

The Shifting Geopolitics of the Black Sea Region

Black Sea Summer University Booklet

13-19 July, 2023 | Tbilisi, Georgia

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GEORGIAN INSTITUTE OF POLITICS



PROGRAM

Thursday
July 13th, 2023

Arrival and accommodation (international participants); Free time.

Friday
July 14th, 2023

Venue: New Vision University - Auditorium Audimax,
11 Nodar Bokhua Street, 0159, Tbilisi

9:30 - 9:55	Registration with coffee
10:00 - 11:00 Opening session Presentation of partners and candidates	Renata SKARDZIUTE-KERESELIDZE , Deputy Director, Georgian Institute of Politics Marie-France PERDIGON , Director, Summer University Programme, CIFE Nice Assoc. Prof. Irakli KOBALIA , Dean of the School of Politics and Diplomacy, New Vision University
11:00 - 12:30 <i>„One and a half Years After Russia's Full -Scale Invasion of Ukraine - Implications for the Black Sea Regional Cooperation“</i>	Assoc. Prof. Ivanna MACHITIDZE , Professor in International Relations, New Vision University, Georgia
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30 <i>„Recent Dynamics of Europeanisation in EaP Countries“</i>	Prof. Gvantsa DAVITASHVILI , Professor in International Relations, New Vision University, Georgia
16:00	Organized walking tour in Tbilisi

Saturday
July 15th, 2023

Venue: Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Auditorium 107,
1 Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi

9:00 - 9:30	Registration with coffee
9:30 - 10:00 Welcoming Remarks	Prof. Salome DUNDUA , Dean, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
10:00 - 11:30 <i>“NATO and the Black Sea Region: Towards a New Role?”</i>	Prof. Madeleine HUBIN , Assistant Professor in International Relations and European Politics, HEC Liège (Belgium)
11:45 - 13:15 <i>“Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Implications for Georgia's Security”</i>	Giorgi SHAIISHMELASHVILI , Head of Research at Civic IDEA/Visiting Lecturer at International Black Sea University (IBSU)
13:15 - 14:30	Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 <i>"The EU's Neighbourhood Policy: A Tool for Soft Power?"</i>	Prof. Madeleine HUBIN , Assistant Professor in International Relations and European Politics, HEC Liège (Belgium)
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16:00 - 17:00	Free time to visit Tbilisi
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**Sunday
July 16th, 2023**

Full Day Excursion to Shiomghvime/Mtskheta

**Monday
July 17th, 2023**
Venue: Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Auditorium 107,
1 Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi

9:30 - 10:00	Registration with coffee
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10:00 - 11:30 <i>"Georgia's Defense Potential Aimed the Ongoing War in Ukraine"</i>	Major General (Ret.) Vakhtang KAPANADZE , Deputy Director-general of Military Advanced Technologies Research, Development and Production Center FDI – DELTA/researcher of the analytical center GeoCase
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11:45 - 13:15 <i>"Euro-Atlantic Perspectives in the Region"</i>	Dr. Despina AFENTOULI , Executive Director, Institute of International Relations, Athens, Greece (IDIS)
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13:15 - 14:30	Lunch
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14:30 - 16:00 <i>"Georgia's Security Challenges Amid Geopolitical Shifts in the Region"</i>	Ambassador Ivane MATCHAVARIANI , Former Ambassador, Georgian Embassy to Japan/Co-Chairman of the Executive Board at the Georgian Strategic Analysis Center (GSAC)
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16:00 - 17:00	Free time to visit Tbilisi
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**Tuesday
July 18th, 2023**
Venue: Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU) - Auditorium 107,
1 Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi

10:00 - 11:30	Registration with coffee
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10:00 - 11:30 <i>"Europeanization of Georgian Foreign Policy: Prospects and Challenges"</i>	Prof. Kornely KAKACHIA , Professor of Political Science and Jean Monnet Chair, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; Georgian Institute of Politics
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11:45 - 13:15 <i>Round Table Discussion – "Georgia's NATO and EU Integration Process"</i>	Dr. Despina AFENTOULI , Executive Director, Institute of International Relations, Athens, Greece (IDIS) Oliko SHERMADINI , Political Officer, Delegation of the European Union to Georgia Arkadiusz LEGIEC Political Officer, the NATO Liaison Office for South Caucasus in Georgia
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13:15 - 14:30	Lunch
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14:30 - 16:00	Exams for ECTS Credits for the students wishing to acquire Credits.
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16:30 - 17:30	Free afternoon for the others
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16:30 - 17:30	Closing ceremony and distribution of the Certificates
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**Wednesday
July 19th, 2023**

The departure of the international participants

LECTURERS & SESSION OVERVIEWS

Assoc. Prof. Ivanna MACHITIDZE, Professor in International Relations, New Vision University, Georgia

Ivanna Machitidze obtained her MA degree in International Relations and European Studies from Central European University (Hungary-Austria) and the PhD degree from Donetsk National University (Ukraine) with specialization in Political Science. Dr. Machitidze was holding the position of the Program Coordinator of the BA International Relations (January 2014 – September 2019) and MA International Relations and Politics Programs (September 2017 – September 2019) at the International Black Sea University (Tbilisi, Georgia). Since January 2019 Dr. Machitidze is the Accreditation Expert of educational programs in the field of Political Science and International Relations. Ivanna teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in both English and Georgian at the New Vision University and International Black Sea University. Her research interests include regionalism and democratization-related issues with a focus on Eastern Europe and Russia.

TOPIC: „One and a Half Years After Russia's Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine - Implications for the Black Sea Regional Cooperation“

The lecture aims to shed light on the issue of the security cooperation challenges in the Black Sea after Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Re-evaluation of regional cooperation priorities and strategic importance of the Black Sea will be discussed as well, in particular, the initiatives such as Three Seas and Bucharest Nine.

As three of the littoral states are NATO members and two - the EU members, the third part of the lecture will focus upon the lack of their coherent strategy for the Black Sea contributing to increased insecurity in light of Russia's aggression. Finally, together with the Summer University participants we will share the perspectives on the scenarios for the Black Sea security cooperation in the mid-term and long-term perspective.

The key questions of the lecture are as follows:

- Is there a "Black Sea security architecture"?
- What were the patterns of the Black Sea Security cooperation before Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine?
- Which security challenges in the Black Sea emerged since 24th February 2022?

- Has the Black Sea security turned into a salient issue for the regional stakeholders, states, and regional organizations?

Prof. Gvantsa DAVTASHVILI, Professor in International Relations, New Vision University, Georgia

Gvantsa Davitashvili is a Professor at New Vision University, where she teaches Europeanisation and European Integration courses. She has experience teaching at HEI on national, as well as international level for more than 10 years. Prof. Davitashvili has experience of working for protection, promotion and researching human rights at NHRIs (Public Defender Office of Georgia) for more than 5 years. Currently she is an affiliated policy analyst at the Georgian Institute of Politics. She holds a PhD degree in International Relations at the University of Basque Country (Spain) and LL.M in South East European Law and European Integration at the University of Graz (Austria). Her research interests include European integration of the Eastern Partnership countries, external Europeanisation, the democratization of Eastern European countries, foreign policy of the EU. She is an author of a number of publications, as well as commentaries and studying resources.

TOPIC: “Recent Dynamics of Europeanisation in EaP Countries”

In this lecture, Prof. Dr. Gvantsa Davitashvili will discuss the recent dynamics of Europeanisation in the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries. The EaP is a policy framework launched by the European Union in 2009 to promote political, economic, and social reforms in six countries in Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine.

Prof. Davitashvili will begin by providing an overview of the Europeanisation framework as a concept. She will then discuss the different factors that have influenced the process of Europeanisation in the EaP countries, including the EU's own policies, and the geopolitical context. The lecture will then focus on the recent dynamics of Europeanisation in Georgia, Ukraine, and Moldova. She will also consider the implications of the recent political developments in the region, such as the war in Ukraine.

The key questions of the lecture are as follows:

- How Europeanisation can be explained and what it explains?
- What are the scenarios that could unfold in EaP countries?
- What is the impact of Russia’s aggressive War against Ukraine on the European integration dynamics of EaP countries?

Prof. Madeleine HUBIN, Assistant Professor in international relations and European Politics, HEC Liège (Belgium)

Madeleine Hubin holds an MA in Interpretation (English-Dutch), an MA in Linguistics from UC Louvain, as well as an MA in International Relations and European Affairs from the University of Liège, Belgium. She is the Head of the Language Department and a Professor of English at HEC-Liège, Management School

of the University of Liège. She also teaches International Relations Organizations and Strategic Stakes in Globalization to International Business and Law students. Her main interests are: languages, geopolitics, globalization, international organizations, European affairs, defense, strategy and security. She has been collaborating with CIFE for many years, teaching in summer universities all over central and eastern Europe, and further. She also teaches geopolitics in the MBA offered in Vietnam (Saigon and Hanoi) by the Solvay Business School (Free University Brussels).

TOPIC: “NATO and the Black Sea Region: Towards a New Role?”

Over the past years, NATO has focused on countering Russian influence and guaranteeing security and stability on its northern and southeastern flanks.

The Black Sea region, with its warm-water ports, is considered as critical and strategic by Moscow for projecting its hard-power into the Mediterranean and beyond. As recent events have shown, Russia is ready to use violence to spread its influence and seize power in the places it deems strategic in the area.

Although NATO recognizes the importance of ensuring stability in the Black Sea region, the organization has proved unable to translate this assessment into a concrete strategy and has shown little involvement so far. Even though three Black Sea littoral NATO-member states (Romania, Bulgaria, and Turkey) have been safeguarded, Ukraine and Georgia have only been offered bilateral military partnerships.

There is currently a growing trend, mainly supported by the US, towards putting the Black Sea at the center of NATO’s strategy by increasing its military presence and economic involvement of its members, using strategic, military, economic and diplomatic means.

In this short lecture, the current state of affairs will be summed up, the proposed NATO Black Sea strategy will be described (for whom? Objective? Means?). The role of Turkey, as gatekeeper, ally of the West and close friend of Russia will also be analyzed.

TOPIC: “The EU’s Neighbourhood Policy: A Tool for Soft Power?”

By creating its Neighbourhood policy, the EU had as main objective to expand its zone of security to countries which are not granted EU membership but are crucial to European security because of their proximity. In order to avoid the risk of instability spilling over into the larger EU, the Neighbourhood Policy aims to create a stable space by developing long-term policy integrating these countries economically, politically, and socially and by fostering cross-border cooperation. Specific areas are focused on, as for instance the rule of law, economic reforms, social cohesion and foreign policy. Through bilateral action plans, the EU is setting up a privileged relationship based on common values with each of its neighbours, which provides a more secure environment for everyone.

The actors of this policy will be presented, as well as its contents, benefits and financing. The topic will be illustrated taking the case of Georgia. A critical assessment of the policy and its current and future challenges will also be provided.

Giorgi SHAISHMELASHVILI, Head of Research at Civic IDEA/Visiting Lecturer at International Black Sea University (IBSU)

Giorgi Shaishmelashvili is the Head of Research at Civic IDEA. He has extensive experience as a security and foreign policy professional. He held high-ranking positions at the Georgian Ministry of Defense and National Security Council. On top of his experience in public service, Shaishmelashvil has worked in different civil society organizations (CSOs). Shaishmelashvili holds an MA in Strategic Security Studies from National Defense University (NDU, USA) and an MA in Social Sciences in Eurasian and Caucasus Studies at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University.

TOPIC: "Russian Invasion of Ukraine: Implications for Georgia's Security"

Russia's full-scale military invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, has profoundly changed the security environment in Europe. There are many lessons to be learned from the Russia-Ukraine war - at strategic, operational, and tactical levels. Though the puzzle of how Ukraine managed to withstand the attack on such a scale at the initial phase of the war and conduct successful counterattacks later has yet to be explored, defense and security professionals have already started to draw preliminary findings of the conflict. This class aims to contextualize the Ukrainian theory of victory in Georgian reality and what to be done by Georgia to take advantage of Russia's entanglement in the war.

The key questions of the lecture are as follows:

- What is the Ukrainian Center of Gravity? Is it its Military? Society? The Government? President Zelensky? All?
- What has been done by Georgia in the defense and security sector after the war had started?
- What has to be done by Georgia in this context?

Major General (Ret.) Vakhtang KAPANADZE, Deputy Director-general of Military Advanced Technologies Research, Development and Production Center FDI – DELTA/researcher of the analytical center GeoCase

Major General (Ret.) Vakhtang Kapanadze served as Georgia's Deputy Defense Minister from 1990 to 1991, after which he was appointed Chief of Staff of the Afghan War Veteran's Battalion and the Special Reconnaissance Battalion (1991-1992). Between 1993 and 1999, he was Head of the Combat Reconnaissance/Intelligence branch of Main Intelligence Department. Other positions held include Commander of 11th Motorized Brigade, Chief of J-2 Department of General Staff, Chief of Staff of the Rapid Reaction Forces, Chief of General Staff of Georgia (2004-2005), Military Adviser to the President of Georgia (2005-2006). MG Kapanadze was appointed Georgia's Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Poland in 2007, a position he held until 2008, when Russia –Georgia war broke out. From 2008 to 2012 he served as Deputy Head of Foreign Intelligence Service of Georgia. Between 2013 and 2016, MG Kapanadze served as the Georgian Armed Forces' Chief of General Staff/GEO CHOD. He was appointed Georgia's Military representative to NATO and EU in 2017, a position he held until 2020. Currently Vakhtang Kapanadze is the deputy director-general of Military Advanced Technologies Research, Development and Production

Center FDI – DELTA and researcher of the analytical center GeoCase. Vakhtang Kapanadze is an alumnus of the College of Strategic Studies and Defense Economics at the George C. Marshal Center in Germany, attended the Ukraine Armed Forces National Academy's Operational-Tactical Faculty (Gold Medal) (1998-1999), and also the U.S. Army War College (2002-2003). In 2014 he was awarded the academic degree of the Doctor of Military Science. He is author of a number of publications and research in defense sphere.

TOPIC: "Georgia's Defense Potential Aimed the Ongoing War in Ukraine"

Russia's aggression against neighboring Ukraine and the ongoing large-scale war in Central Europe have put the world in front of a new paradigm. It is already clear that with the active support of the West, Ukraine will not be defeated, just as Russia will not be able to win. However, the question: what will be the defeat of Russia and how the current situation can be reflected on neighboring regions of Russia, and especially on Georgia, is gaining more and more relevance.

The key questions of the lecture are as follows:

- The place of the Black Sea region in Russian politics
- Military balance in the wider region of the Black Sea
- Fundamental National Security documents of Georgia and the degree of their implementation in present-day Georgia

Dr. Despina AFENTOULI, Executive Director, Institute of International Relations, Athens, Greece (IDIS)

Despina Afentouli is the Executive Director of the Institute of International Relations (IDIS), Greece's leading university research institute, affiliated with the Department of International and European Studies at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences. During 2002-2022, she served as Program Manager at NATO's Public Diplomacy Division. In this capacity, she was responsible for the design and implementation of the communication strategy of the Organization towards the member states of the Southern flank as well as towards the partner countries in the Caucasus and Central Asia. Prior to joining NATO, she was a journalist specializing in foreign and European affairs and she worked for Greek media outlets (Kathimerini Daily, Sky Radio, Star Channel, Athens News Agency) as well as the Economist Intelligence Unit-Greek edition. For her work, she was awarded the Calligas Prize attributed by the European Journalists Association. She studied Law at the University of Athens and Political Science and Political Communication at the University of Paris I - Sorbonne and Paris II. She is the author of four books and numerous articles on transatlantic relations, Greek foreign policy, European affairs and regional cooperation in SE Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean.

TOPIC: "Euro-Atlantic Perspectives in the Region"

In the aftermath of the NATO Vilnius summit (11-12 July), the lecture will analyse the decisions taken in regard to the Open Door policy and discuss the summit's deliverables as it concerns Ukraine and the Alliance's stance towards Russia. The lecture will also examine the relations of Georgia with NATO in the framework of the Annual National Program and the enhanced cooperation with the Alliance. Also, the partnership relations with Armenia and Azerbaijan.

Ambassador Ivane MATCHAVARIANI, Former Ambassador, Georgian Embassy to Japan/Co-Chairman of the Executive Board at the Georgian Strategic Analysis Center (GSAC)

Vano Matchavariani is an expert on strategic and international affairs and political commentator whose career spans foreign relations, diplomacy, business, academia and the non-profit sector. Most recently, he served as Deputy Secretary of the National Security Council of Georgia. Previously, he was Executive Director of the Georgia Development Foundation, Deputy CEO for External Relations at JSC Partnership Fund, and Advisor on Foreign Relations to President Giorgi Margvelashvili. Mr. Matchavariani served as Ambassador to Japan from 2007 to 2009 and as Ambassador-at-Large/Special Envoy on Energy Security Issues in Georgia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2007. From 2004 to 2007, Mr. Matchavariani was in the private sector as Director's Representative for External Relations for the Australian listed company Bolnisi Gold and then as a member of the Supervisory Board of the Georgian Oil and Gas Corporation. From 1998 to 2002, he was Counsellor in the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations in New York. In 1997 and 1998, he was Assistant on Foreign Affairs to Chairman of the Parliament Zurab Zhvania. In 1996, he was a visiting fellow at the Institute for Conflict Management and Resolution at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. From 1996 to 1997, he founded and ran the Georgian office of the NGO Partners for Democratic Change. Mr. Matchavariani holds a master's degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC, a graduate diploma in European Studies from the Central European University (CEU) in Prague, Czech Republic, and an undergraduate diploma from the Georgian Polytechnical University. He has taught foreign policy at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs.

TOPIC: "Georgia's Security Challenges Amid Geopolitical Shifts in the Region"

The lecture aims to assess the wider Black Sea security dilemma from the Georgian perspective and discuss how the war in Ukraine impacted the security of Georgia and the wider region as well as shifted the perception of Russia in a civilized world. The lecture will also touch upon Georgia's national interests and its perception by different actors. The Black Sea plays an important role in Georgian perception of who we are and what we want and the recent shifts in the region present both opportunities and challenges for Georgia.

The key questions of the lecture are as follows:

- What are the major challenges that the recent geopolitical shifts in the Black Sea Region pose to Georgia?
- Do the main political actors in the country perceive Georgian national interests in the same manner?
- How can Georgia tackle key risks and challenges amid the geopolitical shifts in the region?

Prof. Kornely KAKACHIA, Professor of Political Science and Jean Monnet Chair, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; Georgian Institute of Politics

Kornely Kakachia is a Professor of Political Science and Jean Monnet Chair at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia. He is also the Director of the Tbilisi-based think tank Georgian Institute of Politics. His current research focuses on Georgian domestic and foreign policy, security issues of the wider Black Sea area, and comparative party politics. He was a recipient of IREX and OSI fellowships and was a visiting fellow at Harvard University's Black Sea Security program (2009–2010), Harriman Institute, Columbia University (2011), and the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. Prof. Kakachia is co-editor of the book titled "*Georgia's Foreign Policy in the 21st Century. Challenges for a Small State*" (London, New York: I.B. Tauris, 2021). In his capacity as an expert on Georgian Domestic and Foreign policy, Kakachia has appeared on the BBC, Deutsche Welle, Financial Times, Le Monde, Figaro, Time and Economist, on Georgian radio television stations to comment on Georgia's foreign policy, regional security, and other issues.

TOPIC: "Europeanization of Georgian Foreign Policy: Prospects and Challenges"

The lecture aims at providing information to the participants on the existing challenges of Georgia's foreign policy. The participants will become familiar with the prospects of Georgia's Europeanization, impeding factors and the progress achieved up to this date. Additionally, the lecture aims at raising awareness not only about the prospect of Georgia, but also the position of the EU member states on Georgia's European integration. Lastly, the participants will become familiar with the potential European integration models for Georgia and receive information on regional and individual integration models in comparative terms.

It has been approximately two decades since Georgia has started to work towards European integration more intensively than any other post-Soviet countries (except for the Baltic states). This aspiration is aimed at developing stable political institutions, establishing sustainable security and functional democratic system. Georgia's European integration process promoted solid internal positive reforms in terms of governance and democratization. However, while Georgia's Euro-Atlantic aspirations remain at the political level, at the social level we encounter rather increasing, visible fatigue of the European values. The major weakness of the ongoing Europeanization process is the mismatch between Georgian and other European societies, caused by the lack of shared experience and the experience of participating in common public debates. With its rhetoric, Georgia is part of Europe, but in reality, the knowledge and the understanding of the European reality is very much limited.

The key questions of the lecture are as follows:

- Georgia's political challenges and prospects in the process of Europeanization;
- Steps ahead to achieve European integration;
- Prospects of Georgia's European integration as seen by the EU member states;
- European integration models of Georgia: regional integration and individual integration.

Georgia's NATO and EU Integration Process

Round-table discussion

The round-table discussion will discuss all aspects of the relations of Georgia with NATO and the EU, the membership perspectives, and the prerequisites / criteria for progressing towards this perspective. The discussion will also tackle the overall approach of EU and NATO member states in regard to further enlargements.

The roundtable discussion will be focused on the following points:

- Focusing on the security environment in the context of the war in Ukraine, including the Black Sea and the Caucasus;
- Analysing the response of NATO and EU in regard to the region - additional support, political and defense cooperation;
- Membership perspectives: has the war in Ukraine facilitated them or rendered them more difficult?
- Alternatives to membership for the countries of the region.

Oliko SHERMADINI, Political Officer at the Delegation of the European Union to Georgia will present the EU perspective, while **Arkadiusz LEGIEC** Political Officer at the NATO Liaison Office for South Caucasus in Georgia will discuss the abovementioned points from the NATO perspective. The discussion will be moderated by **Dr. Despina AFENTOULI**, Executive Director at the Institute of International Relations, Athens, Greece (IDIS).

SUMMER UNIVERSITY PARTICIPANTS

Name	Country of Origin	University degree or qualification
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Dagli Mehmet Bahadir	<i>Denmark/Turkey</i>	Cyber & Information security Architect, Graduated in International Business and Management, University of Southern Denmark.
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Dos Santos Nathan	<i>USA / Brazil</i>	Master graduated in Latin American Studies, Stanford University, California, Current student in French Civilisation, Paris La Sorbonne.
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Florea Dragos-Andrei	<i>Romania</i>	3 rd Year student in International and European Law, Nicolae Titulescu University, Bucarest, Romania.
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VENUES

- **July 14 – Lectures:** New Vision University, **Address:** 11, Nodar Bokhua street.
Lunch: New Vision University, **Address:** 11, Nodar Bokhua street.
- **July 15, 17, 18 - Lectures,** Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU), **Address:** 1 Chavchavadze Avenue,
Lunch: Restaurant “Varazi”, **Address:** 2 Varaziskhevi St.
- **Excursion & Lunch:** “Armazi Tskharo”, Mtskheta.

GEORGIAN RESTAURANTS & CAFÉS

- Sofia Melnikovas Fantastiuri Duqani: serves vegetarian Khinkali, <https://www.facebook.com/Sofia-Melnikovas-Fantastic-Douqan-186216914838587/>
- Tbili Sio: cafe/bar (with food) with outside seating <https://www.facebook.com/tbili.sio.public.garden/>
- Ezo: <https://www.facebook.com/EZO.Restaurant/>
- Café Leila: vegetarian; offers Gobi (bowl with mixed Georgian starters)
https://www.tripadvisor.de/Restaurant_Review-g294195-d7987536-Reviews-Kafe_Leila-Tbilisi.html
- G.Vino or Vino Underground: for Georgian wine traditionally made in clay pots (qvevri) -
<https://www.facebook.com/g.vinotbilisi/> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Vino-Underground/349171521822676>
- Racha: affordable & tasty https://www.tripadvisor.de/Restaurant_Review-g294195-d3378818-Reviews-Racha_Dukhan-Tbilisi.html

SIGHTSEEING



- National Gallery: collection of the most famous Georgian painters
- Museum of Georgia: thousand years old jewelry
- Take a cable car up to the fortress, from there walk to Mother Georgia and then down to the old town.
- For more views, climb up to the statue in Vake Park or take the ropeway to Turtle Lake
- Visit a traditional steam bath at Abanotubani
- Souvenirs: Small shop in the yard of Sofia Melnikova's (look above)
- Shops at Fabrika
- Dry bridge flea market
- For more traditional souvenirs: churchkhela, Georgian tea and Svanetian salt (e.g. from Badagi, 6 Roman Miminoshvili St); qvevri wine.

Recommended webpage for the **Walking Tour**: <http://tbilisifreewalkingtours.com>

















