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Constantin Stere Hall

THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY - 23 OCTOBER 2026

09:00	Registration
09:30	Welcome Addresses
10:00	Keynote Presentations and Discussions (I)
11:45	Coffee Break
12:00	Keynote Presentations and Discussions (II)
13:30	Lunch
14:30	Presentations and Discussions (I)
16:15	Coffee Break
16:30	Presentations and Discussions (II)
18:00	Closing Remarks
18:30	End of the Conference



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OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

09:30 – 10:00

Mihnea Cosmin COSTOIU, Rector, POLITEHNICA Bucharest

Mircea ABRUDEAN, President, Romanian Senate

Titus CORLĂȚEAN, The President of the Committee on Foreign Policy, Romanian Senate

Ion-Cristinel RUJAN, Chairman of the Committee on Legal Affairs, Appointments, Discipline, Immunities and Validations, Romanian Senate

Aoife NOLAN, The President of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

Simona BUCURA-OPRESCU, Quaestor of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies

Dumitru COSTIN, The President of the National Trade Union Bloc

Jean-Michel SERVAIS, The President of the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law

Ion JINGA, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Romania to the Council of Europe

Radu MARINESCU, Minister, Ministry of Justice

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (I)

10:00 – 11:45

Moderator: Titus CORLĂTEAN

Aoife NOLAN, The President of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
The Past, Present and Future of the European Social Charter System?

Titus CORLĂȚEAN, The President of the Committee on Foreign Policy, Romanian Senate
The impact of Artificial Intelligence on the future of Work and social rights

Alexandru ATHANASIU, Professor Emeritus, University of Bucharest, Former Minister of Labour and Social Protection, Former Member of the European Committee of Social Rights
The contribution of the European Social Charter to the development of the social rights

Tatiana PUIU, Vicepresident of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
Forced Labour and Labour Exploitation under the European Social Charter

George THEODOSIS, Vicepresident of European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
Freedom to Organise, Power to Bargain: Collective Labour Rights under the European Social Charter

COFFEE BREAK

11:45 – 12:00

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (II)

12:00 – 13:30

Moderators: Carmen Constantina NENU & Ana Maria VLĂSCEANU

Ana Claudia MOARCĂȘ, Professor, University of Bucharest, Former Minister of Labour, Family, Social Protection and the Elderly
The Legal Architecture of Social Europe: The Place and Role of the European Social Charter in Relation to EU Law

Magda VOLONCIU, Professor, Titu Maiorescu University, Bucharest
The collective exercise of individual social rights

Mario VINKOVIC, Member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
Gender equality in the light of Article 11 of the European Social Charter'

Ana Maria VLĂSCEANU, Professor, Vice-Rector University of Bucharest, Vice-President of the Romanian Society of Labour Law and Social Security
Who actually won after *Laval*? An assessment after nearly 20 years

Carmen Constantina NENU, Member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
The Revised European Social Charter in Romania, between protection and vulnerability of social rights

Roxana BĂRBULESCU, President, INOVIS Association, Elena JIANU, Professor, POLITEHNICA Bucharest
From Social Rights to Social Reality: The Shared Responsibility of Civil Society and Business

Gabriel PETREA, Member of the Advisory Council for the Assessment of the Impact of Normative Acts
Impact Assessment as a Guarantee of Non-Regression in Social Rights: What Romania Should Do

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (II)

12:00 – 13:30

Moderators: Carmen Constantina NENU & Ana Maria VLĂSCEANU

Marius Claudiu LANGA, Dean of the Faculty of Educational Sciences, Social Sciences and Psychology, Adriana Nicoleta LAZAR, Sofia Loredana TUDOR, Professors, POLITEHNICA Bucharest
Pupils' Rights: Guaranteed and/or upheld? An Analysis of the Gap Between the Legal Framework and School Practice

LUNCH BREAK

13:30 – 14:30

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (I)

14:30 – 16:15

Moderator: Raluca DIMITRIU

Raluca DIMITRIU, Professor, University of Economic Studies, Bucharest
The Penetration of the Human Rights Movement into Labour Law. The Role of the European Social Charter

Marieta SAFTA, President of the Board of Directors Romanian Association of Constitutional Law
The Revised European Social Charter in Romanian Constitutional Review

Alma CIORNEI, Vice President of the Bucharest Tribunal

Cornelia Elena OLTEANU, The President of the Argeș Tribunal

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (I)

14:30–16:15

Moderator: Raluca DIMITRIU

Monica GHEORGHE, Professor, Lucian Blaga University, Coordinator – RACSE Romania
Article H of the Revised European Social Charter: the more favorable standard works both ways. The case of maternity protection

Corneliu BENȚE, President of the National Union of Labour Law Experts
Access to collective representation of workers in Romanian law: thresholds, mandates and regulatory coherence

Andrei PĂNOIU, Senior Legal Advisor, Transilvania Bank
When the Exercise of Rights Becomes Abusive: Brief Reflections on Unprincipled Conduct in Housing and Professional Contexts

Felicia ROȘIORU, Professor, Babeș-Bolyai University
The European Social Charter and the protection of people with disabilities - ONLINE

Emil-Mihai PAȘOLEA, Deputy of the People's Advocate
The Ombudsman and the judicial control of the administration. Protection of the right to paid annual leave in light of the revised European Social Charter – ONLINE

Maria Roxana MUNTEAN, Judge, Sibiu Tribunal
Social rights of judges - ONLINE

Loredana MUSCALU, Professor, Member of Romanian Society for Labour and Social Security Law
The Right to Dignity at Work and Equal Pay under the Revised European Social Charter and European Union Law

COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 16:30

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (II)

16:30 – 18:00
Moderator: Andreea TABACU

Yusuf BALCI, Member of European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
"Social Policies in the Process of Transition to the Information Society" – ONLINE

Kristine DUPATE, General Rapporteur, European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
The concepts of working time and rest periods under the EU law and European Social Charter: qualification of on-call periods - ONLINE

Alla FEDEROVA, Member of European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
The Evolution of the European Social Charter System: Redefining the Role of the Collective Complaints Procedure – ONLINE

Jakub MORAVEK, Professor, Charles University in Prague
The Role of Employees' Representatives in the Realisation of Social Rights – ONLINE

Vasile Septimiu PANAINTE, Professor, Faculty of Law, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași
How Relevant Are References to the European Social Charter in Recent Romanian Case Law? - ONLINE

Stefano ANGELERI, Professor, University of Limerick, ANESC general coordinator
What does the Social Charter system tell us about the intertwined relationship between health, well-being and migration? ONLINE

Eduard Georgian Mihai CĂRPINIȘ, President of Association Students Today, Leaders Tomorrow
Acceptance of the new provisions of the European Social Charter and the Protocol on collective complaints, the path to strengthening social rights in Romania

Mădălina Ani IORDACHE, Secretary General of the Romanian Society of Labour Law and Social Security
The European Social Charter and European Union law from the perspective of the principle of non-discrimination: a common standard, two guarantee mechanisms and the national judge between them – ONLINE

Andreea Elena TABACU, Professor, POLITEHNICA Bucharest
The European Social Charter in the Romanian Legal Order: Judicial Application, Monitoring Mechanisms, and Prospects for Development

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS (II)

Andreea DRĂGHICI, Professor, POLITEHNICA Bucharest
Children's Right to Education in the light of the Revised European Social Charter

Daniela IANCU, Professor, POLITEHNICA Bucharest
The evolution of the European social model. History, values, perspectives on its 30th anniversary of the Revised European Social Charter

Carmina Elena TOLBARU, Professor, POLITEHNICA Bucharest
The right of domestic workers to occupational health and safety in the light of Revised European Social Charter. Vulnerability of the national legislation

Florina Ramona DUMINICĂ, Professor, POLITEHNICA Bucharest
Children's Right to a Healthy Environment in the Context of Climate Change. States' Positive Obligations under the Revised European Social Charter

Amelia-Veronica GHEOCULESCU, Professor, POLITEHNICA Bucharest
From Contractual Rights to Social Rights: Rethinking Passenger Protection in the Light of the Revised European Social Charter. The Romanian Perspective

Andra Nicoleta PURAN, Professor, POLITEHNICA Bucharest
Automated Welfare Administration and the Effective Protection of Social Rights under the Revised European Social Charter

CLOSING REMARKS

18:00 – 18:30

END OF THE CONFERENCE

18:30