

Conference Venue:

Tbilisi State University First Building, 1, Chavchavadze Ave.

Registration:

Friday, 20 July, 8:00-9:00 A.M., Tbilisi State University First Building, Room 214

Friday, 20 July, 9:00-10:45

The Renewal of Tradition

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Antonio Eduardo Mendonca, Centro de Estudos Sovieticos e Pos-Sovieticos - Lisboa (antonioeduardom@yahoo.com.br)

Dr. Moshe Gammer, Tel Aviv University, "Radical Islamism, Traditional Islam and Ethno-Nationalism"

Mr. Takahiro Iwagaki, Waseda University, "The Characteristics and Acculturation of Nowruz in the Republic of Kazakhstan"

Mr. Atsushi Saito, Waseda University, "Ceremonies Related To Marriage in the Republic of Kazakhstan"

Cross-cultural representations of the Caucasus from the Middle Ages to the Early Modern Era

Chair: Ian Lanzillotti, Ohio State University (lanzillotti.1@osu.edu)

Discussant: Julie Fairbanks, Coe College (jfairbanks@coe.edu)

Dr. Irina Shingiray, Boston University, "The Gate of Gates: Inscribing Identities and Multiple Spaces on the Wall of Derbent"

Dr. Elio Brancaforte, Tulane University, "'Such High Mountains, That We Took Them At First For Clouds' – Representations of the Caucasus in 17th-century European Travel Accounts"

Dr. Julia Schleck, University of Nebraska Lincoln, "Armed or disarming? English representations of Circassian Traveler Teresia Sampsonia Sherley"

Energy and Security

Chair: Dr. Jason Strakes, Ilia State University (jason.strakes@iliauni.edu.ge)

Discussant: Dr. Mariya Omelicheva, University of Kansas (omeliche@ku.edu)

Dr. Daniel Burghart, National Intelligence University, "Eurasian Energy Futures- The Not-Quite-So Great Game?"

Dr. Simona R. Soare, National School for Political Studies and Public Administration, "Regional Reference Model in Disaster Management in the EAP"

Dr. Lasha Tchantouridze, Norwich University, "Dominating the Eurasian Airspace? The Russian Air Force Before and After the August War "

Friday, 20 July, 11:00-12:45

Migration and Diaspora

Chair: Dr. Antonio Eduardo Mendoca, Centro de Estudos Sovieticos e Pos-Sovieticos - Lisboa (antonioeduardom@yahoo.com.br)

Dr. Elaheh Kooalee, University of Tehran, "Human Trafficking in the South Caucasus"

Ms. Kishimjan Osmonova, Humboldt University, "Migrants in Astana: Rethinking 'Change'"

Ms. Duygu Unsal, Center for Black Sea and Central Asia, Middle East Technical University, "Repatriation of Crimean Tatars"

Linguistics

Chair: Ms. Mariam Orkodashvili, Vanderbilt University (morkoda@yahoo.com)

Dr., Ms. Rusudan Asatiani, Tbilisi State University, "A cognitive Approach: A cross-linguistic study of the non-canonical constructions with dative subject"

Dr. Marina Ivanishvili & Ether Soselia, Ilia University acad. G. Thereteli Institute of Oriental Studies and Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, "Preverbs in Megrelian"

Dr. Irine Melikishvili, Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, "Morphological Typology of Kartvelian Languages"

Economic Life

Chair/Discussant: TBA

Mr. John Edward Conway, University of St Andrews, "Flexible Steel: Arcelor Mittal's non-technical risk management in Kazakhstan"

Ms. La Natsvlshvili, Tbilisi State University, "Peculiarities of Public and Entrepreneurial Attitudes in Post Soviet Georgia (an Example of Application of Reflexive System Theory) "

Mr. Muhiddin Tojiev, Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan, "Corruption in Governmental Agencies in Tajikistan: Causes and Consequences"

Friday, 20 July, 14:00-15:45

Roundtable on Teaching Central Asia: Beyond the Master Narratives

Chair: Dr. Cynthia Werner, Texas A&M University (werner@tamu.edu)

Dr. Eva-Marie Dubuisson, University of California, Berkeley, "Experiencing Inner Asia: Toward Visual and Affective Course Materials"

Ms. Anna Genina, University of Michigan, "Exploring Central Asia in the US classroom"

Dr. Cynthia Werner, Texas A&M University, "Developing New Approaches for Teaching Courses about Central Asia"

Soviet Rule in the Caucasus and Its Enduring Legacy

Chair/Discussant: Ketevan Khutsishvili, Tbilisi State University (khutsishvili.keti@yahoo.com)

Ms. Conterio Johanna, Harvard University, "Kavkazskii aul: Caucasian Restaurants and International Tourism in Sochi, 1960s"

Dr. Julie Fairbanks, Coe College, "Tradition for New Times: Soviet Ethnographic Literature and Contemporary Adyg Discourse"

Mr. Ian Lanzillotti, Ohio State University, "Strange Bedfellows: Russo-Kabardian Relations during the Russian Civil War, Soviet Land Reforms and National Border Delimitation in the North Caucasus; 1918-1928"

Small States and Their Borders

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Jason Strakes, Ilia State University (jason.strakes@iliauni.edu.ge)

Dr. Thomas J. Wood, University of South Carolina, Aiken, "Why Estonia Resembles Georgia and Kyrgyzstan: Comparative Former Soviet Small State Foreign Policy"

Ms. Assel Bitabarova, Hokkaido University, "Tajik debates over the Tajik-Chinese border settlement"

Mr. David Matsaberidze, Iv.Javakishvili Tbilisi State University, "The Idea of the Caucasian House and the Conflict over Abkhazia"

Friday, 20 July, 16:00-17:45

Keynote address

Mr. Irakli Menagarishvili, Director of the Strategic Research Center, Tbilisi, Georgia
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Saturday, 21 July, 9:00-10:45

Life Courses, Life Choices

Chair: Dr. Christopher Whitsel, North Dakota State University (christopher.whitsel@ndsu.edu)

Discussant: Dr. Mariya Omelicheva, University of Kansas (omeliche@ku.edu)

Mr. Alexi Gugushvili, European University Institute, "Why parents matter? Social Background and Life Chances in Transitional Societies"

Dr. Holly Barcus, Macalester College and Dr. Cynthia Werner, Texas A&M University, "Kazakhstan is my homeland; Mongolia is my fatherland: Considering the role of place identity and other cultural factors in shaping mobility and immobility decisions in a transnational community"

Dr. Aksana Ismailbekova, Zentrum Moderner Orient, "Coping Strategies: Public Avoidance, Marriage and Migration in Post Conflict Osh, Fergana Valley"

Intellectuals and Nation Formation

Chair: Dr. Manouchehr Shiva, Bellevue College (mshiva@bellevuecollege.edu)

Discussant: Prof. Moshe Gammer, Tel Aviv University (moshega@post.tau.ac.il)

Dr. Ihsan Colak, Süleyman Şah University, "Imagining Iranian Nationalism by Turkic/Azerbaijani Intellectuals: Mirza Fathali Akhundzadah and His Ideas on Iranian Nation"

Saturday, 21 July, 11:00-12:45

International Organizations and Domestic Institutions

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Thomas J. Wood, University of South Carolina, Aiken (thomasw@usca.edu)

Ms. Rachel Naylor, Goethe University-Frankfurt am Main, "Purifying the Neighboring Economic Spaces of the EU: EU Harmonization Policies in the Republic of Georgia"

Dr. Mariya Omelicheva, University of Kansas, "Central Asian Conceptions of "Democracy": Ideological Resistance to International Democratization"

Ms. Mariam Orkodashvili, Vanderbilt University, "Global and local testing interface: linguistic, social and educational perspectives from post soviet region"

Medieval Art and Culture

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Heather Sonntag, Carthage College (hssonntag@wisc.edu)

Dr. Helen Giunashvili, G. Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies, "Pre-Islamic Iran and Georgia: Aspects of Cultural-linguistic Relations"

Mrs. Medea Gunia, NGO. Time and Heritage; Shota Rustaveli Theatre and Film Georgian state University, "X century Georgian monumental sculpture and its traces in the Caucasian regions"

Dr. Marika Chachibaia, Tbilisi State University, "The Influence of the Syriac-Speaking Churches on the Early Efflorescence of Islamic Culture"

The Russian Empire

Chair: Dr. Oliver Reisner, European Commission (oreisner@yahoo.de)

Discussant: Dr. Manouchehr Shiva, Bellevue College (mshiva@bellevuecollege.edu)

Dr. Tinatin Bolkvadze, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, "Who is Georgian? Census and Statistical Data of Russian Empire in the Late 19th Century"

Mr. Moritz Deutschmann, European University Institute, Florence, "The Russian Empire and the Merchants of Tabriz around 1900"

Dr. Akifumi Shioya, University of Tsukuba, "The Development of the Diversion Plan of the Amu River: Some Incidents along the Lawzan Canal in the Khanate of Khiva in the 1860s–1890s"

Dr. Oliver Reisner, European Commission, "At the Beginnings of Georgian National Historiography: Ivane Javakhishvili's "History of the Georgian Nation""

International Relations in Central Eurasia

Chair/Discussant: TBA

Dr. George Sanikidze, Institute of Oriental Studies, Iulia State University, "Soviet Policy Towards Iran and Turkey at the End of WWII"

Dr. Layailya Nurgaliyeva, Kyushu University, "Strategic Cooperation between Japan and Kazakhstan: Transition from ODA to Strategic Partnership"

Mr. Hamed Kazemzadeh, Caucasus Studies Institute, University of Tehran

Saturday, 21 July, 14:00-15:45

Post-Soviet Change and Legacy: Physical and Discursive Spaces

Chair: Sholpan Kozhamkulova, KIMEP University (sholpank@gmail.com)

Discussant: Ketevan Khutsishvili, Tbilisi State University (khutsishvili.keti@yahoo.com)

Dr. Sholpan Kozhamkulova, KIMEP University, "Power Discourse on Kazakhstani Television News: Is Soviet Spirit Still Haunting Us on Air"

Ms. Tea Kamushadze, Ilia State University, "Remember to Forget the Socialist Past: Exploring the Space of Rustavi City Museum"

Mining the Archival Riches of the Caucasus: Archival Research Projects in Georgia and the South Caucasus

Chair: Prof. Tinatin Bolkvadze, Ivan Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (tinatin5b@hotmail.com)

Discussant: Dr. Timothy Blauvelt, Ilia State University (timothy.blauvelt@iliauni.edu.ge)

Mr. Moritz Deutschmann, European University Institute, Florence (moritz.deutschmann@eui.eu)

Dr. Candan Badem, Tunceli University, "The Russian "Military-Customary Administration" of Kars, Ardahan and Batum, 1878-1918"

Ms. Krista Goff, University of Michigan, "Soviet Nationality Policy and Experience after World War II"

Dr. Giorgi Kldiashvili, Tbilisi State University, "The "Special Folders" of the Georgian Party Archives and the March 1956 Events"

Politics and Citizenship

Chair/Discussant: TBA

Dr. S. M. Hoseyni, IHS, ACCR, "Political Identity of Dagestanis"

Ms. Yelda Karadağ, Center for Black Sea and Central Asia, "The Political Party Formation and Democratization in Georgia"

Ms. Natia Mestvirishili, CRRC, EPF, "Emancipative Attitudes in Georgia: An Individual Level Analysis"

Saturday, 21 July, 16:00-17:45

The Media

Chair: Dr. Heather Sonntag, Carthage College (hssonntag@wisc.edu)

Dr. Giorgi Kipiani, Independent Scholar, "From Co-Regulation to "Self-Regulation": Priority of Commercial Interests in Media Policies of Georgia"

Dr. Tamar Zurabishvili, Center for Social Sciences, "Georgian Media: Yet not a Fourth Estate"

Ethno politics and Ethnic Identity in The Middle East and The Caucasus

Chair/Discussant: George Sanikidze, Institute of Oriental Studies, Ilia State University (gsany@yahoo.com)

Mr. Giorgi Cheishvili, Tbilisi State University, "Reconstruction of Laz Ethno-Cultural Identity"

Dr. Ketevan Khutsishvili, "Markers of Ethno-Cultural Identity of Some Ethnic Minorities in Georgia."

Mr. Irakli Pipia, Tbilisi State University, "Reshaping the Identities (Case of Modern Georgia)"

Dr. Babak Rezvani, University of Amsterdam, "Fereydan: The Iranian Caucasus or the Iranian Switzerland?"

Community Mobility, Empowerment and Education

Chair: Dr. Christopher Whitsel, North Dakota State University (christopher.whitsel@ndsu.edu)

Ms. Katherine Lapham, Open Society Institute, "Increasing Program Effectiveness through Parent Empowerment: The Getting Ready for School Project in Tajikistan"

Dr. Christopher Whitsel, North Dakota State University, "Out of the Shadows: The Work the Parents' Association of Children with Disabilities in Tajikistan"

Saturday, 21 July, 19:00

Reception: Restaurant "Tsiskvili"
Beliashvili Street, Digomi, The Right Bank of the R. Mtkvari