



CALL FOR PAPERS

Dr. Franjo Tuđman Defense and Security University (SOIS FT) announces with great pleasure **the Defense and Security Conference 2026 (DSC 2026)**, an international, multidisciplinary academic event to be held in Zagreb, Croatia, on April 23–24, 2026.

This Conference offers a platform for scientists, professionals, educators, and students to exchange knowledge, present research, and engage in open discussions on current and future defence and security challenges.

Conference Themes

Participants are invited to submit research papers addressing **theoretical, methodological, or empirical** topics in line with the Conference's three primary thematic areas:

- A) Strategic Concepts**
- B) Disruptive Technologies and Warfare**
- C) Defence Economics**

In addition to the core areas, DSC 2026 encourages submissions that reflect broader, cross-cutting topics and pressing contemporary challenges in defense and security studies. The following guiding themes are especially welcome:

European Defence Initiatives

- Critical reflections on the emerging European Defence White Paper and its implications for strategic autonomy, capability development, and transatlantic cooperation.
- Policy integration, joint procurement, and operational interoperability among EU and NATO members.

Lessons Identified from the War in Ukraine

- Tactical and strategic implications of drone warfare, loitering munitions, electronic warfare, and decentralised battlefield awareness.

- The role of civilian infrastructure, energy resilience, and societal preparedness in modern conflict.
- Intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) developments in contested environments.

Multidomain Operations (MDO) as a Future Operational Framework

- Conceptual and doctrinal development of MDO across land, air, sea, cyber, and space.
- Interoperability and synchronisation across domains and levels of command.
- Human-machine teaming, data fusion, and decision dominance in high-intensity and grey zone conflict scenarios.

Broader thematic contributions are also welcome in the following areas:

- Crisis management, societal resilience, and homeland security
- Legal and ethical aspects of emerging defence technologies
- Civil-military relations and military education reform
- Strategic communication, public policy, and influence operations
- Hybrid threats, cyber defence, and information warfare

We particularly encourage interdisciplinary and policy-relevant research that connects operational practice, technological innovation, and strategic foresight.

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts: max. 300 words, submitted in English (Word & PDF format).

Full papers must be original and unpublished.

Use the official Abstract Template.

Send all submissions to: conference@sois-ft.hr



Important Dates

Oct. 1 – Nov. 28, 2025 – Abstract submission period

Dec. 1, 2025 – Jan. 30, 2026 – Full paper submission (with editorial review and eligibility for peer review)

Feb. 2 – Mar. 31, 2026 – Peer-review and manuscript acceptance notification

Apr. 7, 2026 - Camera-Ready / Final Paper Deadline

Apr. 1 – Apr. 17, 2026 – Registration period (required for all participants)

Apr. 23–24, 2026 – Conference dates (Apr. 24 is the main day of the Conference)

June 1, 2026 – Conference Proceedings published

Publication

The accepted and registered papers will be published in the Proceedings of the Defense and Security Conference (ISSN 3044-6104). Only authors with accepted papers will be eligible to present at the Conference.

Conference Format

- Keynote Speeches
- Thematic Panels
- Academic Paper Presentations (in-person / online / poster)

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