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Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University. Institute of Post-Soviet Studies (IPSS)

International Conference on:

Post-Soviet Countries - Challenges, Perspectives

May 19, 2018

9:30 -10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:30 Opening Session

Welcoming Address:

Dr. **Vaja Vardidze**. Rector of Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University

Dr. **Yan Olbrycht**. Member of European Parliament

Dr. **Gvantsa Abdaladze**. IPSS Director

10:30 –12:30 Panel 1 (Conference Room) Working Language: English

Moderator: Dr. **Iryna Fenno**

Speakers:

1. **Dr. Yan Olbrycht**. The EU - Current Challenges. Member of European Parliament (Poland)
2. **Dr. Gvantsa Abdaladze**. State Building vs. Nation Building and Regime Building in Post-Soviet Georgia. Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Georgia)
3. **Dr. Petro Baykovsky**. Parties in Oligarchic System (case of Ukraine). Ukrainian Catholic University (Ukraine)
4. **Dr. Nino Pavlenishvili**. Ethnic Kin and 3rd Party Intervention. New Post-Soviet Realism. Ilia State University (Georgia)
5. **Ms. Mariam Eliadze**. From Moratorium to War Causes and Consequences of Russia's Suspension of the CFE Treaty. University of Georgia (Georgia)



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Discussion

12:30 – 13:00 Coffee Break

13:00 – 14:30 Panel 2 (Conference Room) Working Language: English

Moderator: Ms. Mariam Eliadze

Speakers:

1. **Dr. Gogita Todradze.** Development of National Statistical System – challenges and opportunities. Executive Director of National Statistics Office of Georgia (Georgia)
2. **Mr. Nikoloz Sumbadze.** Perspectives of Georgia' accession to the Energy Community. Deputy Head of Electricity Department at Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission (GNERC) (Georgia)
3. **Dr. Iryna Fenno.** The implementation of the principles of freedom of conscience in post-Soviet Ukraine: challenges and perspectives. Ukrainian Catholic University (Ukraine)
4. **Dr. Volodymyr Moroz.** The way to change society: Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church's teaching on government elections. Ukrainian Catholic University (Ukraine)

Discussion

14:30 -15:30 Lunch Break

15:30 -17:00 Panel 3 (Conference Room) Working Language: English

Moderator: Dr. Nino Pavlenishvili

Speakers:

1. **Mr. Giorgi Gogsadze.** Integration of Ethnic Minorities in Georgia: Challenges and Opportunities. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)



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2. **Dr. Leila Kiknadze.** Modern Islam in Western Scholarship and Russia's Islam Revival. University of Georgia (Georgia)
3. **Dr. Tork Dalalyan.** Kurds and Yezidis in Armenia: One Nation or Two? Institute of Linguistics of the Republic of Armenia (Armenia)
4. **Ms. Sona Ikilikyan.** The Role of Language in Formation of National Identity in the Post-Soviet Russian Society. Southern Federal University. Rostov-on-Don (Russia)

Discussion

17:00 -17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 – 19:30 Panel 4 (Conference Room) Working Language: English

Moderator: Dr. Nana Tsikhistavi

Speakers:

1. **Mr. George Sioridze.** National Security – Totalitarian Heritage and Perspectives of Democracy in Georgia. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)
2. **Dr. Maia Kobakhidze.** Nationalism and Hegemonic Masculinity in Post-Soviet Georgia. San Diego State University of Georgia (Georgia)
3. **Dr. Nana Tsikhistavi.** How we teach? - Soviet Past in history textbooks in Post-Soviet Georgia. Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Georgia)
4. **Ms. Shorena Gogiashvili.** Educational system in Georgia after the collapse of the USSR. Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani University (Georgia)

Discussion



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15:30 – 19:30. Youth Panel (Room 404) Working Language: Georgian

15:30 – 17:00 Panel 1

Moderator: Lia Gelashvili

Speakers:

1. **Nazi Taktakishvili.** Democratization in Georgia – The Evolution of Human rights. Sulkhani-Saba Orbeliani University (Georgia)
2. **Darchia Mariam, Mariam Ganugrava.** South Caucasus conflicts effect on regional security: Nagorno-Karabakh case. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)
3. **Tamar Revazashvili, Tamar Tsatskrialashvili.** Constitutional Courts of Georgia and Lithuania: Comparative analysis. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)
4. **Rati Kupatadze.** Soviet Architecture - challenges and possibilities. Tbilisi State Academy of Arts (Georgia)

17:00 -17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 – 19:30 Panel 2

Moderator: Lia Gelashvili

Speakers:

1. **Lia Gelashvili.** EU trade policy and economic integration process assessment in the South Caucasus region. Sulkhani-Saba Orbeliani University (Georgia)
2. **Nutsa Tsamalashvili.** Georgia and Azerbaijan - New Alternative for European Energy Market. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)
3. **Mariam Kvaratskhelia, Nino Kvaratskhelia.** Fall of the Soviet Union and its influence of Kazakhstan's economy. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)
4. **Tatia Vakhtangadze, Konstantine Kevlishvili.** The Impact of Russian Economic Soft Power in Georgia. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)

19:30 -20:00 – Wrap-up the conference