

# Second Annual Convention

## “Divided over European Values? Normative Cleavages in the South Caucasus and the Impact of the EU - Russia - Turkey Value Discourse”

Thursday, 12 April 2018

*Ilia State University, B-Building room 201 and A-Building 101, (32, Chavchavadze Ave. Tbilisi, Georgia)*

**09h30** Registration & Coffee

**10h00** Opening - Plenary

President AESC, Thomas Kruessmann  
Rector Ilia State University, Giga Zedania  
Rector New Vision University, David Kereselidze  
Mr. Carlo Natale, the Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to Georgia  
Ms Tamar Khulordava, Chairwoman of the Committee on European Integration  
of the Parliament of Georgia Member of Parliament of Georgia  
Ms. Lika Glonti, Head of Erasmus + Office

**10h30** Round Table

***“Selling” the EU to Abkhazia: Normative Power Europe as a Tool for  
Conflict Resolution?***

***Venue: B-Building room 201***

with Minister on Reconciliation and Civil Integration, Ms. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili,  
Ms. Heidi Erbsen (University of Tartu), Mr. Alexander Rusetskii (Director, South  
Caucasus Institute for Regional Security) and Mr. Giorgi Kanashvili (Executive  
Director, Caucasian House)

**12h00** Coffee Break

**12h30** Parallel panels

**Panel 1:** ***Neighbourhoods and Regionalism: Shifting Borderlines of Inclusion and  
Exclusion Venue?***

***Venue: B-Building room 201***

- An ad hoc Regionalism? External Crises and the Shaping of Regional Security in the Visegrad Four (Kazharski, Aliaksei)
- The Union for Mediterranean: A Hopeful Project for the Future (Közkaman, Armağan)
- The Baltic / Nordic Regionalism: A Study in Unfulfilled Expectations (Makarychev, Andrey)

- The Economic Performances of Central Asia Countries since the Independence: Challenges and Perspectives in a Changing World (Pataccini, Leonardo)
- China's OBOR: Connotations for Central Asia (Avcu, Seyit Ali / Zholdasbekova, Akbota)

**Panel 2:** ***The Degree of Europeanisation of the Eastern Partnership Countries***

***Venue: Lecture hall A 101***

- The New EU Global Strategy and Europeanisation of Moldova as a Member of the Eastern Partnership (Golovataya, Lyudmila)
- Azerbaijan is a Europeanised East (Askerova, Sumuser)
- The Republic of Moldova Between Migration and Europeanisation (Daud, Tatiana)
- Re-assessing the Multiple Layers of the Georgian Europeanness from a Social Constructivist Perspective (Karadağ, Yelda)
- Borders Within? The EU, Eurasia and the Unintended Consequences of Competitive Region-building in Moldova (Wolfschwenger, Johann)

**14h00** Parallel panels

**Panel 3:** ***The EU's Foreign Policy Strategy towards the South Caucasus: Perspectives and Challenges***

***Venue: B-Building room 201***

- The EU's Strategy for Addressing the Security Warfare (Gogvadze, Giorgi)
- The Eastern Partnership's and EU's Regional Approach towards the South Caucasus (Andguladze, Ana)
- The EU's Conflict Resolution Policy: Protracted Conflicts of the South Caucasus (Panchulidze, Elene)
- The European Model of Institute- and Democracy Promotion in the South Caucasus (Romanovskiy, Evgeny)

**Panel 4:** ***Memories, Identities and Modernisation Compared***

***Venue: Lecture hall A 101***

- Nostalgia, Societal Cleavages and the Modernisation Project: Georgians' Attitudes towards the European Union (Shubladze, Rati / Sichinava, David)
- The Role of Identity Politics in the Eastern Partnership Process (Williams, Tiffany G.)
- Negotiating the Future of the EU in the Eastern Neighbourhood (Reisner, Oliver)
- A Common Future and a Common Identity: The Transformation Process of Political and Social Identities in the South Caucasus Countries (Kirvalidze, Ana)

**15h00** Lunch

16h00

***Junior Panel 1: Brusov State University of Languages and Social Sciences  
(Armenia)***

***Venue: B-Building room 201***

- EU Education Programmes as a Tool for Promoting European Values in Armenia (Hambardzumyan, Karine)
- Promoting Democratic Values: The Influence of the EU on Democratisation Processes in Armenia (Manukyan, Gayane)
- Eastern Partnership and South Caucasus: Achievements and Prospects (Sardaryan, Ani)
- Development of Civil Society in Armenia: Comparing the Mechanisms of Influence of EU, Russia and Turkey (Mkrtchyan, Ani)
- The Influence of the EU and Russia on the Media and Culture of South Caucasian Countries (Badalyan, Ani)
- EU and EAEU as Values Promoters: Comparative Analysis (Grigoryan, Nika)

Moderated by Prof. Anna Khvorostyankina

17h30

***Plenary - Summary first day***

***Venue: Lecture hall A 101***

18h00

AESC Advisory Board meeting (only for DESCnet consortium members)

19h30

Dinner for AESC Advisory Board

**Friday, 13 April 2018**

***New Vision University, Room 201 and 202 (11 Nodar Bokhua Street, Tbilisi, Georgia)***

**09h00** Parallel panels

**Panel 6:** ***The Role of Russia in the South*** Caucasus

***Venue: Seminar room 201***

- Cultural Hegemony of Colonial Power: Russia and Central Asia & Caucasus (Avcu, Seyit Ali)
- Russia's Choice of Hard Power in the South Caucasus (Nozadze, David)
- Russian Value-based Discourse and its Impact on Georgian Politics (Jorbenadze, Luka)
- Russia and Political Class in Georgia: Some Impediments on the Road towards Europeanisation (Dartchiashvili, Davit)
- Friendship and Integration. Contemporary Perspectives and Historic Parallels (Ivashchenko, Violetta)

**Panel 7:** ***Secularisation and Globalisation Compared***

***Venue: Seminar room 202***

- The Basis of the European Economic Development Mechanism (Gribincea, Alexandre)
- The Rapprochement between the Secular and Religious Opposition and the Evolution of Ideas of Democracy, Secularism, and State-Religion Separation in the Narratives of the Islamic Movement in Azerbaijan (Ismayilov, Murad)
- Globalisation without Liberalism: The Case of Turkey (Jäntti, Jyri)
- The Impact of the EU-Georgia Association Agreement on the Legal Approximation Process in Georgia (Getsadze, Giorgi)
- The Impact of European Integration on Environmental Legislation of Georgia (Devidze, Alexander)

**10h30** Coffee Break

**11h00** ***Junior Panel 2 (Yeditepe University, Istanbul)***

***Venue: Lecture Hall (Audimax)***

- South Caucasus Republics and their Europeanisation Process (Işbaşaran, Volkan)
  - Russia's Plan for post-Soviet Caucasian Countries and its Effects on the EU's Strategy (Mekteplib, Ridvan Semih)
  - The EU's Decreasing Influence on the South Caucasus and Power Gains by Turkey in the Region (Demir, Sinem Nazli)
- Moderated by Dr. Bilgen Sutcuoglu

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12h30	Lunch
14h00	Parallel panels
<b>Panel 8:</b>	<b><i>Armenia's Rapprochement with the EU: A Back Door for Europeanisation?</i></b> <b><i>Venue: Seminar room 201</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Dimensions of the European Neighbourhood Policy (Ayvazyan, Anna)</li><li>• Between EU and EAEU: Potential Effectiveness of the Mechanisms of Promoting Fundamental Values through EU-Armenia CEPA under the Circumstances of Multi-Vector Regional Integration (Khvorostiankina, Anna)</li><li>• Looking East: CEPA and the Armenian Digital Economy (Tomczyk, Justin)</li><li>• A Changing Pattern? Mapping the EU's Discourse on the South Caucasus (Bayu Ramadhan, Abiansyah / Dharmautra, Radityo / Ihza Kirana, Yusril)</li></ul>
<b>Panel 9:</b>	<b><i>Georgia in Transformation</i></b> <b><i>Venue: Seminar room 202</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How Virtual Reality is Transforming Georgians into Better Citizens (Ghvinjilia, Lana)</li><li>• "Bottom-up" Discourse of Europeanisation: The Case of Georgia (Davitashvili, Gvantsa)</li><li>• Patriotism as a Survival Strategy for Journalists – Examples from Georgia (Nazarenko, Salla)</li><li>• Nativist Civil Society in Georgia (Nodia, Ghia)</li></ul>
15h30	Coffee Break
16h00	Plenary: Agenda-setting session. Summary second day and end of conference
17h30	<b><i>AESC General Assembly meeting</i></b> <b><i>Venue: Lecture hall (Audimax)</i></b>
19h00	Dinner (conference presenters & board)
<b>Saturday, 14 April 2018</b>	
10h00	<b><i>Meeting of newly elected AESC Management Board</i></b>

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