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Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP)

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# **BLACK SEA SUMMER UNIVERSITY**



## **REPORT OF THE SESSION**

**TBILISI (Georgia)**

**14 to 20 July 2024**

*The Black Sea Summer University was organised in Tbilisi, Georgia, in collaboration with the Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP) and the participation of New Vision University.*

*The programme took place from 14 to 20 July on the topic “Shifting Tides: Exploring Conflicts in the Black Sea Region”. The foreign students stayed, together with the lecturers, in a very good hotel, close to the university and easily accessible to all points of interest in Tbilisi. As the Georgian students enthusiastically took on the role of tourist guides and showed their new international friends around their capital city after class, this location was very appreciated.*

*The academic programme was structured around many topics on the geopolitical context of the Black Sea Region and specifically regarding the current conflicts and the problematic situation in Ukraine. All the topics were warmly discussed in formal conferences, but with debates and interactive sessions too. The programme contained approximately 30 hours of lectures and discussions. They were conducted in English by international experts from Georgia and from countries both within and outside the European Union.*

*The group of almost 30 participants represented 10 different nationalities with a very large proportion of Georgian candidates. The Georgian candidates were immediately very involved in the organisation of the free time and facilitated the cultural integration of their new foreign friends. Probably because they were for the first time in a very new country for them, they immediately formed a little family, taking advantage of all the free time offered.*

*All the candidates completed the programme successfully and received a certificate of participation during the closing ceremony. Additionally, those students who presented some supplementary work after the session acquired ECTS credits. At the end of the session, we also asked our students to fill out the evaluation questionnaire and comment upon our programme. Their observations showed great satisfaction.*

*It was noted that studying conditions were very comfortable both in the building of New Vision University and Tbilisi State University even if, unfortunately, the air conditioning was not operating in the university classroom. The students agreed that the programme was very well designed and the different subjects enabled everyone to return home with a better understanding of and new insights into Georgia and the Black Sea Region. For the working lunches, everyone really enjoyed the local food with a buffet full of delicious dishes.*

*In addition, the participants enjoyed a rich full-day excursion out of Tbilisi to Mtskheta, one of the oldest cities in Georgia, and the troglodyte city of Uplistsikhe.*

*Everyone, both students and teachers, considered this experience in Georgia as a great success and CIFE warmly thanks the GIP for its involvement in the preparation and organisation of the programme and New Vision University too for organising the opening session in its own building.*





# PROGRAMME

**SUNDAY 14 JULY 2024**

Arrival of the international participants.  
Accommodation. Free evening

**MONDAY 15 JULY 2024**

**New Vision University**

**10.00: Opening session**

**Prof. Kornely KAKACHIA**, Director, Georgian Institute of Politics  
**Marie-France PERDIGON**, Director, Summer University Programme, CIFE Nice  
**Prof. George BARKALAIA**, New Vision University, Georgia

**Presentation of the candidates**



***“Europe: United in Diversity? Means for Protecting Minority Rights and Languages”***

- **Prof. Benedikt HARZL**, Associate Professor, Centre for Eastern European Law and Eurasian Studies and the Institute of International Law of the Law School of the University of Graz
- **Prof. Jürgen PIRKER**, Full Prof of Law & Governance, University of Graz, Member of the Committee of Experts under the COE Language Charter

**Lunch together**

**14.00: “Building Resilience in the Black Sea Region: Climate Policy and Geopolitical Challenges”**

**Prof. Michael LUKEN**, Professor in International Relations, New Vision University, Georgia



**16.00: Organised walking tour of Tbilisi**



**TUESDAY 16 JULY 2024**

**TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY**

**10.00: “The Last Fight - Geopolitical Rivalries and the Role of Societal Resilience (Georgia and Armenia)”**

**Prof. Shalva DZEBISASHVILI**, Associate Professor and Head of the Political Science and International Relations Programmes, University of Georgia



**“Hybrid Warfare in the Black Sea Region and Implications for Georgia”**

**Amb. Vano MATCHAVARIANI**, Expert on Strategic and International Affairs; Former Deputy Secretary of the National Security Council of Georgia

**Lunch together**

**14.00: “The Black Sea Region and Georgia in the US Foreign Policy Agenda: Key Takeaways of the NATO Washington Summit”**

**Mikheil DARCHIASHVILI**, Affiliated Professor at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA); Former Deputy Defence Minister



**Free time to visit Tbilisi**



WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2024

TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY

**10.00: “National Perspectives to European Security Challenges in the Black Sea Region”**

Interactive session under the responsibility of Florent MARCIACQ (France), Senior Research Fellow at CIFE, Research Associate at the French Institute of International Relations (Ifri)



**“Media and Information Warfare in the Black Sea Region”**

Florent PARMENTIER (France), General Secretary, Centre de recherches politiques de Sciences Po (CEVIPCF)

Lunch together

**14.30: “Energy Politics and Resource Competition in the Black Sea Region”**  
Florent PARMENTIER (France)



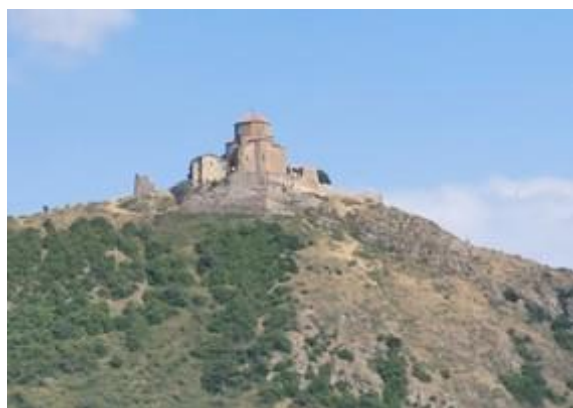
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THURSDAY 18 JULY 2024

Full day excursion to Uplistsikhe and Mtskheta





FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024

TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY

10.00 *"Georgia's European Future: Prospects and Challenges"*  
Prof. Kornely KAKACHIA, Director, Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP)

*"The Geopolitics of EU Enlargement in the East"*  
Florent MARCIACQ (France),  
Lunch together



14.00 ECTS oral exams for the students wishing to acquire credits

Free afternoon for the others

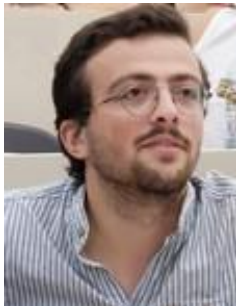





16.30 Closing session





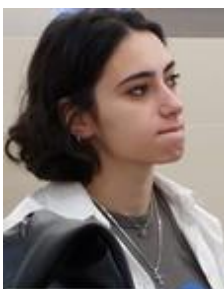




SATURDAY 20 JULY 2024:

Departure of the international participants

## PARTICIPANTS

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# EVALUATION

The students unanimously agreed that the programme was very well designed. The academic part dealt with very relevant topics and the participants thus returned home with a better understanding of and new insights into Georgia, the region and its challenges. The tourist and cultural programme was very appreciated too.

## **Evaluation of the lecturers:**

Of course, the academic programme would not have been such a success without the efforts of the lecturers. Both the teachers from Georgia and the foreign lecturers were highly appreciated by the students and more than once awarded with grades of 10 points out of 10. The participants were very satisfied with the programme and the relations with the organisers and the administrative assistance before and during the programme.

## **General evaluation of the session:**

All the candidates, from Georgia and abroad, enjoyed the Black Sea Summer University very much. They learnt a lot about the country and its region, thanks to both the very interesting lectures and the cultural and tourist activities.

Generally speaking, as usual, the session was considered too short. Everyone would have liked to stay longer.

## **CONCLUSION:**

CIFE warmly thanks the Georgian partners for their involvement and especially Nini, for her very friendly and useful collaboration.



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