power systems located on sea, but also routes involving submarine cables and pipelines.

At the same time, various aspects regarding regional tendencies are of the utmost significance, especially from an economic and political standpoint. The influence of both generates the current context for dispute settlement, such as is highlighted in the region of the Black Sea. Moreover, these aspects generate a diverse array of economic consequences, implying the need for those involved in business to adapt and overcome whatever instability appears in the area.

This conference aims to provide an interdisciplinary approach to understanding contemporary influencing factors and emerging trends in resources management, focusing on energy security and environmental challenges at sea. The experiences of maritime States such as Norway, France and Romania may offer insights into possible European and global implications and collaboration between practitioners, public authorities and academics, and contribute to sustainable solutions for resource preservation, exploration, exploitation, along with environmental protection. The conference seeks to contribute in clarifying the driving forces and factors of regional stability and adaptability in the face of economic and political influences, ultimately promoting responsible practices for the benefit of present and future generations.

The conference's scientific committee consists of the following members: Professor Bogdan Aurescu – University of Bucharest, Elena Pacea - Secrétaire Générale, Collège Juridique Franco-Roumain and Professor Davor Vidas - Fridtjof Nansen Institute. The languages of the conference will be English and French.

Agenda

International Conference *Energy, Environment and Law of the Sea,*
Bucharest, 29 September 2023, Conference Room ‘Petre Antonescu’

08:30	Coffee
09:00:	<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bogdan Aurescu, University of Bucharest • Davor Vidas, Fridtjof Nansen Institute • François-Guy Trébulle, University of Paris 1
09:30 – 11:00:	<p>Panel 1 (<i>Energy</i>) – Moderator Davor Vidas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleopatra Leahu, Popa, Suciu & asociații - <i>Offshore resource exploitation</i> • Dan-Dragoș Drăgan & Andrei-Nicolae Popa, Ministry of Energy – <i>Romania’s public policies for offshore exploitation</i> • Victor Stoica, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest - <i>Emerging technologies in marine renewable energy and UNCLOS</i> • Maria Cristina Solacolu, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest - <i>Developments in the EU-UK relations on maritime energy in accordance with the international Law of the Sea</i>
11:15 – 12:45:	<p>Panel 2 (<i>Environment</i>) – Moderator François-Guy Trébulle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doina Doroftei, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - <i>The new UN treaty on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction</i> • Daniela Deteșeanu & Viorel Chiricioiu, Faculty of Law,

	<p>University of Bucharest – <i>Cultural heritage in the maritime environment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mihaela Augustina Niță, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest – <i>Overview of the European Union’s sea-related policies</i> • Oana Mihaela Salomia, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest – <i>Le rôle de l’Union européenne dans la protection de la Mer Noire contre la pollution et l’éventuelle adhésion à la Convention de Bucarest</i>
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Panel 3 (<i>Law of sea</i>) - Moderator Ion Gâlea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurențiu Adrian Lazăr, Honorary Consul of Norway in Constanța – <i>Navigating the Law of the Sea – Maritime Labor, Skills, Operations, Reduced Emissions and Environmental Protection</i> • Elena Lazăr & Dragoș Costescu, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest – <i>Jurisdiction issues over cyberthreats in the Sea</i> • Carmen Achimescu, & Ioana Oltean, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest – <i>IMO’s role in securing the Black Sea</i>
15.30 – 16.15	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davor Vidas • François-Guy Trébulle • Ion Gâlea

- Davor Vidas – Fridtjof Nansen Institute (keynote speaker)

- François-Guy Trébulle, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (keynote speaker)
- Bogdan Aurescu, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest (keynote speaker)
- Ion Gâlea, EU General Court (keynote speaker)

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- Carmen Achimescu & Ioana Oltean, Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest – *IMO’s role in securing the Black Sea*
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