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## *THE TRANSNISTRIAN CONFLICT*

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### **A PROPOSAL FOCUSED ON A METHOD FOR THE CALCULATION OF THE CONVERGENCE OF THE TWO BANKS OF THE DNIESTR**

<b>Abstract:</b>	<p><i>Following the armed conflict in 1992, the Moldovan society, on the left bank of the Dniester broke, from a political and administrative point of view, proclaiming itself a separate state under the name "The Moldavian Dniester Republic" – which is unrecognized until today at an international level.</i></p> <p><i>The negotiation process, started in 1992, did not produce significant convergence effects - although issues related to the everyday life of the population are resolved today at a faster pace than ever before.</i></p> <p><i>The present article aims at investigating, principally and (as much as possible) quantitatively, to what extent the</i></p>
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	<i>political divergence has evolved over two decades and a half, and to what extent it finds itself in economic, military and civil society divergences. In conclusion, we will try to evaluate the chances of a convergence process between the two banks of the Dniester in the near future.</i>
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## THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN CONFLICT AND RISKS FOR THE TRANSNISTRIAN SETTLEMENT PROCESS

<b>Abstract:</b>	<p><i>This research analyzes the confrontation between Russia and Ukraine since 2014, highlighting the major political, military, and diplomatic risks for the settlement of the Transnistrian conflict, as both countries are mediators and guarantors.</i></p> <p><i>The military phase of the conflict in Donbass, which is not over yet, is gradually evolving towards a political and diplomatic confrontation. It is fraught with protracted unsuccessful negotiations, long coordination of various documents, inclusion of secondary problems on the negotiation agenda – that is, the maximum departure from the main causes of the conflict and the key problems during its resolution.</i></p> <p><i>All this taken together reminds of the evolution of the Transnistrian settlement, which also began with documents signed by the parties to the conflict and equalizing the “metropolis” with the separatists, as well as giving the status of a mediator to the de-facto third party of the</i></p>
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	<i>conflict (Russia). An obvious analogy with the Transnistrian issue is noticeable even in the post-conflict process stages</i>
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**DYNAMICS OF THE TRANSNISTRIAN REGULATORY PROCESS  
(JANUARY – DECEMBER 2018)**

<b>Abstract:</b>	<p><i>The resulting situation at the international as well as regional level has reactivated the foreign policy of the parties (Chisinau and Tiraspol), which reacted to the provocations and the threats of the diplomatic realities in the region.</i></p> <p><i>At the moment, the negotiation process is characterized by an activation of the peaceful resolution mechanisms of the Transnistrian issue. The dynamics of the dialog between Chisinau and Tiraspol is mostly due to the necessity of creating and applying the agreements established in the Vienna Protocol on November 27<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> 2017.</i></p> <p><i>The regulation of the political problems between Chisinau and Tiraspol is related to the diplomatic capacity of the "5+2" format and is a very complex and long-term process. The uniqueness of the present situation is that for the first time there has been significant progress in the peace settlement of the Transnistrian conflict.</i></p>
<b>Keywords:</b>	<b>Republic of Moldova; Transnistria; the Transnistrian</b>

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