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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ACADEMY**

CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference *Intelligence in the Knowledge Society (IKS)*,

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Intelligence has, over the past two decades, increasingly garnered popular attention as the wider public has become more and more aware of the inner workings of a previously secret world. As global events have taken unexpected turns, the seemingly forgotten logic of interstate conflict has re-emerged, giving renewed value to the currency of hard power. Within this context, intelligence has become, once again, a tool for informing critical state decisions and of non-attributable power projection. With the advent of the information age, global powers developed technical capabilities that far outmatch anything that was imaginable even two decades ago. Conversely, while lacking the sophisticated capabilities of world players, small states have the potential to excel in providing regionally- anchored knowledge and original approaches to the solution of culturally specific problems.

Within the midst of this turbulent time, academic intelligence studies have developed gradually as a discipline, employing methods and theories from political science, international relations and security studies. The study of intelligence policies and organizations, as well as intelligence cultures and trans-national cooperation has complemented the traditional writing of intelligence history.

At the crossroads of the Continental, Mediterranean and Central Europe, Romania lies in a triple geopolitical intersection that shapes a unique security culture and an international orientation translated into both a challenge and a strategic advantage.

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For more than two decades, the Intelligence in the Knowledge Society conference, organised by the “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy has represented a forum for encounters of intelligence academics and practitioners. Bridging the gaps between different perspectives, the IKS conference has constantly and consistently contributed to the generation of a common language and to the sharing of information between scholars and representatives of intelligence services. The 2017 edition aims to bring together Academia, practitioners and stakeholders for a timely debate on the changing security paradigm and the role of intelligence in countering 21st century threats.

For the 23rd edition of the IKS Conference, contributors are invited to address aspects related to:

➤ **Small States and Security Dilemmas: A look into the future**

A contested concept, the idea of a security dilemma has been explained through both realist and constructivist paradigms. A realist sees a security dilemma as emerging when an actor aims to increase his own security to the detriment of others. A constructivist looks at the role of different norms and intersubjectively constructed identities creating conflict. Few have, however, looked at the role of small states in contemporary security dilemmas. We invite contributors to interrogate what how the action of small states can challenge or improve upon the conventional understandings of the concept of security dilemma.

➤ **Enforcing Efficiency and Effectiveness in the 2020^s Intelligence Organization**

Commentators on intelligence matters have come to the widely-shared agreement that intelligence organizations are relatively rigid and their transformation to meet the permanently emerging challenges is sometimes slow and sluggish. Yet, given the advent of the information age and the trans-national character of threats, intelligence services are compelled to find new and imaginative ways to cope. We welcome contributions that can stir debates about the best paths and strategies that intelligence organizations can employ to enhance their relevance for decision-makers and the wider public in world characterized by disruptive innovation and violent change.

➤ **Privacy and Security Debate in Intelligence**

In response to an era of unprecedented disclosures, scandals and demands for accountability regarding mass surveillance, a growing demand for a new social contract on reconciling privacy and security is emerging. How will the *internet of things* affect security & privacy? How willing will citizens be to negotiate the balance between individual security and privacy? Contributors are invited to inquire into what led to the demands for this social contract and how the boundary between surveillance and privacy could be settled in the future.

➤ **History of Intelligence: Days of the Future Past**

If those who refuse to learn the lessons of the past are doomed to repeat it, then intelligence organizations, whose failures can bring doom to thousands or

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even millions, are in a particularly difficult position. Learning from history is a crucial way to avoid future mishaps. We invite speakers to explore some of the lesser-traveled corridors of history and to identify relevant junctures and decisions which led to success or failure, allowing us, with hindsight, to explain the consequences of actions and the causal mechanisms through which they occurred.

➤ **Data and Intelligence Analysis. Differences and Continuities**

The emergence and proliferation of new concepts and working practices like *big data* and *data science* and the impact of technological advancements on the field of intelligence analysis imposes on intelligence organizations a need to integrate data analysis within the classical structured analytical techniques. This blend can provide decision-makers with high-quality products. We invite contributors to inquire into how up-to-date technologies help in the process of training and specialization of a new generation of analysts and how intelligence organizations should go about implementing them.

Within this context, the “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy (MV NIA) encourages scholars and practitioners to contribute to and help shape the 23rd edition of its annual international conference ***Intelligence in the Knowledge Society*** through submissions of their research abstracts. Also, high quality research contributions describing original and unpublished results of conceptual, experimental or theoretical work in all areas of Intelligence and Security are warmly invited for presentation at the conference, which will take place in **Bucharest, Romania, on 26-27 October 2017**.

Important dates

Submission of title and summary of their proposed presentation (abstracts of maximum 300 words).	July 1st, 2017
Peer review and acceptance notifications.	July 15th, 2017
Submission of final papers.	September 15th, 2017

All abstract and papers submitted at intelligenceconference@sri.ro will be blind peer reviewed by a team of competent reviewers. In addition to requesting **no registration fee**, the best papers will be selected for publication in the ***Romanian Intelligence Studies Review (RISR)***.

Further inquiries on organisational details can be addressed to Dr. Valentin Nicula, conference coordinator (intelligenceconference@sri.ro).

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