

**Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University  
Faculty of Social and Political Sciences**

**The 5<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference**

**“Space, Society, Politics - The Regional Aspects of  
Sustainable Development”**



## **PROGRAM**

22 - 24 June, 2017

## **22 June, Thursday**

Building I, room #107

**09.30 - 10.00** Registration of conference participants

**10.00** Conference speeches and welcomes:

Building I, room: #107

**Giorgi Sharvashidze** - Rector, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

**Tamar Dolbaia** - Dean, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

**Mikheil Chkhenkeli** - Deputy Rector of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

Building I, room: #107

### **I Session (Working Language - English)**

Chairpersons: **Valerian Melikidze, Arda Arikan**

10.20 **Tamar Dolbaia** (Associate Professor) – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“The Transport System of the South Caucasus as the Factor of Regional Sustainable Development”*.

10.40 **Valerian Melikidze** - Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. “*Small countries as objects of Global Systemic Mythology - case of Georgia*”

11.00 **Lale Yalçın-Heckmann** – Professor, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany. “*Prices and Sustainability of Rose and Rose Oil Production in Isparta, Turkey*”;

11.20 **José G Vargas-Hernández** – Research Professor, University of Guadalajara, Mexico. “*Urban Green Spaces as a Component of an Ecosystem. Functions, Services, Users, Community Involvement, Initiatives and Actions*”;

11.40 **Ali Cheshmehzangi** - Associate Professor, The University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC), China. “*Smart Cities*” and *The Changing Urban Systems: Does ‘Smart City’ Oppose Theories of Urbanism?*”

12.00 **Suzanne Elisa Harris-Brandts** – PhD Student, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA. “*Tourism Development During State Building: The Case of Post-Revolutionary Batumi, Georgia*”;

12.30 **Tuba Bircan**, Senior Researcher, University of Leuven, Belgium; **Teona Mataradze**, Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University – “*International Migration Trends and its Impact on Families’ Social and Economic Conditions back in Georgia*”;

12.50 **Alexandre Kukhianidze** – Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. “*Nuclear and Radiological Security Threats in the South Caucasus: Georgia and Armenia*”;

### **13.00 - 14.00 Lunch**

14.00 **Hossein Nazmfar** – Associate Professor, University of Mohaghegh Ardabili, Iran. “*Space, Society, Inequality - Case Study: Ardabil Province, Iran*”;

14.20 **David Matsaberidze** – Assistant Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Putin’s (Dis)-Information Incursion and the Fragmentation of the European Politics”*;

14.40 **Phikria Asanishvili** - Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Impact of Iran's Soft Power on Geopolitics of South Caucasus”*;

15.00 **Terane Amiraga Shirvanova** - Assistant Professor, Azerbaijan State Economic University, Azerbaijan. *„Soft Security Perceptions in the former Soviet Republics: Following, Engaging or Ignoring NATO?”*

15.20 **Arda Arikan** – Professor, Akdeniz University, Turkey. *“A Study of How Syrian Refugees are Depicted in Turkish Caricatures”*;

15.40 **Mariam Gersamia**, Professor, **Maia Toradze**, Associate Professor - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Employment of Young Journalists in Media job Market”*;

16.00 **R. Jefferson George** - Senior Lecturer, North Texas University, USA. *“Developing an Online Graduate Program in Educational Leadership”*;

16.20 **Samira Karayeva** – Researcher, Institute of Archeology and Ethnography, Azerbaijan. *“Problems of Gender Issues in Azerbaijan”*.

## 23 June, Friday

Building I, room #101

### **II Session (Working Language – Georgian)**

Chairpersons: **Revaz Jorbenadze, Zviad Abashidze**

10.00 **Giorgi Kvinikadze** – Assistant Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Geoeconomical Problems of Small Countries with Transition Economy in the Works of Professor Alexander Rondeli”*;

10.20 **Malkhaz Matsaberidze** – Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Ivane Javakhishvili and the Conception of Historical-Strategic Borders of Georgia”*;

10.40 **Valerian Dolidze** – Assistant Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Third Wave of Democratization and Post-communist Democratization: Georgian case”*;

11.00 **Zviad Abashidze** - Assistant Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Separation of Powers and Forms of Government in East-Central Europe and Georgia”*;

11.20 **Irina Bichikashvili** – Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“The Role of Culture in Politics. Historical Parallels”*;

11.40 **Revaz Jorbenadze**, professor, **Marekh Devidze**, PhD Student - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“The Structure of Social Axiom and Personal Behavior”*;

## **12.00 – 13.00 Lunch**

13.00 **Natela Donadze** – Associate Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Family, as a Value: Comparative Analyses of Georgian and Western Countries”*;

13.20 **Marina Burdzenidze**, Associate Professor, **Marina Kevkhishvili**, PhD Student – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Practices of Social Media Usage and Georgian Civil Society Organizations”*;

13.40 **Amiran Berdzenishvili** – Professor, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. *“Peculiarities of the Establishment and Development of “Digital Generation” in Georgia”*;

14.00 **Nana Macharadze** – PhD Student, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA). *“Digital Broadcasting Practice in Georgia: Its Impact on Developing of the TV Informational Resource”*;

14.20 **Tengiz Verulava** – Professor, Ilia State University. *“Universal Health Care in Georgia: Achievements and Challenges”*.

## **24 June, Saturday**

**Tours for Foreign Guests:**

**Uplistsikhe – Mtskheta**