

SUMMER ACADEMY 2022

July 18 - 22, 2022
Tbilisi, Georgia

Language: **English**

Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP) together with the **Heinrich Boell Foundation Tbilisi Office – South Caucasus Region** organizes a **Summer Academy** under the framework of the project **“Analyzing Geopolitical Shifts in the South Caucasus.”** The aim of the project is to encourage young researchers from Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia to develop their skills and networks. The researchers will have an opportunity to assess the domestic policies affecting the foreign policies of the SC states. The project purpose is also to contribute to developing an informed policy approach towards Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan and its consequences for the EU’s impact in the region as well as to increase the quality of research and debates on the geopolitical changes. The final goal of this project is to empower younger researchers in working on geopolitical shifts in the region and their consequences for the SC states and the EU.

The Summer Academy will take place between **19-21th of July in Tbilisi**. The purpose of the Summer Academy is to provide support and advice to the researchers to finalize their policy briefs and papers. At the Summer Academy, the young researchers are expected to present their works in progress, engage in broader discussions with the local experts and attend seminars corresponding to the topics of their papers.

Summer Academy Program

July 18-22, 2022
Arrivals

July 19, 2022

09:00 - 17:00h (GMT+4)
TSU & GIP Office

09:30 - 10:00

Greeting participants/Coffee

Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Maro Makashvili Reading Hall

10:00 -10:10

Opening Remarks

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

Lilia CHIKHLADZE, Democratization Programme Coordinator, Heinrich Boell Foundation, South Caucasus Regional Office

10:10 -10:50

Introductions

Summer Academy participants

10:50 - 11:00

Moving from Maro Makashvili Reading Hall to Javakhishvili auditorium 107

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

11:00 - 11:05

Introductory remarks

Moderator - Prof. Kornely KAKACHIA, Director, Georgian Institute of Politics

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

Presenter: 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

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch at Restaurant Varazi

13:30 - 14:00

Transfer to the GIP office

Thematic Session 1:

**The EU's Bilateral Relations with the EaP States:
The Cases of Georgia and Armenia**

14:00 - 14:20

The EU's role in the conflicts in the South Caucasus region

Dr. Eka AKOBIA, Dean, Caucasus School of Governance, Caucasus University

14:20 - 14:40

The Future of the EaP: how infinite is the EU's support?

Ivane CHKHIKVADZE, Manager, EU Integration Program, Open Society Georgia Foundation

14:40 - 15:00

COFFEE BREAK

Presentations of the Participants Under the Thematic Session 1

15:00 - 15:10

Strengthening Europeanization of the South Caucasus: Can Georgia promote EU interests in the region?

Erekle IANTBELIDZE, EU Project Officer, Policy and Management Consulting Group (PMCG) - GEORGIA

15:10 - 15:20

Revisiting EU-Armenia relations under changing realities: What future to expect?

Magda ARSENYAN, Lecturer, Public Administration Academy of the RA - ARMENIA

15:20 - 15:40

Feedback from experts

Dr. Eka AKOBIA, Dean, Caucasus School of Governance, Caucasus University

Ivane CHKHIKVADZE, Manager, EU Integration Program, Open Society Georgia Foundation

15:40 - 16:00

Q&A

Reflection of the researchers

15:40 - 16:00

FREE TIME

July 20, 2022

11:00 - 16:30h (GMT+4)

Parliament/Shota Rustaveli Boutique Hotel/GIP Office

10:40 - 11:00		Meeting in front of the Parliament (8 Shota Rustaveli Ave)
11:00 - 12:30		Excursion in the parliament building;
Visiting the Parliament of Georgia		Meeting representatives of the parliamentary committees on Foreign Affairs and European Integration
12:30 - 12:40		Transfer to the Shota Rustaveli Boutique Hotel
12:40 - 13:40		LUNCH
		Transfer to the Shota Rustaveli Boutique Hotel
13:40 - 14:45		FREE TIME
14:45 - 15:00		Transfer to the GIP office

Thematic Session 2:

Strategic Relations of South Caucasus States and the EU

15:00 - 15:20		Tamar PATARAIA , Board member, Civil Council on Defense and Security
<i>Prospects for strategic relations between the South Caucasus states after Karabakh War</i>		
15:20 - 15:40		Dr. Shalva DZEBISAHVILI , Associate Professor, Supervisor of the Programs of IR and Politics Department, University of Georgia
<i>Security dilemma and EU's soft power in South Caucasus region</i>		
15:20 - 15:40		Coffee Break

Presentations of the Participants Under the Thematic Session 2

16:00 - 16:10

Armenia's capacity for European integration after Russia's invasion of Ukraine: Armenia's place on the map of the Eastern Partnership

Harutyun VOSKANYAN, PhD student,
Doctoral School of Social Sciences, University
of Warsaw - ARMENIA

16:10 - 16:20

Implications of Russia's invasion of Ukraine for the emergence of the Middle Corridor as a viable route in East-West trade

Mahammad MAMMADOV, Research Fellow,
Topchubashov Center - AZERBAIJAN

16:20 - 16:40

Feedback from experts

Tamar PATARAIA, Board member, Civil Council
on Defense and Security

Dr. Shalva DZEBISAHVILI, Associate Professor,
Supervisor of the Programs of IR and Politics
Department, University of Georgia

16:40 - 17:00

Q&A






Reflections from the participants

17:00

FREE TIME

July 21, 2022

09:30 - 16:00h (GMT+4)
National Museum & GIP office

10:00 - 10:30		Gathering in front of the National Museum of Georgia (3 Shota Rustaveli Ave)
10:30 - 12:30		Tour at the National Museum
12:30 - 12:40		Transfer to Shota Rustaveli Boutique Hotel
12:40 - 13:40		LUNCH Shota Rustaveli Boutique Hotel
13:40 - 14:00		Transfer to the GIP office

Thematic Session 3:

Feminist Approaches to Conflict Resolution

14:00 - 14:20

A Feminist Perspective on Conflict Management/Resolution



Shorena LORTKIPANIDZE, Co-founder and board member, Civil Council on Defense and Security

Presentations of the Participant Under the Thematic Session 3

14:20 - 14:30

Feminist analysis of the peacebuilding approach by international organizations in the South Caucasus



Lala DARCHINOVA, Co-founder and project manager, Feminist Peace Collective - AZERBAIJAN

14:30 - 14:45

Feedback from experts

Shorena LORTKIPANIDZE, Co-founder and board member, Civil Council on Defense and Security

14:45 - 14:50

Q&A

Reflection from the researchers

14:50 - 15:00

COFFEE BREAK

Thematic Session 4:

Long-Term Diversification Paths and Energy Transitions

15:00 - 15:20

Energy diversification to decrease dependency on the Russian market

Murman MARGVELASHVILI, Director, WEG World Experience for Georgia

Presentations of the Participant Under the Thematic Session 3

15:20 - 15:30

The EU's quest for energy diversification: is the Southern Gas Corridor back on the agenda?

Lela KANKADZE, MA student, Colleague of Europe - GEORGIA

15:30 - 15:45

Feedback from experts

Murman MARGVELASHVILI, Director, WEG World Experience for Georgia

15:45 - 15:55

Q&A



15:55 - 16:15

EVALUATION SESSION

16:15 - 16:30

CONCLUDING REMARKS

July 21 - 22, 2022

DEPARTURES