

International Scientific Conference
“Georgia and European Integration: Past, Present, Future”
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On December 22, 2023 Institute of Georgian History at the Faculty of Humanities, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, organized an international scientific conference, “Georgia and European Integration: Past, Present, Future”.

The important event towards Georgia’s integration in the European Union was candidate status granted by the European Council on December 14, 2023. TSU Institute of Georgian History dedicated its annual conference to this significant event. The international scientific conference included guests from Spain, Poland, Russia and Romania. The most participants were from Tbilisi State University and one more guest from Telavi State University, Georgia

The conference had two sessions. The chair of the first session was Tedo Dundua, director of the Institute of Georgian History, TSU. His welcome address and introduction highlighted the importance of Georgia's integration in Europe. He has recently issued a book on this issue and he shared the most important moments from his book with the public. The rest of the papers were delivered in the chronological principle by international guests and representatives of TSU.

The papers were about Classical Antiquity (Natia Phiphia, Ekaterine Kobakhidze; Chiara Maria Mauro), Late Antiquity (Marcin Wieczorek), Medieval architecture (Nino Silagadze), relations between Georgians and the Nomads (Nino Kakalashvili), Russo-Georgian relationship (Zinaida Osborneva), life and activities of Georgian diplomat Besarion (Besiki) Gabashvili in Romania (Mircea-Cristian Ghenghea, Ludmila Bejenaru, Iulian Moga). There was a discussion at the end of the session.

The chair of the second session was Leri Tavadze from the Institute of Georgian History, TSU. Eight presentations were held in the second session, mostly by the members of TSU, Faculty of Humanities. The papers were about Late Medieval Period (Nikolai Javakhishvili; Mamuka Tsursumia; Leri Tavadze; Apolon Tabuashvili), Modern and Contemporary History (Aleksandre Boshishvili; Dimitri Shvelidze; Tengiz Simashvili) and historiography (Akaki Chikobava). There was a discussion at the end of the session.

Presentation of the 19th volume of Proceedings, Institute of Georgian History, TSU was also held on the same day.