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- Politicile Republicii Moldova în gestionarea conflictului.

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- *The origin and evolution of the conflict;*
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- *The files negotiated (in terms of security, political, economic, human rights, as well as technical files);*
- *Description and understanding of social and institutional organizations on the left bank of the Dniester River;*
- *The Republic of Moldova's conflict management policies.*

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Title:	ILLEGAL MIGRATION ON THE CENTRAL (TRANSNISTRIAN) SEGMENT OF THE STATE BORDER OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA
Abstract:	<p><i>Currently, migration flows are the source of the increasing number of challenges and risks related to the regional and national security of states, especially on the European continent. A separated approach is also the case of the Republic of Moldova which has a portion of 453 km of border not controlled by the constitutional authorities. Illegal migration, as a component of cross-border crime, is often accompanied by human beings' traffic, arms and drugs' traffic. Illegal migration routes are constantly being reshaped, this is due to international and regional events, as well as a response to measures taken by transit states.</i></p> <p><i>This article aims to analyze the phenomenon of illegal migration from the perspective of border security and territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova, as well as identifying some solutions in ensuring border security.</i></p>
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AFACEREA CU CRIPTOMONEDE DIN TRANSNISTRIA – CADRU LEGAL, BENEFICIARI ŞI INTERESE

Title:	TRANSNISTRIAN CRYPTOCURRENCY BUSINESS - LEGAL FRAMEWORK, BENEFICIARIES AND INTERESTS
Abstract:	<p><i>Cryptocurrencies are virtual assets which have appeared relatively recently on the international market and which can be achieved through mining, a process that requires a lot of electricity consumption.</i></p> <p><i>Due to the abundance of energy resources available in Transnistria, the authorities on the left bank of the Dniester have legalized mining in order to attract foreign investment. The tax exemption and the special price for electricity offer investors optimal conditions for the location of mining farms.</i></p> <p><i>The first beneficiaries of the free economic zone created on Transnistrian territory seem to be a group of Russian oligarchs, including the son of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation Igor Ceaika. At the same time, two local companies from Transnistria carry out mining activities. Other investors interested in the benefits in Transnistria are from both European and Asian countries. However, the lack of transparency regarding investors in the free economic zone leaves room for much speculation.</i></p> <p><i>At the same time, the lack of a prompt reaction from the Chisinau authorities, as well as the import permits of the mining equipment suggest the existence of some interests of the actors on the right bank of the Dniester.</i></p>
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**ЕВРОПЕЙСКИЙ СОЮЗ И ПРИДНЕСТРОВСКИЙ КОНФЛИКТ:
ДОСТИЖЕНИЯ И ПРОСЧЕТЫ**

Title:	EUROPEAN UNION AND THE TRANSNISTRIAN CONFLICT: ACHIEVEMENTS AND CALCULATIONS
Abstract:	<i>The article analyzes policy of the European Union in relation to the Transnistrian conflict. Over the past years, the role of the EU in the Transnistrian settlement has significantly increased. The European Union is funding confidence-building measures. Transnistrian enterprises are admitted to trade with the EU countries under the Association Agreement between Moldova and the EU without changing their political status. This made it possible to change geography of Transnistrian exports. A separate direction is the implementation of the Berlin Protocol. However, so far these measures have not had a positive effect. People of Transnistria are still oriented towards Russia, and Moldova's reintegration has not been achieved.</i>
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**IDENTITATEA ETNICĂ A REPUBLICII MOLDOVA ȘI
CONFLICTUL TRANSNISTREAN (1989-1992)**

Title:	THE ETHNIC IDENTITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA AND THE TRANSNISTRIAN CONFLICT (1989-1992)
Abstract:	<i>The study addresses the ethnic identity of the Republic of Moldova in the light of the Transnistrian conflict. The primary sources used are part of the collection of local newspapers on both banks of the Nistru River in order to indicate more clearly the vision and propaganda methods used by both blocks. The study aims at clarifying the role played by the ethnic identity in this conflict and the changes this identity gone through during this event. In addition, the main strategic movements addressed by both blocks and the results that have occurred after the conflict ended are also up for discussion.</i>
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**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR ROLE
IN MAINTAINING PEACE AND BUILDING CONFIDENCE: THE
EXPERIENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

Abstract:	<i>The issues of analyzing conflict's history, mechanisms of their prevention and settlement, peace and confidence building are</i>
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	<i>more urgent than ever. Collapse of Soviet Union and the Socialist bloc is a very complex processes of systemic disintegration in the economy, legal, social and political spheres. Ethnopolitical conflicts in the form of large and small wars on ethnic and territorial grounds in Azerbaijan, Armenia, Tajikistan, Moldova, Georgia, and other post-Soviet republics have caused numerous civilian casualties. The article describes the functioning of the international organizations and their role in maintaining peace and building confidence. The Moldovan experience was mentioned as example. The article describes the role of intergovernmental organizations and participation of NGOs in preventive diplomacy and settlement of domestic and international conflicts. The article describes Confidence Building Measures Program (CBM) as the most successful activities on both banks of Republic of Moldova with the main aim to assist authorities and civil society involved in the settlement process.</i>
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**PROBLEMA TELECOMUNICAȚIILOR ÎN PROCESUL DE
REGLEMENTARE A CONFLICTULUI TRANSNISTREAN**

Title:	THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ISSUE IN THE TRANSNISTRIAN CONFLICT SETTLEMENT PROCESS
Abstract:	<i>The negotiation process, used as the basic tool for resolving the Transnistrian conflict, includes the problem of telecommunications in the agenda. Following the signing of the Peaceful Settlement of Conflict Agreement, the parties have</i>

	<p><i>developed their own telecommunications systems. However, after a long period of negotiations, the parties reached a common understanding on the importance of interaction in the field of telecommunications.</i></p> <p><i>In 2017, Chisinau and Tiraspol signed a Protocol "On measures to organize interaction in the field of telecommunications". The document stipulates the need for direct interconnection of fixed, mobile and Internet networks. During 2020, the parties deepened their regulation of the telecommunications situation, but a change, a joint move of the parties in this regard, has not yet been registered.</i></p> <p><i>Although the issue seems to be suspended, negotiations are still ongoing and little progress has been made in regulating the telecommunications situation on both banks of the Dniester.</i></p>
Keywords:	Telecommunications; transnistrian issue; Chisinau; Tiraspol; OSCE; Transnistria; Moldtelecom; Interdnestrcom; work groups; communications; digitalization.
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**ROLUL POLITIC AL CORONIMELOR „PRIDNESTROVIE” /
 ”TRANSNISTRIA”**

Title:	THE POLITICAL ROLE OF THE CHORONYMS "PRIDNESTROVIE" / "TRANSNISTRIA"
Abstract:	<i>In the self-proclaimed Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic takes place the thorough regulation of the name of the republic in different languages: in Russian – "Приднестровская Молдавская Республика"(short form «Приднестровье»), in Moldovan (with Cyrillic spelling) – "Република Молдовеняскэ</i>

	<p><i>Нистрянэ" (short form "Нистрения"), in Ukrainian - "Придністровська Молдавська Республіка" (short form "Придністров'є"), in English "Pridnestrovskaiia Moldavskaia Respublica", "Pridnestrovie", "Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic", they are also allowed choronyms "Pridnestroviien Moldavian Republic", "Transdnestrian Moldavian Republic", "Transdnestria". However, in parallel with officially established choronyms, other choronyms are used. It is primarily about the choronym "Transnistria".</i></p> <p><i>The benumerated choronyms not only express the translation / transliteration of the official name of the region, but represent an important part of the political symbolism of the self-proclaimed republic. Through the choronyms used, subjectivity is asserted in the formation of state identity and positioning in international relations. This topic is approached from the point of view of critical toponymy. The study showed that the conflict between Moldova and Pridnestrovie is also taking place in the toponymy area. The "toponymic struggle" for the use of certain choronyms pursues political objectives, as they reflect the interests of the parties to the conflict. In the Pridnestrovie weins is to the use of official choronyms, which affirm the self-proclamation of Pridnestrovie. In the Republic of Moldova, naming Pridnestrovie with choronym "Transnistria", the perception of the region as a continuity of the Transnistrian Government by the Kingdom of Romania (1941-1944) was expressed. But more of ten in the Republic of Moldova are used toponyms that require the perception of Pridnestrovie as a territory part of the Republic of Moldova.</i></p>
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REPUBLICA MOLDOVA, 2020: EVOLUȚIE ȘI IMPACT**

Title:	THE TRANSNISTRIAN VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, 2020: EVOLUTION AND IMPACT
Abstract:	<i>In the present study, we aim to analyze the context of the presidential elections in the Republic of Moldova in November 2020 and, in particular, the offer of the favorites of the campaign regarding the Transnistrian dispute. What do you propose Maia Sandu and Igor Dodon? We also follow the evolution of the presence in the Transnistrian vote starting with 1994 and until 2020. More on what is the role and impact of the Transnistrian vote for politicians on the right bank of the Dniester.</i>
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**ACTIVITATEA GRUPURILOR SECTORIALE DE LUCRU ȘI
EVOLUȚIA PROCESULUI DE REGLEMENTARE
TRANSNISTREANĂ (ANUL 2020)**

Title:	THE ACTIVITY OF THE WORK SECTORAL GROUPS AND THE EVOLUTION OF THE TRANSNISTRIAN REGULATION PROCESS (YEAR 2020)
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Abstract:	<i>The sectorial working groups have represented the hope of the Transnistrian settlement in the last years by the dynamics they had in establishing an agenda and implementing the agreed solutions, but the current developments have shown on the one hand the importance of these working tools in the settlement of conflicts on the one hand part, but also their limits on the other. The definition of the mechanisms that determine the efficiency, or on the contrary, blocks this kind of approach, unique in the landscape of conflict management, is observable in the current evolution of events in the region.</i>
Keywords:	Republic of Moldova; Transnistria; the Transnistrian conflict; Sectoral working groups
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**ASPECTE IDENTITAR RELIGIOASE ÎN REGIUNEA
TRANSNISTREANĂ. RETROSPECTIVE ȘI PERSPECTIVE**

Title:	ASPECTS OF RELIGIOUS IDENTITY IN THE TRANSNISTRIAN REGION. RETROSPECTIVES AND PERSPECTIVES
Abstract:	<i>Religion is part of the category of particularly complex and sensitive issues, all the more so in the context of a conflict in progress, such as the Transnistrian one. Due to its geographical position at the intersection of geopolitical interests, the left side of the Dniester in its historical course has attracted special attention from a religious point of</i>

	<p>view. <i>But this research aims to draw attention to the concrete potential of religion in the effort of the parties to build trust, going back through the religious history of the region to understand its identity profile and thus open perspectives for the future, in which the religious factor is involved as a partner in the effort to build trust and implicitly to resolve the conflict.</i></p>
Keywords:	Religion; Transnistria; Identity profile; the Orthodox Church; the negotiation process
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**UN VOLUM SEMNAT DE CĂTRE ALIN GVIDIANI
 COMPLETEAZĂ COLECȚIA DE INSTRUMENTE DE
 CERCETARE PUBLICATE DE CĂTRE LABORATORUL PENTRU
 ANALIZA CONFLICTULUI TRANSNISTREAN**

Title:	A VOLUME SIGNED BY ALIN GVIDIANI COMPLETES THE COLLECTION OF RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS PUBLISHED BY THE TRANSNISTRIAN CONFLICT ANALYSIS LABORATORY
Abstract:	<p><i>At TechnoMedia Publishing House from Sibiu, in 2020, appeared the work of Mr. Alin Gvidiani, "Documents and Normative Acts Related to the Process of Reglementation in Transdnistria" (238 pages), this being the result of the collaboration with the Laboratory for analysis of the Transnistrian conflict (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu).</i></p> <p><i>The book is a useful and necessary instrument for the researchers, by collecting an inventory of documents and</i></p>

	<p><i>normative acts signed and elaborated in the context of the Transnistrian regulatory process and by completing the set of foundations available to researchers who want to extend the knowledge and the interpretation of this phenomenon.</i></p> <p><i>The volume proves to be useful, especially for Romanian readers, including in extenso the content of the most important documents signed during the negotiation process, in the Romanian language.</i></p>
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