

Doctoral Research Topics Proposals - Field: International Relations and European Studies (RISE)

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1. Digital cultural diplomacy and Romania's image

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2. Marinescu, V. (2018). *Cultural diplomacy and nation branding in the 21st century: Concepts, practices and strategies*. Routledge
3. Meissen, J. (2020). *Rethinking public diplomacy in the digital age*. Clingendael Institute.
4. Stoica, V. (2021). *Romania's image in the international press and digital public diplomacy*. Tritonic Publishing House.
5. Zaharna, R.S. (2022). *The soft power 30 and the rise of digital cultural diplomacy*. *Journal of Public Diplomacy*, 3(1), 1-22

2. Information warfare and Russia's strategic influence in Eastern Europe

1. Giles, K. (2016). *Russia's "new" tools for confronting the West: Continuity and innovation in Moscow's exercise of power*. Chatham House
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5. European External Action Service- East StratCom Task Force, (2024). *EUvsDisinfo Review*. Retrieved from <https://euvsdisinfo.eu>

3. Digital democracy and European youth: the role of social media platforms in shaping political and civic opinion

1. Chadwich, A. (2017). *The hybrid media system: Politics and Power*. Oxford University Press.
2. Dragoş, C. (2022). *Digital political participation of young Romanians in the European context*. Tritonic Publishing House.
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4. Gender equality and political representation in the digital space of South-Eastern Europe: communication, visibility and symbolic power

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5. Social networks and regional security in the Black Sea: information warfare, strategic influence and European communication resilience

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4. Siddi, M. (2021). *Information warfare and energy security in the Black Sea region*. *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, 29(4), 527-542.
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