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# Impact of Russian Invasion of Ukraine on the Wider Black Sea Security: Case of Georgia

Round-table discussion

**July 19, 2022 11:00 (GMT+4)**

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Auditorium 107

Language: **English**

**11:00 - 11:05**

Introductory remarks

**Moderator: Prof. Kornely KAKACHIA**, Director,  
Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP), Tbilisi -  
Georgia

**11:05 - 11:20**

*Preliminary research findings on the  
challenges of the wider Black Sea  
security after the Russian invasion of  
Ukraine: the case of Georgia*

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

**11:20 - 11:30**

*Assessing the wider Black Sea security  
dilemma from the South Caucasus  
perspective*

**Discussants:**

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

**11:30 - 11:40**

*The role of NATO in wider Black Sea  
security*

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

**11:40 - 12:15**

**Q&A**



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## About the event:

The **Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP)** organizes an in-country round-table discussion focused on the **impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on the wider Black Sea Security, with a particular emphasis on Georgia**. It also aims to discuss the perceptions of the political elite of Georgia regarding the Black Sea Security challenges. The event will take place at. The event is organized under the project **“Black Sea Cooperation for Stronger Security: Georgia, Ukraine and Azerbaijan”** financially supported by the **Black Sea Trust for the Regional Cooperation (BST)**, which aims to strengthen cooperation on security issues among the civil society actors in the countries of the Black Sea region: Georgia, Ukraine, and Azerbaijan. The project is being implemented by GIP in partnership with **Caucasus Policy Analysis Centre (CPAC, Azerbaijan)** and **Foreign Policy Council “Ukrainian Prism” (Prism UA, Ukraine)**.

During the round-table discussion, the preliminary findings of the research from each country will be presented in order to get feedback from the expert community and young researchers. The first speaker of the event will be the director of the Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP), Dr. Kornely Kakachia, who will make an overview of the project, and say a couple of words about the wider Black Sea Security dilemma. Salome Kandelaki, Junior Policy Analyst at the GIP will present the preliminary findings of the research that is conducted together with Azerbaijani and Ukrainian partners. The aim of the study is to reveal the perceptions of the political elites in Georgia, Ukraine, and Azerbaijan regarding the security challenges in the Black Sea region as well as to analyze the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on the wider Black Sea Security. The roundtable will also feature two discussants who will assess the preliminary findings and offer the perspectives of the NATO and Georgia about the future of the wider Black Sea security.

Registration for the event is available [here](#).