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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 Manchkhavili** - 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”*



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### **Perception of hate speech in the of freedom of speech context - Georgian media culture example**

The hate speech, generally, considers expression of intolerance towards a definite group and very often such communication provokes a kind of violence. Stimulation of abhorrence refers to a group of persons determined on the basis of race, ethnical identity, nationality, gender, religion, sexual orientation, as a rule, it refers to minorities. However, all countries have their own unique contexts that complicate a vivid determination of so called “hate speech”. In some cases, all kinds of negative expressions being humiliating, insolent, slanderous or discriminative ones towards anybody are perceived by the community and/or separate groups as a hate speech.

Unclearness of perceiving of the hate speech was demonstrated by discussions on media regulation of Georgia held in 2019 when the government expressed a desire, motivated by necessity of regulation of the hate speech, to change a system of media self-regulation existing in Georgia. Many initiatives were expressed and they were targeted to make the hate speech applied in media punitive and regulatory.

The research is conducted using a qualitative methodology. We have analyzed a practice of self-regulation of the hate speech in Georgia within the year of 2019, and selected cases which were high-sounding in TV media outlets resulted in broad discussions and which had been discussed by the self-regulatory authorities.

In addition to analyzing of the cases and observing of decisions made by the self-regulatory authorities, we have also used a method of profound interviews.

As we have mentioned above, we have selected two high-sounding cases in the most interesting period of the research (2019). For both periods of the research it was an author text of the anchor man of the national broadcasting company

“Rustavi 2”. The first case was considered personally by the self-regulation council of the Rustavi 2 as well as by the Georgian Charter of Journalistic Ethics. We have analyzed two different approaches applied by both self-regulatory councils.

We received similar results of radically different interpretations of self-regulatory authorities as a result of conducting of deep interviews. Representatives of parties consider that the text expresses a hate speech towards Christians, but representatives of civil organizations and academic fields of universities do not consider that the text had been discriminative towards anybody. One of the explanations was as follows: “The given example is unlikely in compliance with a definition establishing the hate speech. It represents a subjective opinion of a definite journalist. I think that it does not collide with constitutional norms of freedom of speech, neither is considered as a humiliating act against religious feelings as the religious passage was devoted to discretion of a definite politics and not for the discrimination of this confession.

Analyses of both examples demonstrated that understanding and perception of the term of hate speech are not clearly formed neither in a general society, nor in professional circles of Georgia. The hate speech is often put on the same level with the humiliating and indecent expressions. Approaches and explanations of media self-regulatory boards are quite different.

The present research partially confirmed a hypothesis that stakeholders interpret the hate speech with a broad understanding which considers indecent and humiliating expressions. It was also completely confirmed that interpretation and regulation of the hate speech with a broad understanding in practice bears definite risks for freedom of medial in fragile democracies.

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