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PROGRAM

25 June, Thursday

10.00 Conference Speeches and Welcomes

Giorgi Sharvashidze - Rector, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

Tamar Dolbaia - Dean, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

I Session (Working Language - English)

Chairperson: Alexandre Kukhianidze

10.20 **Alexandre Kukhianidze** – Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“The Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on Transnational Organized Crime”*

10.40 **Vakhtang Maisaia** – Professor, Caucasus International University, **Miranda Mikadze** – PhD student, Caucasus International University, **Sebastian Bobkiewicz** – Expert, The Georgian Geostrategic and Euro-Atlantic Integration Studies Institute. *“EU Conflict Resolution Strategy on the Example of Regional Security in the South Caucasus”*

11.00 **Jaba Urotadze** – Assistant Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Comparative Analysis of Protection of Young People at Work in Georgian and European Union Laws”*

11.20 **Nadezhda Kazarinova**, Associate professor, **Anna Chugunova**, Invited Lecturer – Saint Petersburg Electrotechnical University “LETI” (ETU), Russia. *“Paradoxes of “Soft Power” of Tourism”*

11.40 **Cenay Babaoglu**, Associate Professor, Selçuk University, **Onur Kulac**, Assistant Professor, Pamukkale University – Turkey. “*A Blueprint of Turkey’s Covid-19 Policy*”

12.00 **Salome Dundua**, Associate Professor, **Sandro Tabatadze**, MA Student – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. “*Liberal-Democratic Values in the National Curriculum of General Education of Georgia*”

12.20 **Nikoloz Esitashvili** – Professor, ISET – International School of Economics, TSU. “*The Role of External Economic Incentives in times of Political Transitions and Consolidations*”

12.40 **Luca Zarrilli**, Associate Professor, University “G. D’Annunzio” of Chieti-Pescara, Italy. **Miguel Brito**, Associate Professor, Estoril Higher Institute for Tourism and Hotel Studies, Portugal. “*Alcântara (Lisbon): From Industrial District to Tourist Destination. A Survey*”

13.00 **Constantin-Vasile Toca**, Lecturer, **Edinna Lilla Meszaros**, Teaching Assistant – University of Oradea, Romania. “*Cross-Border Cooperation under Magnifying Glass: An Assessment of the Projects Implemented at the Romanian-Hungarian Border in the 2004-2013 Period*”

13.20 **Julia Kaczmarek-Khubnaia** – PhD Student, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland. “*Socio-economic Development of the Georgian Regions- Chosen Theoretical Approach*”

13.40 **Valerio Della Sala** – PhD Student, Autonomia University of Barcelona, Spain. “*Olympics Games: The Organisation, the History, the Committee, the Projects. Rome 1960 -Barcelona 1992: From a Dream to the Urban Model*”

14.00 – 14.40 Break

II Session (Working Language - English)

Chairperson: Mariam Gersamia

14.40 Mariam Gersamia, Professor, **Maia Toradze**, Associate Professor, **Liana Markariani**, MA Student – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Challenges of Gender Equality in Media (Case of Georgia)”*

15.00 Luca Zarrilli, Associate Professor, **Silvia Iacuone**, PhD Student – University “G. D’Annunzio” of Chieti-Pescara, Italy. *“The Role of Iceland in the Arctic Issue: Diplomacy, Threats, Opportunities”*

15.20 Temur Gugushvili – PhD Student, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Mountain Resident’s Livelihoods: Adaptation Strategies in the Swiftly Progressing ‘Weather’ of Tourism in Protected Areas”*

15.40 Nino Kukhianidze – PhD Student, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland. *“The Role of Peace Education in the Process of Conflict Transformation”*

16.00 Ekaterine Lomia – PhD Student, Caucasus International University. *“How Russian Propaganda Works in Georgia: The Consequences of the Russian Disinformation in a Long-Term Perspective”*

16.20 Namig Karimov – MA, Baku Engineering University, Azerbaijan. *“Turkey and Russia’s Strained Relations in Caucasia”*

16.40 Keynote Speeches

Stephen F. Jones – Professor of Russian and Eurasian Studies at Mount Holyoke College.

Neil MacFarlane – The Lester B. Pearson Professor of International Relations and Fellow at St Anne’s College, University of Oxford.

“Recurrent Patterns in Georgian Politics: Culture, Geography and Institutions”

26 June, Friday

III Session (Working Language - Georgian)

Chairperson: Iago Kachkachishvili

10.00 **Tamar Dolbaia** – Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Geographical Features of Transport System Development of Georgia”*

10.20 **Revaz Gachechiladze** – Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Changing Political Geography and Geopolitics of the Central Europe”*

10.40 **Malkhaz Matsaberidze**, Professor, **Tamar Orjonikidze**, PhD Student – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“The Representatives of National Minorities in the Constituent Assembly of Georgia (1919-1921)”*

11.00 **Iago Kachkachishvili** – Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Monitoring Knowledge, Risk Perceptions, Preventive Behaviours and Public Trust in the Current Coronavirus Outbreak in Georgia”*

11.20 **Valerian Melikidze**, Associate Professor, **Giorgi Kvinikadze**, Associate Professor – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Strange Bedfellows - a Comparative Analysis of Economic Geography and Geoeconomics”*

11.40 **Tengiz Verulava** – Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic: German strategy”*

12.00 **Teona Mataradze**, Associate Professor, **Giorgi Shubitidze**, PhD Student – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“How is the Urban Identity of Mtskheta Residents Represented in the External Image of the City”*

12.20 **Avtandil Tukvadze**, Associate Professor, **Valerian Dolidze**, Assistant Professor – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, **Irakli Ubilava**, PhD Student, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Russia *“Post-Pandemic World Order-Place of Georgia in Transformative International System”*

12.40 - 13.40 Break

IV Session (Working Language - Georgian)

Chairperson: Teona Mataradze

13.40 **Iago Kachkachishvili**, Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, **Lasha Tughushi**, Assistant Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, **Malkhaz Gagua**, Lecturer, International Black Sea University, **Aleksandra Kalatozishvili**, Lecturer, Ilia State University – *“Cultural and Political Dimensions of Anti-Liberal Populism and Religious Nationalism in the Regions of Georgia”*

14.00 **Shorena Turkiashvili** – Assistant Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“The Orthodox Religiosity and Some Aspects of Family Lives”*

14.20 **Nino Popiashvili** – Dr. of Philology, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Global and National Totalitarianism from a Literary Perspective”*

14.40 **Eka Darbaidze** – PhD in Political Sciences, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“The Policy of Cooperation of the Georgian Government in the Occupied Tskhinvali Region”*

15.00 **Mariam Khatiashvili** – PhD, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Theoretical Conceptualization of Russia’s Soft Power toward Georgia”*

27 June, Saturday

V Session (Working Language - Georgian)

Chairperson: Salome Dundua

10.00 **Salome Kobaidze** – PhD Student, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Existing and Prospective Geographical Areas of Economic Development of the Black Sea Coastal Zone of Georgia in Terms of the Blue Economy”*

10.20 **Teona Tabuashvili** – PhD Student, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Public Higher Education Institutions, as Developing Organizations: Students’ Assessments”*

10.40 **Inga Mikhanashvili** – Researcher, Institute of Political Sciences at Ilia State University. *“The “4 + 1 Program” in Higher Education Institutions as a Strategy for the Integration of Ethnic Minorities”*

11.00 **Kiarim Gumbatov** – PhD Student, Georgian Technical University. *“The Features of the Democratic Nature of Local Self-Government in the Public Administration System”*

11.20 **Tamar Orjonikidze**, PhD Student, **Natia Zedginidze**, PhD Student - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Issues of Election Finance and Political Ethics in the 2018 Presidential Elections in Georgia”*

11.40 **Nino Maisuradze** - PhD Student, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Mikhako Tsereteli and the Conceptualization of Nation in Georgia in the Early 20th Century”*

12.00 **Mariana Kevkhishvili** – PhD Student, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“United National Movement's Lobbying Campaign in the USA”*

12.20 **Natia Zedginidze** – PhD Student, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“At the Origins of the Development of the Code of Parliamentary Ethics: Experience of the Constituent Assembly of Georgia (1919–1921)”*

12.40 **Zaza Tsotniashvili** – Professor, Caucasus International University. *“How Media Covers COVID-19 Impact in the Occupied Territories of Georgia”*

ABSTRACTS

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Mikhako Tsereteli and the Conceptualization of Nation in Georgia in the Early 20th Century

The beginning of the XX century is extremely difficult and interesting period for Georgia. Georgia faced the new challenges in this chronological distance of time.

The relevance of the research topic is determined by aggravated ideological confrontation between the political parties at the beginning of the 20th century, which was expressed clearly in their discussion about the national issue.

The polemic about the national issue continued in 1900- 1917, which had been started in the sixties. However, at that period it got more corrosive political character. The main participants of the discussion were the members and leaders of the political parties. Soon this polemic turned into the ideological confrontation between these parties. The inheritors of “Tergdaleulebi” (drinking Terek waters) were trying to propagandize nationalism, to foment the protection of national values. Parallely to this, capitalism was developing in Georgia as well, which promoted not only the change of the economic forms, but also the transformations happened in political life.

In the 20th century Georgia had to overcome the changes arisen as a result of collapsing of feudal system and locate itself in a new social-economic environment. On the other hand, it was to continue the struggle for the independence of Georgia in a different way, because the armed assaults were ineffective. One more way of struggling for independence was to carry out the policy oriented to Europe, which would result in bringing Georgia on the international arena and mobilize Georgian society against the conqueror. Perhaps it was the reason why the representatives of national forces found theoretical fulcrum mostly in the European thinkers’ views. The theories of nation by well-known European authors, which Georgian thinkers discussed so actively in the early 20th century, are less likely to be studied in Georgia today. It is necessary to study their thoughts and influences once again in order to see a real picture of how the concept of nation formed in Georgia. A monograph,

“Nation and Mankind”, written by a famous Georgian scholar, publicist, philologist and political figure, Mikhako Tsereteli, allows us to analyze this aspect well.

The concept of nation by Mikhako Tsereteli is important for several reasons: 1) Anarchists represented extreme left-wing of Georgian society and political sphere. Certain anarchistic ideas as a form of socialist doctrines have begun to exist in Georgia since the 1860s. Mikhako Tsereteli belonged to the group of anarchists, who always considered the concept of nation as prime and prioritized in spite of ideological views. Mikhako Tsereteli was a clear and rare example of how a Georgian thinker preferred to deal with a national problem existing in Georgia rather than his political ideology; 2) Mikhako Tsereteli’s opinion about the concept of nation is extremely important, because he is the author of the first sociological research in Georgia – *“Nation and Mankind”* (1910), in which the author tries to analyze the categories of nation and mankind and it finally leads us to the fact, that Mikhako Tsereteli denies the phenomenon of man and admits original nature of the phenomenon of nation; 3) It is worth noting, that Mikhako Tsereteli was greatly influenced by his contemporary European thinkers, especially sociologists. While formulating the concept of nation, he scrutinizes the theories of nation existing in Europe and forms his own concept of nation on account of criticizing or partially agreeing with the different thinkers’ viewpoints such as Salomon Reinach, Ernest Nys, Pasquale Stanislao Mancini, Johann Kaspar Bluntschli, Ernest Renan, de Greef, René Worms, Tard, Otto Bauer, Rudolf Springer. There is no doubt, that Mikhako Tsereteli studied the European theories of nation and created *“Nation and Mankind”* based on them, which doubles the interest towards the author.

At the beginning of the 20th century both part of Georgian politicians and society thought, that restoration of state independence was futureless. A newly stated idea of cosmopolitanism was more acceptable for those people. The idea of one society was making the problem of nationality insignificant and thus, the interest of society and political parties towards the concept of nation was slowing. In order to change such attitude in society, Mikhako Tsereteli created *“Nation and Mankind”*, in which nation is considered to be ideal from society values against the concept of mankind.

Keywords: The concept of nation, the theories of nation; national issue, nationalism; Mikhako Tsereteli.