











Call for Papers

1st International Conference for Young Researchers in Humanities and Social Sciences (IC-YRHSS)

Interdisciplinary Horizons: Tradition, Innovation, and the Future of Human Societies

14-16 November 2025 University of Alba Iulia, Romania

Institute for Doctoral Studies, 1 Decembrie 1918 University of Alba Iulia

in cooperation with,

Centre for Research and Innovation in Linguistic Education, University of Alba Iulia University of Madeira, Portugal Centre of English Studies, Faculty of Philosophy, University of East Sarajevo Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova

are pleased to announce

the 1st International Conference for Young Researchers in Humanities and Social Sciences (IC-YRHSS), to be held from 14 to 16 November 2025 in Alba Iulia, Romania.

This inaugural edition of IC-YRHSS seeks to bring together early-career scholars, PhD candidates, and postdoctoral researchers to explore the dynamic intersections of tradition and innovation across the humanities and social sciences. The conference aims to foster critical dialogue around how technological change, artificial intelligence, global communication, and **shifting societal paradigms** are reshaping the understanding and study of human experience.

We welcome original contributions in the following **thematic fields**:

Philology

- Language and communication in the digital age
- AI and literature: creation, analysis, and ethics
- Cultural identity and transformation in globalized contexts
- Translation studies in a multilingual, interconnected world











History and Archaeology

- Reinterpreting the past through digital tools and AI
- Heritage in the age of mass communication
- Memory, identity, and historical narratives
- Archaeological data and digital reconstruction

Religious Studies

- Religion, media, and contemporary discourse
- AI ethics and spiritual perspectives
- Interfaith communication and conflict resolution
- The role of sacred texts in the postmodern world

Economics

- Human behavior, digital markets, and AI-driven economies
- Social inequality and economic transformation
- Economic narratives and data in historical context
- Communication and perception in economic policy

We encourage submissions that adopt interdisciplinary approaches, propose innovative methodologies, or address the impact of emerging technologies on classical disciplines. Whether rooted in empirical research, theoretical exploration, or applied studies, proposals should reflect a strong commitment to academic rigor and contemporary relevance.

Important Dates:

- Deadline for abstract submission: 01 November 2025
- Notification of acceptance: 03 November 2025
- Conference dates: 14–16 November 2025

Submission Guidelines:

- Abstracts should be 250–300 words, accompanied by keywords and a short bio (max. 150 words).
- Send submissions to: yrhss@uab.ro

Conference language: English

A selection of (extended) papers (5000-8000 words) will be published in the Journal of Young Researchers in Humanities and Social Sciences (JYR-HSS), a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary academic journal dedicated to showcasing the work of emerging scholars, including doctoral













students, early-career researchers, and recent postgraduates. It provides a platform for innovative, critical, and original contributions across key areas of the humanities and social sciences.

The journal promotes interdisciplinary dialogue, encourages fresh perspectives on traditional fields, and supports the professional development of young academics through rigorous editorial and peer review processes.

CONFERENCE VENUE:

The conference venue will be the University of Alba Iulia; address: Alba Iulia, Gabriel Bethlen Street, no. 5, Postcode: 510009. The venue offers all necessary presentation facilities, including laptops and projectors, and internet access.

Early bird registration fee - 80 Euro (400 lei), payable by 25 October 2025. Standard registration fee - 90 Euro (450 lei), payable by 05 November 2025.

Partial Conference Fee Waivers for PhD Students

To support equitable participation and reduce financial barriers, the IC-YRHSS -2025 organizing committee is offering a limited number of partial fee waivers (up to 50%) for eligible PhD students. Partial fee waivers may be considered, upon request, for:

- Fee-paying PhD students who are not supported by university-funded grants or scholarships
- PhD students from disadvantaged or low-income countries
- Students with limited personal or institutional financial resources

We encourage applications from students for whom the standard registration fee represents a significant financial challenge. Waiver requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and applicants may be asked to provide a brief statement of need.

To request a partial fee waiver, please email <u>yrhss@uab.ro</u> with the following information:

- Your full name and institutional affiliation
- Proof of current PhD student status
- A short explanation (2–3 sentences) of your financial circumstances or lack of access to funding

All information provided will be treated confidentially and used only for the purpose of assessing eligibility.

We hope this initiative will help support broader and more inclusive participation in IC-YRHSS -2025.

For questions, feel free to contact us at yrhss@uab.ro











Join us in **Alba Iulia**, a city rich in history and intellectual tradition, as we explore how young scholars can shape the future of the humanities and social sciences in an increasingly complex world.

For more information, visit: https://www.uab.ro/facultate/6-scoala-doctorala/postari/371-iosud-conferinte/



REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

Registration is effected through email at yrhss@uab.ro. Please fill in the Registration form in .doc format (including abstract, key words, minimal bibliography, and a bionote), and send it via email at yrhss@uab.ro. The recommended abstract structure should contain: problem statement and research methods and instruments, key results and conclusion, minimal references.

Conference fee covers conference pack (Programme and Book of Abstracts), refreshments and coffee breaks, lunches on 14th, 15th and 16th November, access to internet facilities.

Fees should be transferred to the accounts below with the reference "SURNAME_NAME_IC-YRHSS-2025". Please instruct your bank to apply exchange rates as on the transfer date. Please make sure the amount transferred is clear of bank charges.

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PROGRAMME AND BOOK OF ABSTRACTS

An electronic version of the programme will be e-mailed to registered participants by 09 November 2025. Hard copies of both the programme and book of abstracts will be included in your conference pack.

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- 03 November 2025, notification of acceptance (following peer review by the members of the scientific committee);
- 25 October 2025, early bird registration fee due;
- 05 November 2025 standard registration fee due;
- 09 November 2025, final conference programme.
- 14 16 November 2025, conference dates;
- 15 January 2025, full contributions due.

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