Call for Papers

2nd International Conference for Young Researchers in Humanities and Social Sciences (IC-YRHSS-2026)

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Organised by the **Institute for Doctoral Studies, *1 Decembrie 1918* University of Alba Iulia**, in cooperation with
Centre for Research and Innovation in Linguistic Education, *1 Decembrie 1918* University of Alba Iulia
University of Madeira, Portugal · Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Republic of Moldova
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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Following its inaugural edition in 2025, the second edition of IC-YRHSS brings together **PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers and early-career scholars** to present their ongoing research and engage in interdisciplinary dialogue across the humanities and social sciences. The conference offers an open forum in which young researchers can share their findings, test new ideas and methodologies, and receive feedback from peers and established scholars.

Conference language: English

THEMATIC FIELDS

We welcome original contributions in the following four fields, which are given equal weight in the programme:

Language and Literature

- Linguistics: theoretical and applied approaches
- Literary studies: Romanian, comparative and world literatures
- Translation and interpreting studies
- Discourse analysis, rhetoric and communication
- Language teaching and learning in intercultural contexts
- Cultural studies and identity

History and Archaeology

- Ancient, medieval, modern and contemporary history
- Archaeology and heritage studies
- Political, social and cultural history
- Memory, identity and historical narratives
- Historiography and historical methodology
- Digital approaches to the past

Theology and Religious Studies

- Biblical studies and patristics
- Systematic and practical theology
- Church history
- Religion, society and contemporary culture
- Interreligious and intercultural dialogue
- Religious art, music and heritage

Economics and Business Studies

- Economic theory and applied economics
- Finance, banking and public finance
- Business administration, management and marketing
- Accounting, auditing and corporate governance
- Sustainable and regional development
- Digital transformation of economies and organisations

Interdisciplinary Perspectives

We particularly encourage contributions that bridge fields and methods, such as the language of economic and political discourse, religion and literature, digital humanities, cultural and religious heritage as an economic resource, or the ethical, social and cultural impact of new technologies. Whether rooted in empirical research, theoretical exploration or applied studies, proposals should reflect a strong commitment to academic rigour and contemporary relevance.

SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION

Registration and abstract submission take place exclusively through the online registration form:

► **IC-YRHSS-2026 Registration Form**

When completing the form, please be prepared to provide:

- participant details: full name, academic position, affiliation, email address and a short biographical note (max. 100 words, third person);
- paper details: title and authorship (sole or jointly authored); for jointly authored papers, the details of all co-authors;
- an abstract of **200–300 words** in English, with **4–5 keywords** and **5–10 references** formatted according to **APA style (7th edition)**;
- invoice details, if an invoice is required.

The recommended abstract structure is: problem statement and research objectives; research methods and instruments; key results and conclusion. After submitting the form, you will receive a confirmation email. If it does not arrive within 24 hours, please check your Spam/Junk folder or contact us at yrhss@uab.ro.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Deadline
12 November 2026	Early bird registration fee due
14 November 2026	Abstract submission (via the registration form)
15 November 2026	Notification of acceptance, following review by the Scientific Committee
18 November 2026	Standard registration fee due; final conference programme sent to participants
20–22 November 2026	Conference
1 February 2027	Extended manuscripts due for submission to YRHSS

PUBLICATION

Authors of selected conference papers will be invited to submit extended manuscripts (research articles of **6,000–8,000 words**, including references) to *Young Researchers in Humanities and Social Sciences* (YRHSS) by **1 February 2027**, following the journal's Instructions for Authors. All submissions undergo double-anonymised peer review; an invitation to submit does not constitute acceptance for publication.

YRHSS is a newly launched open-access journal published by the Institute for Doctoral Studies, *1 Decembrie 1918* University of Alba Iulia, and dedicated to the work of doctoral candidates, early-career researchers and recent PhD holders. It aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue, encourage fresh perspectives on established fields, and support the professional development of young academics.

CONFERENCE FEES AND PAYMENT

Fee	Amount	Payable by
Early bird registration	**80 EUR (400 RON)**	12 November 2026
Standard registration	**90 EUR (450 RON)**	18 November 2026

The conference fee covers the conference pack (Programme and Book of Abstracts), refreshments and coffee breaks, lunches on 20, 21 and 22 November, and internet access.

Co-authored papers: only one registration fee is paid per paper, regardless of the number of co-authors. All co-authors should be listed in the registration form.

Please transfer the fee with the reference **SURNAME_NAME_IC-YRHSS-2026**. Please instruct your bank to apply the exchange rate of the transfer date, and make sure the amount transferred is clear of bank charges. If you need an invoice, please request it in the registration form.

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Currency	Participants	IBAN
RON	Romanian participants	RO45RNCB0003145211750001
EUR	Foreign participants	RO36RNCB0014145211750001

PARTIAL FEE WAIVERS FOR PHD STUDENTS

To support equitable participation, the Organising Committee offers a limited number of **partial fee waivers (up to 50%)** for eligible PhD students. 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;
- PhD students with limited personal or institutional financial resources.

Requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To apply, please email yrhss@uab.ro with your full name and institutional affiliation, proof of current PhD student status, and 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 to assess eligibility.

VENUE, PROGRAMME AND CONTACT

Venue: *1 Decembrie 1918* University of Alba Iulia, 5 Gabriel Bethlen Street, 510009 Alba Iulia, Romania. The venue offers all necessary presentation facilities, including laptops, projectors and internet access.

Programme and Book of Abstracts: an electronic version of the programme will be emailed to registered participants by 18 November 2026. Printed copies of the programme and the Book of Abstracts will be included in the conference pack.

Contact: please direct all queries to the conference secretariat at yrhss@uab.ro.

More information: https://www.uab.ro/facultate/6-scoala-doctorala/postari/371-iosud-conferinte/

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.

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