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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 Akkieva**, 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 Tsurtsunia** - 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 20th 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”*

ABSTRACTS

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Democracy and Super-Mafia

Liberal Versus Illiberal Democracy

Some of the new political regimes from the former communist countries that call themselves democracies, question the effectiveness of various forms of state organization. Their political leaders declare traditional values as opposed to liberal democratic values, in which a liberal state must give way to an illiberal state. Alternative approaches of illiberal democracy include: order, family, religion, the cult of the motherland, mythologization of the past, control of the media, the special role of the army and special services, and even claims to restore the death penalty. They use populism for propaganda purposes in combination with the “strong hand” method of the head of state, they seek to bring the judicial system under control (that is, under their control), as one of the branches of government, take direct control of the state media, prosecute representatives of the political opposition and prominent public figures who are disloyal to them. Political leaders who openly advocate illiberal democracy, argue that Western values based on human rights, respect for minorities, the rule of law, and free trade are now obsolete, and European Christian democracy has been led astray by liberalism. In fact, they bring their countries under an authoritarian model of government similar to the one that exists in Russia under President Vladimir Putin. The term “illiberal democracy” is a form of verbiage which covers various forms of authoritarianism and, despite the statements of their political leaders, have nothing to do with the fundamental principles of democracy and individual freedom.

Super-Mafia

The best antidote against organized crime is the development of democracy which is not tolerant of them. Super-Mafia means that state power is seized not only by politicians, but also representatives of special services and the Mafia-style organized crime groups. They act in concert, and their actions are so intertwined and secretive that it is quite difficult even for experts to separate politics from

criminal activity. In fact, representatives of the mafia are turning into big business people and politicians, and politicians and representatives of special services implement Mafia functions. The main goal of that type of Mafia is a combination of both illegal enrichment and political power. This phenomenon hardly fits into the framework of the traditional model of the institute of thieves in law (or Russian Mafia Bosses) set forth in the famous book by Mark Galeotti, *The Vory: Russia's Super Mafia*, which provides a brilliant analysis of Russian professional organized crime. The state of affairs in the Russian Federation with its repeated political killings, unprecedented thefts of state resources, the suppression of political opponents, the creation of bloody medieval regimes in the North Caucasus, is significantly different from the traditional understanding of organized crime. The Russian state is captured by a group of people combining in their actions the functions of special services, oligarchs, leaders of organized crime and politicians which can be called Super Mafia - term which is more suitable for the modern political regime of Russia than for the Russian professional organized crime.

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