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***“NATO – 75 Years of Collective Defence.  
Understanding the Past to Approach the Future”***  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Bucharest

**CONFERENCE AGENDA**

Sponsor:



<b>Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 (Marble Hall)</b>	
09.00 – 09.30	<b>Registration of the participants</b>
09.30 – 10.15	<b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simona COJOCARU, State Secretary for Defence Policy, Planning and International Relations</li> <li>• General Gheorghiuță VLAD, Chief of Defence Staff</li> <li>• Carmen-Sorina RÎJNOVEANU, Director of the Institute for Political Studies of Defence and Military History</li> </ul>
10.15 – 10.30	<b>Presentation of the exhibitions: “The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NATO” and the “Romania – NATO 20 Years”</b>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Group Photo and Coffee Break</b>
11.00 – 12.50	<b>SESSION ONE</b> <b>Moderator: Thomas BLANTON (United States of America)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Jeffrey MICHAELS (Spain), <i>“Stronger Words, Fewer Divisions: Deterrence and the North Atlantic Treaty”</i></li> <li>• Dr. Douglas SELVAGE (Germany), <i>“Deterrence and Détente Historical Lessons for NATO from the Cold War”</i></li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Jan HOFFENAAR (Netherlands), <i>“What Kept NATO Running Military?”</i></li> <li>• Captain Andrew CARROLL (United States of America), <i>“The Three-Body Problem in Cold War Context – Cold War Lessons for Modern NATO Strategic Posture and Nuclear Policy”</i></li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b>
12.50 – 13.50	<b>Lunch</b>

13.50 – 15.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION TWO</b> <b>Moderator: Dr. Carmen-Sorina RÎJNOVEANU (Romania)</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Dr. Mark KRAMER (United States of America), <i>“European Military Alliances During the Cold War: NATO and the Warsaw Pact”</i></li> <li>• Dr. Effie G. H. PEDALIU (United Kingdom), <i>“Origins and Evolution of the Soviet and Russian Threat to NATO’s Southern Flank”</i></li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Svetlana SAVRANSKAYA (United States of America), <i>“NATO – Russia Honeymoon: Why Did It Not Last?”</i></li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Mihail DOBRE (Romania), <i>“The Enlargement of NATO, Russia and the Emergence of the Partnership for Peace”</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
15.30 – 15.45	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee break</b></p>
15.45– 17.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION THREE</b> <b>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Jan HOFFENAAR (Netherlands)</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Dr. Gültekin YILDIZ (Türkiye), <i>“Revisiting Türkiye’s NATO Membership in the Post-Cold War Age: Changes and Continuities in Demands and Expectations”</i></li> <li>• Dr. Józef KOZŁOWSKI (Poland), <i>“Shaping Environment, Building Capabilities, Designing Future”</i>.</li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Marco WYSS (United Kingdom), <i>“NATO and Neutrality: European Defence and the Most Neutral of All”</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024</b></p>	
<p><b>Cultural Program</b> <b>Sinaia &amp; Târgoviște</b> <b>(For Foreign Guests Only)</b></p>	

<b>Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b> <b>(Alba Iulia Hall)</b>	
10.00 – 12.00	<b>SESSION FOUR</b> <b>Moderator: Colonel Dr. Sven LANGE (Germany)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Marina PÉREZ DE ARCOS (United Kingdom), <i>“The In-Out NATO Referendum: Misremembering, Forgetting, Censuring”</i></li> <li>• Dr. Christelle CALMELS (France), <i>“Back to basics? France’s Past, Present, and Future Approach to NATO”</i></li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Carlos Javier SANZ DÍAZ (Spain), <i>“Spain’s NATO Membership: A Journey from Transition to Strategic Partner”</i></li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Antonio VARSORI (Italy), <i>“Italy and NATO from the Cold War to the post-Cold War Era: The Most Faithful Atlantic Ally?”</i></li> <li>• Dr. Șerban-Filip CIOCULESCU (Romania), <i>“The Role and Perceptions of Alliances for Small Powers: Romania’s Case”</i></li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b>
12.00 – 13.00	<b>Lunch</b>
13.00 – 14.45	<b>SESSION FIVE</b> <b>Moderator: Prof. Dr. Mark KRAMER (United States of America)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Paul Octavian NISTOR (Romania), <i>“The Creation of NATO (1949) and Political Relations Between Communist Romania and United States of America in the Middle of the 20th Century.”</i></li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Nadia BOYADJIEVA (Bulgaria), <i>“NATO, the Warsaw Pact and the Balkans, 1949-2019”</i></li> <li>• Dr. Toms ROSTOKS (Latvia), <i>“Public Confidence in NATO Security Guarantees: Survey Evidence from Latvia”</i></li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Valentin NAUMESCU (Romania), <i>“Facing Revisionism and Trump’s Electoral Rhetoric: NATO Under Pressure”</i></li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b>
14.45 – 15.00	<b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carmen-Sorina RÎJNOVEANU, Director of the Institute for Political Studies of Defence and Military History</li> </ul>