

The 7th Annual CRRC Conference: Taking Stock of Change: South Caucasus After a Turbulent Year

June 25-26, 2021

June 25, 2021

11:30-12:00	Online registration of participants
12:00-12:15	Opening remarks by Dr. Timothy K. Blauvelt, Board of Trustees, CRRC-Georgia; Ilia State University and American Councils for International Education
Panel 1: COVID-19 and Innovations in the Social Science and Policy Research	
Chair: Dr. Koba Turmanidze, CRRC-Georgia	
12:15-12:30	Women Entrepreneurship in Armenia: Challenges and opportunities. Mariam Yevdokimova, Lilit Yezekyan, Heghine Manasyan <i>CRRC-Armenia (Yerevan)</i>
12:30-12:45	Methodological challenges in fieldwork in Armenia over the pandemic: Reflections of major shifts in research Ella Karagulyan, Sona Balasanyan, Zaruhi Simonyan <i>CRRC-Armenia (Yerevan)</i>
12:45-13:00	What does getting COVID 19 change? Dustin Gilbreath and Elene Ergeshidze <i>CRRC-Georgia (Tbilisi)</i>
13:00-13:15	Is Baku a “Smart City?” – Challenges, Perspectives, and Potential Zulfiyya Mehdiyeva <i>CRRC-Azerbaijan (Baku)</i>
13:15-13:30	Q&A
13:30-13:45	<i>Break</i>
Panel 2: Politics and Democratization in the South Caucasus	
Chair: Levan Tsutskiridze, Eastern European Center for Multiparty Democracy	
13:45-14:00	Georgian Democracy in Decline: A Lack of EU Democratising Influence? Eter Glurjidze, ^{1,2} Soso Dzamukashvili ^{1,3} ¹ <i>Estonian School of Diplomacy (Tallinn)</i> , ² <i>Georgian Foundation of Strategic and International Studies (Tbilisi, Georgia)</i> , ³ <i>Council of Europe (Strasbourg, France)</i>
14:00-14:15	Covid-19 and Politics: National and International Test of the Parasite Model of Democratization Alexandre Avaliani <i>Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (Tbilisi)</i>
14:15-14:30	Oligarchs and Judges: The Political Economy of the Courts in post-Soviet Unconsolidated Democracies Thomas Barrett <i>Yerevan Brusov State University (Armenia)</i> , <i>Free University of Berlin (Germany)</i>
14:30-14:45	The European Union (EU), Russia and China power strategy in the South Caucasus Aytan Aliyeva <i>University of Vienna (Austria)</i>



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14:45-15:00	Q&A
15:00-15:30	Long break
15:30-16:30	Keynote Speech: Big Data for Urban Mobility in Yerevan - How Taxi and Public Transport Can Inform Urban Planning Dr. Gevorg Yeghikyan <i>ISTI-CNR (Pisa, Italy)</i>
16:30-17:15	Long break
17:15-18:15	Keynote speech: Democratic Hypocrisy and Out-group Threat: Explaining Citizen Support for Democratic Erosion Dr. Jennifer McCoy <i>Distinguished University Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University (United States)</i>

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12:00-12:15	Online registration of participants
Panel 3: Changing societies of the South Caucasus. Chair: Dr. Sona Balasanyan, CRRC-Armenia	
12:15-12:30	Experiences of “Transnational Motherhood” by Georgian Labor Migrants to Italy and Their Teenage Children: How to Make the Most of Online Intergenerational Interviews? Tinatin Zurabishvili <i>University of Bologna (Italy)</i>
12:30-12:45	Moral Comfort and Efficiency of Civil Activism in Contemporary Georgia Lana Gvinjilia <i>Ilia State University (Tbilisi, Georgia)</i>
12:45-13:00	Propelled Towards Prosperity: the Case of the Creative Economy in Georgia Jessica Gosling, ¹ Elene Toidze, ² Ani Vashakmadze ³ <i>¹University College London (United Kingdom), ²Creative Georgia (Tbilisi), ³Business and Technology University (Tbilisi, Georgia)</i>
13:00-13:15	Connectivity, Remoteness and Disconnection in and Around the Caucasus and Eastern Black Sea Region(s) Franziska Smolnik, ¹ Susanne Fehlings, ² Andrea Weiss. ³ <i>¹German Institute for International and Security Affairs – SWP (Berlin) ²Frobenius Institute for Research in Cultural Anthropology (Frankfurt am Main, Germany) ³Independent researcher</i>
13:15-13:30	Q&A
13:30-13:45	Break
Panel 4: Prospects of Conflict Transformation in the South Caucasus Chair: Dr. Guranda Bursulaia	
13:45-14:00	Peacebuilding in Nagorno-Karabakh: a Gender Perspective Claudia Ditel <i>Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz (Austria)</i>



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14:00-14:15	The Ethos of Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict: Socio-Psychological analyzes of obstacles to peace in Karabakh Conflict. Javadbay Khalilzada <i>Kent State University (United States)</i>
14:15-14:30	The Role of Nagorno-Karabakh Civil Society: Life Under the New Status Quo Nona Shahnazarian ^{1,2} <i>¹Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences, (Yerevan, Armenia), ²Center for Independent Social Research (St. Petersburg, Russia)</i>
14:30-14:45	War Recurrence, Ceasefire, and Offence-defense Balance Namig Abbasov, ¹ Ceyhun Mahmudlu ² <i>¹Arizona State University (United States), ²Cornell University (United States)</i>
14:45-15:00	Q&A
15:00-15:30	Long break
15:30-16:30	Keynote speech: The South Caucasus After 2020: New and Old Dimensions of Regional Fracture Dr. Laurence Broers <i>Conciliation Resources (London, United Kingdom)</i>
16:30-16:45	Closing remarks by Koba Turmanidze (President of CRRC-Georgia)