



# BLACK SEA SUMMER UNIVERSITY

TBILISI (Georgia) – July 13 to 19, 2026

in partnership with  
New Vision University

## «SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE BLACK SEA REGION »

### Programme

All the courses will be held in the building of New Vision University. A bus will pick up the candidates each morning in the center to drop off them at New Vision University. The same at the end of the academic day.

**Monday 13 July, 2026** Arrival of the participants.  
Accommodation. Free evening

**Tuesday 14 July, 2026**

**10.30h** Opening session  
- Prof. George Barkalaia/ Prof. David Kereselidze, New Vision University  
- Marie-France Perdigon, Director, Summer University Programme, CIFE Nice  
- H.E.Olivier Courteaud, Ambassador of France (TBC)

**11.30h** *"Why the Black Sea Matters: Strategic Significance in a Changing Security Landscape"*  
Prof. Sureyya Yigit, New Vision University

**Lunch at the cafeteria of New Vision University**

**14.00h** *"EU policies in the Region"*  
Prof. Dr. Çiğdem ÜSTÜN (Turkey), PhD in European Studies and international relations, Nişantaşı University Istanbul, Turkey.

**Wednesday 15 July 2026**

**10.30h** *"Relations between Turkey and Georgia"*  
Prof. Dr. Çiğdem ÜSTÜN (Turkey), PhD in European Studies and international relations, Nişantaşı University Istanbul, Turkey.

**11.30h:** *"Black Sea Security in Focus: Strategies of the Littoral States"*  
- H.E. Razvan Rotundu, Ambassador of Romania to Georgia (TBC)

**Lunch at the cafeteria of New Vision University**

**14.00h:** *"TRUMP and NATO: implications for the Black Sea Region"*  
**Madeleine Hubin**, Assistant professor in international relations and European politics, HEC Liège (Belgium)

**Thursday 16 July 2026**

**10.30h** *"NATO and the Black Sea Region: towards a new role"*  
**Madeleine Hubin**, Assistant professor in international relations and European politics, HEC Liège (Belgium)

**11.30h** *"Building Resilience and Sustainability Challenges in the Black Sea Region"*  
**Prof. Gvanca Davitashvili**, New Vision University

**Lunch at the cafeteria of New Vision University**

**14.00h:** *"Black Sea Security in Focus: Georgia's Strategy »*  
**Megi Benia**, Contributing Editor of New Eastern Europe

**Friday 17 July 2026** Full day excursion

**Saturday 18 July 2026**

**10.30h** *"Georgia's European Perspectives"*  
**Kakha Gogolashvili**, Rondeli Foundation

**11.30h** *"Energy Security in the Black Sea Region"*  
**Ariz Huseynov (Azerbaijan)**, Lecturer, Baku University, Azerbaijan

**Lunch at the cafeteria of New Vision University**

**14.00h** Closing session

ECTS oral Exams

**Sunday 19 July, 2026** Departure of the foreign group