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The Baltic States and Regional Security

INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

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Europe in a Changing Security Order: Baltic–Nordic Cooperation,
Regional Resilience, and Strategic Agency

DATE >>

7-8 April
2027

LOCATION >>

General Jonas Žemaitis
Military Academy of Lithuania,
Šilas str. 5, Vilnius

FORMAT >>

On-site International Scientific
Conference

Working language: English • Participation fee: None • Coffee breaks provided

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE >>

The Second International Scientific Conference “**The Baltic States and Regional Security**”, organized by the **General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania**, seeks to bring together established scholars, early-career researchers, doctoral candidates, and policy practitioners to examine the evolving dynamics of European security and Europe’s role in a changing international order. The conference is conceived as an scientific forum for theoretically informed, empirically grounded, and policy-relevant discussion of the strategic challenges shaping Europe, its neighbourhood, and the Baltic–Nordic region.

Building on the previous conference’s focus on regional security in the transatlantic context, the upcoming conference will place stronger emphasis on the European dimension of contemporary security debates. At a time of profound geopolitical, military, and societal transformation, Europe is increasingly called upon to act not only as a security community, but also as a strategic player capable of defining priorities, developing capabilities, strengthening resilience, and responding to crises in its wider neighbourhood and beyond. Lithuania’s forthcoming Presidency of the Council of the European Union provides a particularly timely context for reflecting on Europe’s political leadership, strategic agency, and capacity to shape the international security environment.

Within this broader European framework, the conference will also highlight the growing relevance of Baltic–Nordic cooperation and the NB8 format. The Baltic and Nordic states occupy a strategically important position in Europe’s security architecture, linking regional, European, and transatlantic dimensions of deterrence, defence planning, resilience, and crisis response. Their experiences in total defence, societal preparedness, military adaptation, support for Ukraine, and regional coordination offer important insights into the wider transformation of European security.

The conference will examine European security from multiple analytical perspectives, including the transformation of the European security order, the development of European defence capabilities, the future of deterrence and resilience, the implications of Russia’s war against Ukraine, the challenges posed by strategic adversaries and hybrid threats, and the contribution of Baltic–Nordic cooperation to Europe’s security and defence agenda.

The conference programme will address themes of critical importance to scholars and practitioners of international relations, security studies, defence policy, and regional studies. By encouraging academic exchange across disciplines, institutions, and career stages, the conference aims to advance scholarly debate, support the development of new research agendas, and strengthen the dialogue between scientific analysis and policy practice.

By bringing together diverse scientific and expert perspectives, the conference seeks to generate a deeper understanding of Europe’s role in the contemporary international arena and of the strategic challenges shaping the future of European security. It provides a platform for rigorous scholarly discussion on how Europe can respond to an increasingly complex security environment while drawing on regional experiences, Baltic–Nordic cooperation, institutional capacities, and strategic partnerships.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PANEL PROPOSALS >>

The conference welcomes contributions from established scholars, early-career researchers, and doctoral candidates. Submissions may take the form of individual paper proposals or panel proposals (minimum three participants).

CONFERENCE THEMES >>

- >> Europe's Strategic Role in a Changing International Order
- >> Transatlantic Relations and U.S. Engagement in European Security
- >> Baltic–Nordic Cooperation and the NB8 Security Agenda
- >> European Defence, Deterrence, and Capability Development
- >> Total Defence, Societal Resilience, and Civil Preparedness
- >> Russia's War against Ukraine and the Future of European Security
- >> Strategic Adversaries, Hybrid Threats, and Regional Vulnerabilities
- >> Military Innovation, Emerging Technologies, and Defence Transformation
- >> Lithuania's Security Partnerships: Alliances, Strategic Cooperation, and Minilateral Formats
- >> Lithuania's EU Presidency and the Future of European Security Policy

WHY SUBMIT?

- Engage in a focused, high-level scientific forum on Baltic–Nordic and Euro-Atlantic security.
- Receive rigorous scholarly feedback and participate in substantive academic exchange.
- Network with established scholars, early-career researchers, and doctoral candidates.
- Publication opportunity: selected papers will be invited for submission to the peer-reviewed Scopus-indexed (Q3) Scientific journal Lithuanian Annual Strategic Review.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND REVIEW PROCESS >>

Paper proposals should include:

- >> Name, institutional affiliation, and email address
- >> Proposed paper title
- >> Thematic section
- >> Abstract (approximately 300 words)
- >> Short biographical note (up to 150 words)
- >> Portrait photo

Panel proposals should include:

- >> Name, institutional affiliation, and email of the panel chair
- >> Panel title and thematic summary (approximately 300 words)
- >> Thematic section
- >> Names, institutional affiliations, emails, and short bios (up to 150 words) of panelists

All submissions will be reviewed by the conference's Scientific committee.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission deadline: 10 January 2027
- Notification of acceptance: 26 January 2027
- Presenter/author registration deadline: 16 February 2027
- Preliminary program available: 1 March 2027
- Conference dates: 7-8 April 2027
- Manuscript deadline for publication consideration: 15 May 2027

PUBLICATIONS >>

A selection of high-quality conference papers will be invited for submission to the peer-reviewed Scopus-indexed (Q3) Scientific journal Lithuanian Annual Strategic Review. Manuscripts will be subject to the scientific journal's standard peer-review and editorial procedures.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION >>

- >> There is no conference fee.
- >> Coffee breaks, dinner and lunch will be provided by the organizers.
- >> Complimentary social evening.
- >> The organizers do not cover travel and/or accommodation costs.

SUBMISSION AND CONTACT >>

Submit proposals to: <https://forum.lka.lt/brs-conference-registration/>

Contact email: brs2027@lka.lt

