

Missile Defence—A New NATO Capability: The Romanian Contribution



Lecture by Bogdan Lucian Aurescu

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11:00–12:30

UN University Headquarters Building
Elizabeth Rose Conference Hall, 5th floor
Registration on 2nd floor

Moderated by Vesselin Popovski,
Senior Academic Programme Officer, UNU-ISP

Public event: registration required

Programme

11:00–11:05 Opening remarks by Vesselin Popovski, UNU-ISP

11:05–11:35 Lecture by Bogdan Lucian Aurescu

11:35–12:05 Question and answer session

12:05–12:30 Book presentation in the UNU Bookstore, 2nd floor

The event will be in English only.

The Speaker



Bogdan Aurescu was appointed Secretary of State for Strategic Affairs in February 2009. Since he joined the Ministry in 1996, he has held a number of diverse positions including director of the Minister's Cabinet, director of the Legal and Treaties/International Law and Treaties Directorate, and director general of the General Department for Legal Affairs, among others. He is a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (The Hague) and substitute member of the European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission) of the Council of Europe. He is author, editor, or co-author of 13 volumes in the field of international law and a number of articles published in Romanian or foreign journals.

The Lecture

Mr. Aurescu will be discussing the Romanian contribution to NATO's newly established missile defence system. In November 2010 in Lisbon, NATO's leaders decided to develop a ballistic missile defence (BMD) capability to pursue the core task of collective defence. Following the Lisbon decision, the Alliance began developing a command and control system which will be able to connect missile defence assets provided by individual NATO members into a coherent defence. NATO's long-term goal is to provide full coverage and protection for its European members' population, territory, and forces against the increasing threats posed by the proliferation of ballistic missiles. After the lecture, Mr. Aurescu will be available at the UNU Press bookstore to discuss his lecture and his contribution to the recent edited volume published by UNU Press titled "Blood and Borders: The Responsibility to Protect and the Problem of Kin-State".