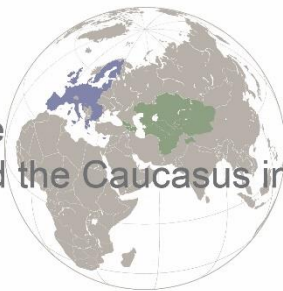


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Central Asia and the South Caucasus in Transition:

International Perspectives

30 – 31 August 2018

Programme

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Venue:

Ilia State University

32 Chavchavadze Avenue, ISU A Building, Room A 101
0186, Tbilisi Georgia

11:00 *Bus Transfer from the Hotel to the University (Members of the Council of Supervisors only)*

12:00 Meeting of the Council of Supervisors (incl. light lunch)

13:15 Registration and Light Lunch

**14:15 Welcome addresses and Opening of the Conference: Central Asia and the South
Caucasus in Transition: International Perspectives**

Prof. Dr Mathias **Jopp**, Head of International Programmes, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin
PD Dr Matthias **Waechter**, Director General, Centre international de formation européenne, Nice
Prof. Dr Ghia **Nodia**, Chairman at Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development, Ilia State
University, Tbilisi

14:45 Panel I: Prospects for the EU-South Caucasus Relations and the Role of Frozen Conflicts

Chair:

Prof. Dr Mathias **Jopp**, Head of International Programmes, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

Input Statements:

Dr Azer **Babayev**, School of Public and International Affairs at ADA University, Baku
Alexander **Iskandaryan**, Director, Caucasus Institute, Yerevan
Irakli **Porchkhidze**, Senior Vice-President, Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies, Tbilisi
Olesya **Vartanyan**, International Crisis Group, Brussels

Discussion

16:15 Coffee break

**16:45 Panel II: Novel Developments in Central Asia: Opportunities for Democratic Transformation
and (inter-) regional Cooperation**

Chair:

PD Dr Matthias **Waechter**, Director General, Centre international de formation européenne, Nice

Input Statements:

Prof. Dr Mirzokhid **Rakhimov**, Academy of Sciences, Tashkent
Dr Laura **Yerekeshva**, Institute of Oriental Studies, Almaty
Dr Sebastian **Schiek**, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin
Bruce **Pannier**, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Prague

Discussion

18:30 Walk to the Conference Dinner

19:00 Conference Dinner at Restaurant "Bern"

21:00 Bus Transfer from Restaurant "Bern" to the Hotel (with stop in downtown Tbilisi)

8:00 *Bus Transfer from the Hotel to the University*

9:00 **Parallel Paper Presentations**

Presentations of young researchers' projects including PhD theses, MA theses and research papers from the Fellows of the EUCACIS PhD Support Programme and selected candidates from our Call for Papers.

Group 1 The Role of International Organisations in Post-Soviet Space

Chair:

Dr Nazira **Momosheva**, Kyrgyz National University, Bishkek

Input Statements:

Albina **Muratbekova**, Institute of Oriental Studies, Almaty

Jamshid **Normatov**, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent

Bahodur **Sheraliyev**, Russian-Tajik Slavonic University, Dushanbe

Dr Sureyya **Yigit**, Istanbul Aydin University, Istanbul

Discussion

Group 2 Peace and Stability in the South Caucasus

Chair:

Prof. Dr Mathias **Jopp**, Head of International Programmes, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

Input Statements:

Tamar **Gamkrelidze**, Ilia State University, Tbilisi

Azad **Garibov**, Khazar University, Baku

Violetta **Petrosyan**, Yerevan Brusov State University of Languages and Social Sciences, Yerevan

Ehsan **Ejazi**, University of Guilan, Rasht, and Aref **Bijan**, State University of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg

Discussion

10:30 **Coffee break**

10:45 **Parallel Paper Presentations (continued)**

Group 3 State Building in the South Caucasus and Central Asia: From Authoritarianism to Democracy?

Chair:

Dr Ashot **Aleksanyan**, Center for European Studies, Yerevan

Input Statements:

Magda **Arsenyan**, Public Administration Academy of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan

Kialbek **Temishev**, Kyrgyz National University, Bishkek

Jasur **Salomov**, National University of Uzbekistan, Tashkent

Maia **Machavariani**, Dublin City University, Dublin

Discussion

Group 4 Heritage and Modernity in the Wider Central Asia

Chair:

Prof. Dr Asifa **Jan**, University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Input Statements:

Suhail **Ahmad**, University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Sholpan **Tazabek**, Nazarbaev University, Astana

Gulzana **Kurmanalieva**, Naryn State University, Naryn

Discussion

13:15 Lunch

14:15 Reports from the Working Groups

14:45 Panel III: Socio-Cultural Dialogue between the EU, the South Caucasus and Central Asia: Higher Education, Human Rights and Civil Society

Chair:

Dr Helgard **Fröhlich**, Programme Director, Centre International de Formation Européenne, Berlin

Input Statements:

Dr Markus **Kaiser**, President, German-Kazakh University, Almaty

Dr Yevgenya Jenny **Paturyan**, American University of Armenia, Yerevan

Dr Ashot **Aleksanyan**, Center for European Studies, Yerevan

Medea **Turashvili**, Georgian Institute of Politics, Tbilisi

Felix **Hett**, Director South Caucasus, Friedrich-Ebert Foundation, Tbilisi

16:15 Concluding Remarks

Prof. Dr Mathias **Jopp**, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

PD Dr Matthias **Waechter**, Director General, Centre international de formation européenne, Nice

16:45 End of Conference

16:45 Meeting of the EUCACIS Advisory Board