CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

5 November 2026

OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION

09:00-10:00	Registration, coffee and seating
10:00-10:05	Opening
10:05-10:25	Welcome addresses
10:25-10:55	Keynote address
10:55-11:05	Group photograph
11:05-12:00	Coffee break
11:05-12:00	Exhibition
12:00-13:30	Lunch

Room 118, Centre for the Study of Extremism and Terrorism
Panel I: Geopolitical and Political Dimensions of Defence and Security in a Changing World

Moderator: Colonel Associate professor Dimitar Dimitrov, PhD Co-moderator: Professor Haldun Yalçınkaya, PhD

13:30 -14:30	IMPACT OF THE MACROECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT ON SECURITY AND DEFENCE Katya Peycheva
	OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND MINE COUNTERMEASURES CAPACITY IN THE BLACK SEA: REGIONAL CASE STUDIES, DEFICITS AND DOCTRINAL REALITIES Krasimir Angelov
	THE GEOPOLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF MILITARY-HISTORICAL COMPARATIVISTICS: METHODOLOGICAL AND APPLIED ASPECTS Radoslav Bonev
	TEACHING PHILOSOPHY AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY: DIDACTIC CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES Radoslav Bonev
	GEOPOLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF THE STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES TO THE SECURITY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION Viktoriya Vutova
14:30- 15:00	DISCUSSION
15:00- 15:30	COFFEE BREAK

RAKOVSKI AUDITORIUM
Panel II: Capabilities, Strategies and Operational Art in Response to New Challenges

Moderator: Associate professor Valentina Georgieva, PhD
Co-Moderator: Colonel Associate professor Daniel Roman, PhD

13:30 -14:30	FROM SATSUMA SAMURAI TO MEIJI JAPAN: A SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF THE PARTICIPATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF SEIGO YAMAZAWA IN THE LIBERATION OF BULGARIA Ivan Botev, Atanas Vladikov

	IRON HAND, VELVET GLOVE: TOWARD BUILDING A PERMANENT REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Adelina Zhiyanski
	FROM COMPETITIVE INTELLIGENCE TO RISK INTELLIGENCE: REFRAMING INTELLIGENCE FOR DECISION ADVANTAGE UNDER UNCERTAINTY Georgi Dimitrov
	MILITARY HISTORY AS A POTENTIAL MECHANISM OF CIVIC IDENTITY FORMATION: PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS OF PATRIOTIC EDUCATION IN KAZAKHSTAN AND THE BULGARIAN EXPERIENCE Yelvira Ibadullayeva
	OPERATIONAL-LEVEL DECISION MAKING: UNCERTAINTY DECREASING TOOLS Colonel Associate Professor Daniel ROMAN Lieutenant-colonel Associate Professor Claudiu-Valer Nistorescu
14:30- 15:00	DISCUSSION
15:00- 15:30	COFFEE BREAK

Room 222, Department of Distance Learning, Language Training and Qualification
Panel III: Education, Training and Research for Proactive Adaptation of Defence andSecurity Systems

Moderator: Lieutenant Colonel Associate Professor PhD Христо Георгиев

13:30 -14:30	PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS AND PROPOSALS FOR BULGARIA Ivan Genchev Kutelov
	HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE MISSION COMMAND CONCEPT Veselin Georgiev Georgiev
	CONTINUING CARE FOR BATTLEFIELD VICTIMS: APPLICATION OF A PRELIMINARY DONOR RESERVE TO PROVIDE WHOLE BLOOD Antonia Pushkarova
	CONTEMPORARY DIMENSIONS OF ARMENIAN-AZERBAIJANI RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN SECURITY Dimitar Drinkov
	OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN AIRPORT BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEMS Elena Stoyanova
14:30- 15:00	DISCUSSION
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Moderator: Lieutenant Colonel Associate Professor PhD Nikolay Nedev

15:30- 16:30	THE PRIVATIZATION OF WAR: PRIVATE MILITARY COMPANIES AS A FACTOR FOR DEFENSE AND SECURITY IN A CHANGING WORLD Zapryan Valkov
	MICRO-ALLIANCES – MILITARY-ECONOMIC SYMBIOSIS IN THE SECURITY ENVIRONMENT Valeri Todorov

	IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ON THE ECONOMY AND DEFENSE Vladislav Vasilev
	Civic resilience in the context of cognitive impacts on the public consciousness of Bulgarians in the Western Balkans Denitsa Kitanova
16:30 - 17:00	DISCUSSION

RAKOVSKI AUDITORIUM
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Moderator: доцент PhD Ivan Hristozov

15:30- 16:30	CONDITIONS FOR THE SUCCESSFUL REALIZATION OF EVOLVING C5ISR SYSTEMS WITH OPEN ARCHITECTURE Ivan P. Ivanov, Alexander Kolev, Ivan Chakarov
	LOCAL WIRELESS NETWORKS BASED ON TECHNOLOGIES OF SIXTH-GENERATION CELLULAR SYSTEMS (6G LAN): FEATURES, ARCHITECTURE AND PROSPECTS Ivan P. Ivanov, Alexander Kolev, Ivan Chakarov
	NETWORK-CENTRIC SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS IN MINE COUNTERMEASURES Krasimir Angelov
	THE DIGITAL DIMENSIONS OF RIGHT-RIGHT EXTREMISM: ONLINE RADICALIZATION, DISINFORMATION AND RISKS TO BULGARIA'S INTERNAL SECURITY Ivelina Dundakova
	SCREENING OF RISK PROFILES AT THE STATE BORDER OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR PREVENTING THREATS TO NATIONAL SECURITY Mohamed Nasri
16:30 - 17:00	DISCUSSION

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Moderator: Colonel Associate Professor PhD Zhivo Petrov

15:30- 16:30	INTERACTION BETWEEN CYBERSECURITY AND MODERN TRENDS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Dimitar Malkochev
	THE U-SPACE CHALLENGE FOR STATE FLIGHTS WITH UNMANNED AIRCRAFT Hristo Stanev
	DYNAMICS OF THE RESILIENCE OF BULGARIAN SOCIETY AGAINST INFORMATION INFLUENCE AND DISINFORMATION: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS 2023–2025 Petko Dimov
	A NEW MODEL FOR AVIATION SECURITY ORGANISATION AND MANAGEMENT AT VASIL LEVSKI SOFIA AIRPORT: FROM TRADITION TO INNOVATION Albena Popova
	NEW CONCEPT AND NEW SOLUTION TO THE FPV DRONE PROBLEM AND DRONE PROTECTION OF CRITICAL, MILITARY, AND CIVILIAN INFRASTRUCTURE Valentin Karavalchev, Alexander Stefanov
16:30 - 17:00	DISCUSSION

6 November 2026

08:30-09:00	Registration and coffee break

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Moderator: Professor PhD Georgi Dimov

09:00-10:00	STRATEGIC FORESIGHT FOR CRISIS PREPAREDNESS AND DETERRENCE ON NATO'S EASTERN FLANK: COMPARATIVE MODELS AND DIMENSIONS OF BULGARIA'S NATIONAL RESILIENCE Denitsa Hinkova
	ALTERNATIVES FOR MANAGING WAR RISK TO MERCHANT SHIPPING IN CONFLICT ZONES Ivan Valkov
	THEORETICAL ASPECTS OF STRATEGIC STABILITY THROUGH THE PRISM OF THE CONTEMPORARY SECURITY ENVIRONMENT Yordanka Savova
	Predictability Problems of System States Under Unstable Environmental Conditions Valentin Vasilev
	Forces as a factor of multidomain environment Valentin Vasilev
10:00-10:30	DISCUSSION

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Moderator: Colonel Associate Professor PhD Georgi Marinov

09:00-10:00	Periphery or Strategic Crossroads: Is the Role of Southeastern Europe in European Security Changing? Nevena Aleksieva
	INFLUENCE OF SPATIAL-TEMPORAL FACTORS, THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT, AND LOGISTICAL DEFICITS ON OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES DURING LONG-DISTANCE POLAR SAILINGS Nikolay Danailov
	Long-Range Strikes as a Means of Achieving Long-Term Operational-Strategic Objectives in the Ukraine War Plamen Plamenov Dyakov, Dimo Krasimirov Savov
	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE DECISION-MAKING SUPPORT SYSTEM WITHIN THE SECURITY AND DEFENCE SYSTEM Deyan Ivanov
	FROM STATE TO RELATION: THE STRATEGIZATION OF ECONOMIC SECURITY UNDER STRATEGIC INTERDEPENDENCE Stanimir Stanev
10:00-10:30	DISCUSSION

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Moderator: Colonel Associate Professor PhD Petar Stoilov

09:00-10:00	SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE PROVISION FOR AUTONOMOUS UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS Sevdalin Stoykov, Venelin Rashkov, Alexander Kolev, Ivan Ivanov
	AI-DRIVEN DEEP-STRIKES VIA UAVs IN THE WAR IN UKRAINE: NEW CAPABILITIES AND OPERATIONAL ART Valentin Peychev
	Management of Modeling and Simulation Systems in the Bulgarian Military Education System Anatoli Palev
	INDICATOR APPROACH FOR QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF TRAINING RESULTS IN HIGHER MILITARY EDUCATION Boti Vidolov
10:00-10:30	DISCUSSION
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE BREAK

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Moderator: доцент PhD Nikola Stoyanov

11:00 -12:00	AUTOMATED SOLUTIONS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS IN CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT Ilina Kozarova-Armencheva, Miroslava Mladenova
	THE USE OF VIRTUAL REALITY IN THE TACTICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY Neviana Petkova
	CAUSAL CONTRIBUTION AND THE LIMITS OF CAUSAL INFERENCE IN THE STUDY OF REALIZED LOSSES IN THE FIELD OF NATIONAL SECURITY Nikolay Todorov Iliev
	DECLASSIFICATION OF INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AS AN INSTRUMENT OF STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS Temenuga Hasekieva
	Governability in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: A Cybernetic Reading of the Risks Nikolay Nikolov
12:00-12:30	DISCUSSION

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Moderator: Professor PhD Dimitar Nedevski

11:00 -12:00	SCHENGEN AS A GEOPOLITICAL RISK-MULTIPLIER: THE PROLIFERATION OF ADDITIVELY MANUFACTURED FIREARMS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE AND THE SECURITY OF NATO'S EASTERN FLANK Dimitar Rangelov, Chavdar Georgiev

	THREE-DIMENSIONALLY PRINTED FIREARMS AS AN EMERGING SECURITY CHALLENGE: ACCESSIBILITY, DETECTION AND INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSES WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR BULGARIA AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE Dimitar Rangelov, Chavdar Georgiev
	SECURITY, POVERTY, CLIMATE: WHY PEOPLE MIGRATE Hristo Marukov
	Labor migration – nothing to worry about, viewed from both sides Hristo Marukov
	CONFIGURATIONS OF REALIZED LOSSES AND DOUBLE-COUNTING CONTROL IN THE FIELD OF NATIONAL SECURITY Nikolay Todorov Iliev
12:00-12:30	DISCUSSION

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11:00 -12:00	THE ADAPTATION OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS IN THE BULGARIAN ARMY AND THE CHALLENGES FACING THE LAND FORCES Kalin Gradev
	RESILIENCE AS A FORM OF REDUCING RISK AND UNCERTAINTY IN THE MILITARY SPHERE Kalin Gradev
	SYSTEMS APPROACH TO C-UAS OPERATIONS Lyubosvet Stoev, Zhivo B. Petrov
	LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATIONAL APPROACHES TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS IN THE ERA OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE Stoyan Chervenyakov
	COMMUNICATION MODELS OF THE INFLUENCE OF MEDIA INFORMATION ON SPORTS AS AN ELEMENT OF NATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY Kubrat Venkov Pulev
12:00-12:30	DISCUSSION

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12:45-13:00	Closing of the Conference by the Deputy Commandant for Academic and Research Affairs of the Rakovski National Defence College Colonel Associate Professor Petar Marinov, DSc