



GEORGIA IN THE CONTESTED WORLD

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09:30 – Welcome Speech

I Panel - Euro-Atlantic Integration - Moderator: Oliver Reisner

- 09:40-10:00 Georgia, Association Agreement and Wider Foreign Policy Challenges
Natalie Sabanadze, *Georgia's Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the EU*
- 10:00-10:20 On Europeanization, National Sentiments and Confused Identities in Georgia
Lia Tsuladze, *Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Center for Social Sciences*
- 10:20-10:40 The changing Pattern of Social Dialogue in Europe and the influence of ILO and EU in Georgian Tripartism
Bagnardi Francesco, *University of Bari Aldo Moro*
- 10:40-11:00 Georgia's Integration into a Contested World: Finding the Middle Way between Differentiation and Inclusiveness
Audrey Schlegel, *Saarland University*
- 11:00-11:30 Discussion

11:30-12:00 Break

II Panel - Foreign Policy and Security - Moderator: Timothy Blauvelt

- 12:00-12:20 Russia, Ukraine and the European Security Framework
Neil Macfarlane, *University of Oxford, Center for Social Sciences*
- 12:20-12:40 Central and East European Responses to Russia after Ukraine: Military and Energy Security Perspectives
Roland Dannreuther, *University of Westminster*
- 12:40-13:00 Recurring Patterns in Georgian Politics: 1918-21 and 1991-2014
Stephen Jones, *Mount Holyoke College, Center for Social Sciences*
- 13:00-13:30 Discussion

13:30-14:30 Lunch

- 14:30-14:50 The Afterlife of the Soviet Nationalities Policy
Terry Martin, *Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University*
- 14:50-15:10 Russian Nationalism and the Evolution of Putin's Foreign Policy
Timothy Colton, *Government Department, Harvard University*
- 15:10-15:40 Discussion

15:40-16:00 Break

III Panel - Political, Social and Economic transformation/Reforms - Moderator: Nana Macharashvili

- 16:00-16:20 Mapping Informality in Post-Socialism: Governance, Social Justice and Welfare Reforms
Abel Polese, *Tallinn University, Dublin City University*
- 16:20-16:40 Elections in Georgia - Contextual Effects and Voting
David Sichinava, *Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Caucasus Research Resource Center Georgia*
- 16:40-17:00 Public Administration Reforms in Georgia: Establishing Administrative Model for State Organizations
Nino Dolidze, *Georgian Institute of Public Affairs*
- 17:00-17:30 Discussion

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IV Panel - Education/Identities and Values - Moderator: Lia Tsuladze

- 09:30-09:50 Challenges of Higher Education: State of Art and Prospects for Development
Marine Chitashvili
Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University, Center for Social Sciences, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation
- 09:50-10:10 Georgian National Values in the Era of Globalization
Diana Bogishvili
Center for Social Sciences
- 10:10-10:30 „We and Others” Titular Nation and Ethnic Minorities Interpretations in Georgia on the Edge of XIX – XX Centuries
Ivane Tsereteli
Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University
- 10:30-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:30 Break

V Panel - Gender Equality - Moderator: Tamar Sabedashvili

- 11:30-11:50 Contextualizing Social Welfare and Social Work Professionals in the Region: a Socio-Cultural Perspective
Darja Zavirsek
University of Ljubljana
- 11:50-12:10 Woman In Modern Georgia: Family Breadwinner or Housewife? How has the Place of Woman in Georgian Society Changed after the Collapse of the USSR?
Natalia Paulovich
Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences
- 12:10-12:30 (En)gendering resistance in Georgia
Maia Barkaia
Center for Social Sciences, Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University
- 12:30-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch

VI Panel - Economic Development - Moderator: Levan Natroshvili

- 14:00-14:20 Is Social Capital Related to Labor Market Inequality in Georgia?
Nani Bendeliani
Center for Social Sciences
- 14:20-14:40 Tendencies and Perspectives of the Development of Medical Balneology Tourism in Transitional Georgia
Ia Iashvili
Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University
- 14:40-15:00 Interdisciplinary Nature of intercultural Property: Social, Legal and Economic Aspects.
George Chiladze
University of Georgia

15:00-15:30 Discussion and Closing Remarks

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