

Student Conference:
“Georgia and NATO – Challenges and Future Perspectives”



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Dates: 23-24 December 2020

Working Language: Keynote (English), Panels (Georgian)

Agenda

23 December, 15:00-17:30

15:00 - 15:10	<p>Opening Remarks: George Khelashvili, Member of the Parliament of Georgia Introduction of the Agenda</p> <p>Moderated by David Aprasidze, Professor of Ilia State University</p>
15:10 - 15:50	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p>Despina Afentouli, NATO Public Diplomacy Programme</p> <p>Moderated by David Aprasidze, Professor of Ilia State University</p>
15:50 - 16:00	<p>Screen break</p>
16:00 - 17:15	<p>Panel 1: Role of NATO in International and Regional Security</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gvantsa Kvaratskhelia, University of Georgia <i>NATO – Guarantee of the World Security</i> 2. Luca Pannaioti and Tamar Iobidze, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University <i>NATO Involvement in the Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict</i> 3. Natia Verdzadze, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University <i>NATO and Security Challenges in the South Caucasus</i> 4. Tamta Piroshmanashvili, National University of Georgia <i>Transformation of NATO and the Role of Peacekeeping Missions in the World Security</i> <p>Each presentation will last for up to 15 minutes followed by 15 minutes of Q&A</p> <p>Moderated by Ana Tsursumia-Zurabashvili, Capacity Development Manager, EWMI Access</p>
17:15 -17:30	<p>Summing up the first day</p>

24 December 15:00-17:30

15:00 - 16:15	<p>Panel 2: NATO And Bilateral Relations in the Post-Soviet Space</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sophio Gabelia, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs <i>NATO as an Opportunity Window for Small States – Case of Georgia</i>2. Alisa Ovesov, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University <i>Perspectives of Georgia and Ukraine for Joining NATO: Historical Parallels, Challenges and Solutions</i>3. Anna Harutunyan, Samtskhe-Javalheti University <i>Georgia and NATO: Challenges and Future Perspectives</i>4. Nino Tsikhelashvili, International Black Sea University <i>Can Georgia Use an Opportunity Window for NATO Integration?</i> <p>Each presentation will last for up to 15 minutes followed by 15 minutes of Q&A</p> <p>Moderated by Alex Scrivener, Policy Officer at Global Justice Now</p>
16:15 - 16:30	<p>Screen break</p>
16:30 - 17:15	<p>Panel 3: Georgia’s NATO Integration and Public Opinion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ilia Pachulia, Free University <i>Role of NATO in Georgia and the Attitudes of Georgian Population towards NATO Integration</i>2. Melano Beridze and Nino Pachkoria, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University <i>Attitudes of the Georgian Population towards NATO Integration</i> <p>Each presentation will last for up to 15 minutes followed by 15 minutes of Q&A</p> <p>Moderated by Levan Kakhishvili, Doctoral Fellow in Political Science, Otto-Friedrich University Bamberg</p>
17:15 - 17:30	<p>Concluding Remarks and Closing the Conference</p>