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**REFLECTIONS ON THE LEGALITY OF CRIMINALIZATION OF  
SEPARATIST ACTIONS WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

<b>Abstract:</b>	<p><i>Separatism is not a new phenomenon, but the many types and severities of challenges that it presents in modern nations is unprecedented in its history. Many of its modern manifestations hide themselves under the guise of the right to self-determination, or attempt to deflect legal action by being "technically non-violent". Combating these elements has presented a significant, but not insurmountable challenge for many modern nations.</i></p> <p><i>The Republic of Moldova is currently engaged in a struggle to maintain its sovereignty and integrity in the face of the de facto separation of the Transnistrian region, as well as other separatist movements in the East and South. The potentially devastating consequences of such movements cannot be ignored, as the effects can create international conflicts, exemplified by the dramatic consequences of separatism in Ukraine.</i></p> <p><i>An analysis of the Moldovan Criminal Code highlights several gaps within the framework of safeguarding the nation from the destructive effects of separatism. The current law is only effective in prosecuting separatist actions that are achieved through, or directly call for violent actions. These "loopholes" can easily be closed within the existing foundation of Moldovan Constitutional law, while maintaining adherence to international law in regard to individual freedom. Such legal safeguards have already been achieved in several states across Europe and the world.</i></p>
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**THE IMPACT OF THE UNION BORDER ASSISTANCE MISSION  
TO MOLDOVA AND UKRAINE (EUBAM)  
ON TRANSNISTRIAN CONFLICT RESOLUTION**

<b>Abstract:</b>	<i>The purpose of the research is to show the positive impact that the Union Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) has in the peaceful settlement of the Transnistrian conflict. Through its mechanisms of monitoring, consultation and assistance and its initiatives, EUBAM contributes to the improvement of cooperation between the two banks of Dniester. Lately, the Mission puts more emphasis on the conflict and frames its annual activities around measures of conflict resolution and confidence building between Moldova and Transnistria. Although EUBAM's efforts lead to limited results, the Mission has a positive impact on the resolution of the conflict. As it works closely with the parties involved on technical problems, EUBAM is involved in solving the practical problems between the parties of the conflict. This aspect is very important as, once social and economic issues are resolved, the political settlement will come organically.</i>
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**BOOK REVIEW: THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE TRANSNISTRIAN  
CONFLICT, BY MIHAI MELINTEI**

<b>Abstract:</b>	<p><i>The volume "The Transnistrian Conflict Chronology" by Mihai Melintei, edited and printed by the ARMANIS Publishing House in Sibiu in 2018, represents the research product within the Laboratory for the Transnistrian Conflict Analysis (research structure of the "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu).</i></p> <p><i>The main goal of research is offering an analyzing and working instrument useful for both public interested in the Transnistrian problem and for those who has concerns in the area of the management of conflicts.</i></p> <p><i>We can read here the only achievement in the literature for the Transnistrian conflict, which links the event with a bibliographic source (written mainly in Romanian and Russian, but sometimes also in English or Ukrainian). And not just a source; each event has a tabular allocation for two, three or even four bibliographic sources - which gives the reader the opportunity to go to sources and deepen the subject matter of his interest, in a detailed, nuanced and objective manner.</i></p> <p><i>A final review of the bibliography used during the research, proposed by the author at the end of the paper, shows impressively: 1665 titles, which are books, studies, articles or documents.</i></p> <p><i>The book impresses throughout its dimension - to be more precisely, 450 pages in A4 format.</i></p>
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