

# BLACK SEA SUMMER UNIVERSITY

## Security Challenges and Democracy in the Black Sea Region

July 14 to 20, 2022

Tbilisi, Georgia

Language: **English**

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**July 14th, 2022**

**The Arrival of the Participants  
Accommodation**

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**July 15th, 2022**

**New Vision University - Auditorium Audimax**

11 Nodar Bokhua Street, 0159, Tbilisi

**9:30- 9:55**

**Registration with coffee**

**10:00 - 11:00**

**Welcoming remarks:**

**Prof. Kornely KAKACHIA**, Director, Georgian Institute of Politics

**H.E. Diego COLAS**, Ambassador of France to Georgia

**Marie-France PERDIGON**, Director, Summer University Programme, CIFE Nice

**Ekaterine AZARASHVILI**, Chancellor, New Vision University

**Presentation of the candidates**

**11:00 - 12:30**

**Prof. Thomas Maria KRUESSMANN**, New Vision University, Georgia

*"Making the Perfect Mediator: China vs. Türkiye in the Black Sea Region"*

**12:30 - 14:00**

**Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:30**

**Assoc. Prof. Ivanna MACHITIDZE**, New Vision University, Georgia

*"Black Sea security under strain: why the stakes are higher after the Nagorno-Karabakh ceasefire"*

**16:00**

**Organized walking tour in Tbilisi**

**July 16th, 2022**

**Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University - Auditorium 107**

1 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi 0179

**9:30 - 11:00**

**Assoc. Prof. Çiğdem ÜSTÜN**, Nişantaşı University Istanbul, Turkey

*"European neighbourhood: changing security environment and the EU's effectiveness"*

**11:00 - 12:30**

**Ivane CHKHIKVADZE**, EU Integration Programme Manager, Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSFG), Georgia

*"EU's new approach towards Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine. Way ahead after membership bid"*

**12:30 - 14:00**

**Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:30**

**Assoc. Prof. Çiğdem ÜSTÜN**, Nişantaşı University Istanbul, Turkey

*"Differentiated Integration in Turkey-EU relations: security, migration, energy policies and customs union"*

**15:30 - 17:00**

**Free time to visit Tbilisi**

**July 17th, 2022**

**Full Day Excursion to Mtskheta**

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**July 18th, 2022**

**Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University - Auditorium 107**

1 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi 0179

**9:30 - 11:00**

*"The future democracy and governance. A perspective on the Black Sea"*

**Dr. Florent PARMENTIER**, General Secretary,  
The Center for Political Research in Political  
Science at Sciences Po (CEVIPOF), France

**11:00 - 12:30**

*"Geopolitics as a factor in democratization in the Black Sea region"*

**Prof. Ghia NODIA**, Ilia State University, Georgia

**12:30 - 14:00**

**Lunch**

**14:00 - 15:30**

*"Foundations of democracy in light of legal systems and its relations to security"*

**Hossein TABATABAEI**, Researcher of Law and  
Policy of Energy, Iran

**15:30 - 17:00**

**Free time to visit Tbilisi**

**July 19th, 2022**

**Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University - Auditorium 107**

1 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi 0179

**9:30 - 11:00**

*"EU and democratization in the Black Sea region, between 'State capture' and democratic renewal"*

**Prof. Florent PARMENTIER**, General Secretary, The Center for Political Research in Political Science at Sciences Po (CEVIPOF), France

**11:00- 12:30**

*Preliminary findings of the research paper "The challenges of the wider Black Sea Security after the Russian invasion of Ukraine: the case of Georgia"*

**Introductory remarks:**

**Prof. Kornely KAKACHIA**, Director, Georgian Institute of Politics

**Speaker:**

**Salome KANDELAKI**, Junior Policy Analyst, Georgian Institute of Politics

**Discussants:**

**Teona AKUBARDIA**, Deputy Chair, Defence and Security Committee, Parliament of Georgia

**Alexander VINNIKOV**, Head, the NATO Liaison Office in Georgia

**Q&A**

**Lunch**

**12:30 - 14:00**

**14:00 - 15:30**

**Exams for ECTS Credits for the students wishing to acquire Credits**

**Free afternoon for the others**

**15:30**

**Closing ceremony and distribution of the Certificates**

**July 20th, 2022**

**Departure of the International Participants**