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Speeches - 15 Minutes

Discussions - 5 Minutes

# PROGRAM

## 24 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: Teona Mataradze**, Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

### 10.15 Keynote Speech

**Dr. Pawel Stawarz** - University of Warsaw; Secretary of the Scientific Council of the Poland-East Cooperation Association; Deputy Editor-in-Chief of the scientific journal "Studia Wschodnioeuropejskie"; Member of the Scientific Editorial Board of the American Scientific Journal "Journal of Political Science and International Relations"; Member of the Polish Society for European Studies.

*"Post socialist Transformation in Poland and Georgia, comparative overview"*

11.00 **Revaz Gachechiladze**, Professor, **Giorgi Gogsadze**, Professor - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. „*Voter Turnout in Parliamentary Elections of Georgia: Dynamics and Geography*“

11.20 **Alexandre Kukhianidze** - Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *"Democracy and Super-Mafia"*

11.40 **Biró A. Zoltán**, Professor, **Kinga Katalin Székely**, Assistant Professor - Sapientia Hungarian University of Transilvania, Romania. „*Tourism development opportunities in an Eastern European rural area after COVID*”

12.00 **Mariam Gersamia**, Professor, **Maia Toradze**, Associate Professor - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, **Marina Goksadze**, MMED, Tbilisi Psychological Center - “*Gender stereotypes in Georgian media*”

12.20 **Cenay Babaoglu**, Associate Professor, Selçuk University, **Onur Kulac**, Assistant Professor, Pamukkale University - Turkey. “*Incremental Policy-Making in Public Health During the Covid-19 Pandemic in Turkey*”

12.40 **Agnieszka Tomczyk** - PhD candidate, University of Warsaw, Poland. “*How new global challenges shape political leadership?*”

13.00 **Tornike Zurabashvili** - PhD Candidate, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. “*The Question of Georgia’s Foreign Policy Orientation in the Parliamentary Election Manifestos of 1990 and 1992*”

13:20 **José G. Vargas-Hernández**, PhD, **César Omar Mora Pérez**, PhD, **Miguel Angel Esparza Íñiguez**, PhD - University of Guadalajara, Mexico. “*Green innovation business (GIB) as a comprehensive entrepreneurship model for the internationalization. The case of BIO-FOM in the urban area of Guadalajara*”

## **13.40 – 14.40 Break**

## **II Session (Working Language - English)**

**Chairperson: Leo Lin**

14.40 **David Matsaberidze** - Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. “*The Challenges of Post-Soviet Transformation in Georgia: Democratization and its External and Domestic Rivals*”

15.00 **Sumit Mukerji** - Professor, University of Kalyani, India. “*From Negative to Positive Peace: Meeting of two Seminal Minds*”

15.20 **Leo Lin** - Phd Candidate, The University of Southern Mississippi, USA. *“A Comparative Analysis of ASEAN Countries’ Responses to Human Trafficking during COVID-19”*

15.40 **Nino Kukhianidze** - PhD Candidate, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland. *“Peace education: the experience of Finland and the United States of America”*

16.00 **B. Alper Torun** - PhD Candidate, Ankara University, Turkey. *“The Second Karabakh War in the Context of Turkish-Russian Relations”*

16.20 **Sercan Yavan** - PhD, Research Assistant, Aydın Adnan Menderes University, Turkey. *“External Intervention against Satellite Pollution in the World Circulation: The Orbital Tax”*

16.40 **Shamal Hussein** - PhD Candidate, Political Science Institute, Poland. *“The Real Reason Behind Occupying Iraq in 2003”*

17.00 **Ved Pal Singh**, Senior Assistant Professor, **Arjun Deswal**, Student of LL.M. - Maharshi Dayanand University, India. *“Digitalisation as a Key in Rural Development: Glimpses from India”*

17.20 **Giorgi Beridze** - PhD Candidate, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Europeanization of Georgia and Changes in Labour Relations”*

17.40 **Svetlana Akkueva**, Professor, Institute of Humanitarian Studies-Branch of the Federal Scientific Center Kabardino-Balkar Scientific Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences, **Muzhigit Ismailivich Akkiev**, Candidate of biological sciences, Kabardino-Balkar State Highland Nature Reserve, Russia. *“The relations between humans and nature: the problem of developing of tourism in the North Caucasus”*

18:00 **Samira Garayeva** - PhD Candidate, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, ANAS Center of Anthropology. *“Cultural attitudes and stereotypes in the family of an Azerbaijani woman”*

## **25 June, Friday**

### **III Session (Working Language - Georgian)**

**Chairperson: Zurab Davitashvili**

10.00 **Zurab Davitashvili** - Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University.  
*„National Identity and Foreign Policy”*

10.20 **Vazha Lordkipanidze** - Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Did the conflicts in Abkhazia and the Tskhinvali region have ethnodemographic underpinnings?”*

10.40 **Giorgi Kvinikadze** - Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *„Foreign Trade Problems in the Occupied Regions of Georgia“*

11.00 **Akaki Abzianidze**, Professor, Georgian National University SEU, **Avtandil Tukvadze**, Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Political leadership in post soviet countries”*

11.20 **Aleksandre Tsurtsumia** - PhD, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Recep Tayyip Erdogan - The role of a leader in the political process”*

11.40 **Maia Manchkhachvili** - PhD, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“The Platform of Six” - A New Model of Cooperation for the South Caucasus”*

12.00 **Phikria Asanishvili** - Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Impact of Nagorno Karabakh War over the Regional Powers”*

12.20 **Lasha Tughushi**, Invited Lecturer, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, **Aleksandra Kalatozishvili**, Visiting Lecturer, Ilia State University, **Malkhaz Gagua**, Invited Lecturer, International Black Sea University - *“Identity, conservatism and political views of the Kvemo Kartli population”*

12.40 **Salome Elisashvili** - PhD student, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“The Integration Problem of Ethnic Minorities in the Higher Education System of Georgia”*

13.00 **Vakhtang Maisaia**, Professor, **Miranda Mikadze**, PhD student - Caucasus International University. *“The Impact of Asymmetric War on Euro-Atlantic Security”*

13.20 **Natia Kuprashvili**, Associate Professor, **Nino Chalaganidze**, Associate Professor - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Perception of hate speech in the of freedom of speech context - Georgian media culture example”*

13.40 **Maia Toradze**, Associate Professor, **Liana Markariani**, MA Student - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Covid-19 Infodemic and Fake News in Georgian Social Media”*

## **14.00 - 15.00 Break**

### **IV Session (Working Language - Georgian)**

**Chairperson: Salome Dundua**

15.00 **Malkhaz Matsaberidze** - Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *„The War of February-March, 1921 and the Constituent Assembly of Georgia“*

15.20 **Revaz Gachechiladze** - Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Formation of Political Boundaries in the 20<sup>th</sup> century South Caucasus”*

15.40 **Nino Maisuradze** - PhD student, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Influence of the European Conceptions on the Idea of a Nation in Georgia (1893-1917)”*

16.00 **Amiran Berdzenishvili**, Professor, **Kakha Ketsbaia**, Associate Professor - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“World Religions in the Globalization and Information Age”*

16.20 **Valerian Dolidze** - Assistant professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Cumulative process of development of democracy in Georgia”*

16.40 **Salome Dundua**, Associate Professor, **Tamar Karaia**, Assistant Professor - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Let's Defend My, Your, Our Batumi” - Social Movement to Save the Historic Look of Batumi*”

17.00 **Ketevan Jishiashvili** - PhD Student, Shota Rustaveli Theatre and Film Georgia State University. *“Modelling of postmodern urban space in contemporary Georgian painting”*

17.20 **Sandro Tabatadze** - PhD Student, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *„Policy transfer: attempt for new classification and synthesis with policy change framework”*

17.40 **Goga Lobjanidze** - PhD Candidate, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Party Cleavages in Georgia”*

18.00 **Tamar Orjonikidze** - PhD Student, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Myths about Stalin in Modern Georgian Politics”*



## **Sumit Mukerji**

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### **From Negative to Positive Peace: Meeting of two Seminal Minds**

In the history of emergence, evolution and progress of Conflict and Peace studies as an academic discipline along with the enormous proliferation of literature on the subject, one path breaking milestone has been the concept of Positive peace as an alternative to Negative Peace. Articulated by Johan Galtung, it provided a counterblast to the conceptual predominance of Negative Peace over the concerned domain. Galtung posited Positive Peace as an emancipatory concept based on structural integration which promised true, lasting and sustainable peace as opposed to the fragile and uncertain temporary reprieve provided by Negative Peace characterized by an undercurrent of violence. Philosophically, Positive peace aims not so much at conflict resolution but rather the establishment of peace animated by the vision of world order based on the sanctity of international law. Unlike its counterpart where there is peace without justice, Positive peace emphasizes on social equality and justice, interconnectedness of life, harmony, renewed human bonds and shared human values. While Galtung's work has been subjected to searching analysis and criticism, the role of a seminal Indian mind in the process of theoretical development of his ideas, deserves in-depth and meticulous examination. This was Mahatma Gandhi who influenced, inspired and ignited the mind of Galtung who in turn internalized his message and interpolated and integrated it into his framework of analysis.

Galtung labelled Gandhi a Structuralist who distinguished between the person and structure. Through Gandhian lens, Galtung saw how violence was built into social structures rather than persons. He adapted the Gandhian distinction between direct and indirect violence the latter categorized as structural and cultural violence which was no less venomous and hurtful than direct violence. Disempowered and marginalized people suffer and die in silence due to structured inequalities which have the potential to ignite armed conflict when the chronically oppressed resort to armed violence. Ethnic conflicts in particular, are exacerbated by continued disparities and deprivations. Gandhi intuitively understood the violence perpetrated by oppressive social structures and political institutions and was

unequivocal in his affirmation that the evil lay in the structure, not in the person carrying out his obligations. His emphasis was on system generated structural violence rather than actor oriented direct violence. The essence of non-violence is to root out antagonism, not the antagonists themselves.

Under the influence of Gandhi, Galtung emphasized on positive rather than negative non-violence the former seeking to make the antagonist start being peaceful. In his work Gandhi's Political Ethics, Galtung shows how his intellectual association with Gandhi prepared the conceptual framework for his Peace Research Institute of Oslo founded in 1959. Thomas Weber in Conflict Resolution and Gandhian Ethics, follows the same line as Galtung which clearly indicates Gandhi's presence in his mind and thought.

The present paper intends to rediscover the Gandhi- Galtung interface where Gandhi was the invisible catalyst behind Galtung's ingenious contribution to Peace and Conflict Studies, an area which has remained an un ploughed field of research till date.

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