

CHEIA INTERNATIONAL SUMMER UNIVERSITY

25-28 OF JULY 2024

*Codruța-Ștefania JUCAN**

In a stunning mountain landscape, far from the hustle of big cities, in an atmosphere reminiscent of a Swiss chalet, the activities of the Cheia International Summer University took place between July 25 and 28, 2024.

The event organized by the Cheia Club "Victor Dan Zlătescu" has already celebrated its 30th anniversary, continuing through this new edition the well-established tradition of advanced studies and research in fields such as comparative law, European law, international law, and human rights.

This year's organizing partners were: FMANU/ANUROM (The United Nations Association of Romania, a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations), SNSPA (National School of Political and Administrative Studies), IDEF (Institut international du droit d'expression et d'inspiration Françaises), the Academy of Legal Sciences of Romania, Valahia University of Târgoviște, the Faculty of Law in Cluj-Napoca "Dimitrie Cantemir" Christian University, CopyRo the collective management society for copyright, and the Union of Professional Journalists.

This year's theme is particularly timely in the context of rapid technological advancement and the exponential development of what we call artificial intelligence and its applications. Given that the use of artificial intelligence has already surpassed the exclusive domain of specialists and has become almost commonplace for many segments of the population, the theme chosen for the Summer University is not only highly relevant, as mentioned above, but also one that demands urgent measures and a swift response from both the state and society.

The chosen theme is "The Protection of personality in the digital age", a topic that seeks to prioritize the safeguarding of one of the essential attributes of human beings and humanity itself: human personality. This attribute is already, and will increasingly be, put to the test in the near future due to the unprecedented development of this new form of intelligence. Artificial intelligence, originally conceived and perceived as a support tool for human activities, is already proving to be a real and powerful competitor to humans.

The summer university program unfolded over the course of four particularly engaging days, featuring the participation of notable figures and legal professionals.

* PhD judge, assist. prof. Faculty of Law Cluj-Napoca, UCDC.

The first day was dedicated to introductory discussions which, after a few brief opening speeches, took place in a more informal setting. In this context, participants explored philosophical, sociological, and ethical issues, all in correlation with legal aspects, in relation to the broader concept of digitization.

The university proceedings continued on Friday and Saturday through a series of panels, which addressed topics such as: legal personality and human rights in the digital age (reporters: Professor PhD Irina Moroianu-Zlătescu attorney at law, vice-president of IDEF, ELI Assessor, director of CTDO-SNSPA, Assoc. Professor PhD Mihnea-Dan Radu attorney at law, lecturer PhD Claudia Elena Marinică, lecturer PhD Constantin Sava, Lecturer Professor PhD judge Codruța-Ștefania Jucan-Popovici), protection of personality in the digital environment through criminal law instruments / cybercrime (reporters: Professor PhD Petre Buneci, attorney at law, lecturer PhD Mariana-Narcisa Radu, archivist Codruța-Elena Mihailovici), personality rights and public administration (reporters: Assoc. Professor PhD Elena-Mihaela Fodor, Professor PhD Emil Bălan, vicerector SNSPA, Georgiana Andreea Nicolae-Petre ELI member, Gabriela Manea counsellor City Hall Bucharest, Cristina Udrea ANAF), civil liability in the digital age (reporters: Professor PhD Mona-Lisa Belu Magdo attorney at law, Professor PhD Irina Moroianu-Zlătescu, assoc. assist. Alina-Raluca Sarchisian), protecting privacy of asylum seekers and refugees from digital risks (Ciprian Constantin Mihai Police Academy, Ioan Zonga expert EUROPOL, Christian Toepfer attorney at law), image rights in the digital age (senior lecturer PhD Petru-Emanuel Zlătescu, Rodica Guiu general director copyRo, Assoc. Professor PhD Mircea Felix Melinești-Ionescu, Alexandru-Aurelian Chiriță CEO Electrica), protection of personality against digital risks in the education system (reporters: Professor PhD Laurențiu Șoitu, PhD Mihai-Bogdan Marian expert ISALCC, lecturer PhD Cristina-Elena Nicolescu SNSPA).

Each of the participants brought valuable personal contributions to the proposed topics, sparking extensive debates on these subjects, debates that continued long after the official sessions had concluded.

The proceedings of the meeting resulted not only in highly fruitful discussions among the participants but also in a volume currently being published to the highest scientific and editorial standards.