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The Baltic States and Regional Security in the Transatlantic Context

INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC *CONFERENCE*

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DATE	LOCATION	FORMAT	BOOK OF ABSTRACTS
18–19 March 2026	General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania, Vilnius	On-site international academic conference	A book of abstracts will be published

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

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The international academic conference "The Baltic States and Regional Security in the Transatlantic Context", 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 international politics and contemporary security challenges, with particular attention to the Baltic States and the wider Baltic Sea region.

In contrast to broader global and Euro-Atlantic security fora, the international academic conference "The Baltic States and Regional Security in the Transatlantic Context", distinguishes itself through its focused analytical lens on the Baltic and Nordic strategic environment. By foregrounding regional perspectives that are often underrepresented in wider international debates, the conference provides a unique venue for rigorous, in-depth, and theoretically informed discussion of security issues of both regional and global relevance.

At a time of profound transformation in European and transatlantic security, the Baltic–Nordic region has emerged as a critical laboratory for deterrence, resilience, and defence innovation. The conference program will address themes of critical importance to the regional security architecture, including the consolidation of the transatlantic bond, comprehensive approaches to total defence and societal resilience, the development of European defence capabilities, and the geopolitical ramifications of Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine.

By fostering dialogue at the intersection of academic research and policy practice, the conference aims to promote meaningful scholarly exchange, generate policy-relevant insights, and advance research agendas that directly engage with the strategic challenges shaping the future of Northern Europe and the Baltic Sea region.

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 proposals or panel proposals (minimum three participants).

CONFERENCE THEMES

- The Consolidation of the Transatlantic Bond
- The Advancement of European Defence Capabilities
- Total Defence
- Societal Resilience
- Implications of Russia's War against Ukraine
- Understanding Adversaries: Russia, China, and Beyond
- Northern European Defence Cooperation
- Military and Innovations
- Panel for Aspiring Researchers (Students and PhD candidates)

WHY SUBMIT?

- Engage in a focused, high-level academic 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 journal Lithuanian Annual Strategic Review.

ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND REVIEW PROCESS

Paper proposals should include:

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

Panel proposals should include:

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstracts submission deadline: 16 February 2026
- Notification of acceptance: 23 February 2026
- Preliminary program available: 25 February 2026
- Manuscript deadline for publication consideration: 1 May 2026

PUBLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- There is no conference fee.
- Coffee breaks will be provided by the organizers.
- The organizers do not cover travel and/or accommodation costs.

ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION AND CONTACT

Submit abstracts proposals to: **research.bmc@lka.lt**