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TBILISI INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE

EUROPE'S CHANGING GEOSTRATEGIC LANDSCAPE AFTER THE WARSAW SUMMIT

ROOMS HOTEL TBILISI
TBILISI, GEORGIA

CONFERENCE AGENDA



Economic Policy Research Center
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

09:00 – 09:30

WELCOME COFFEE & REGISTRATION

09:30 – 09:40

Welcome by The Hon. Kurt Volker,
Executive Director, The McCain Institute for
International Leadership

09:40 – 10:10

Conversation with H.E. Giorgi Margvelashvili,
President of Georgia, with The Hon. Kurt
Volker, Executive Director, The McCain
Institute for International Leadership

10:15 – 10:45

Conversation with H.E. Giorgi Kvirikashvili,
Prime Minister of Georgia, with The Hon.
David J. Kramer, Senior Director for Human
Rights & Democracy, The McCain Institute for
International Leadership

10:50 – 11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 12:45

PANEL I – STRENGTHENING GEORGIAN
DEMOCRACY

Moderator:

Christopher Walker, Vice President for Studies
and Analysis, National Endowment for Democ-
racy

Panelists:

- H.E. David Usupashvili, Chairman of the Parliament of Georgia (Republican Party)
- David Bakradze, Chairman of the Board, United National Movement – Georgia
- Irakli Alasania, Party Leader, Free Democrats
- David Bakradze, State Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration

12:45 – 14:00

LUNCH

14:00 – 15:15

PANEL II – EU POLICY TOWARD THE
REGION

Moderator:

Pavol Demeš, Senior Non-Resident Fellow, The
German Marshall Fund of the United States

Panelists:

- Dr. Christian Mölling, Senior Resident Transatlantic Fellow – Security, The German Marshall Fund – Berlin
- Kadri Liik, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations
- H.E. Stefano Stefanini, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, Atlantic Council
- H.E. Pascal Meunier, Ambassador of France to Georgia

15:20 – 16:35

PANEL III – DEMOCRACY UNDER ATTACK:
OUTLOOK FOR THE REGION

Moderator:

James Nixey, Head of the Russia and Eurasia
Programme, Chatham House

Panelists:

- H.E. Oleh Shamshur, Ambassador of Ukraine to France
- H.E. Zeki Levent Gümrükçü, Ambassador of Turkey to Georgia
- Ketii Khutsishvili, Executive Director, Open Society Georgia Foundation
- Dr. Lilia Shevtsova, Associate Fellow at the Russia and Eurasia Program, Chatham House

16:40 – 17:10

Discussion on U.S. Elections (TBD)

19:00 – 20:45

Reception hosted by H.E. Giorgi Margvelashvili,
President of Georgia at Presidential Palace (for
international conference speakers only)

21:00 – 23:00

Networking Cocktail at Lolitas

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

09:30 – 10:00

WELCOME COFFEE & REGISTRATION

10:00-11:30

PANEL IV – ADDRESSING THE RUSSIAN THREAT

Moderator:

Sir Andrew Wood, Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House

Panelists:

- Dr. Donald N. Jensen, Resident Fellow, Center for Transatlantic Relations, School of Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University
- Edward Chow, Senior Fellow, Energy and National Security Program, Center for Strategic & International Studies
- Giorgi Bokeria, Foreign Secretary, United National Movement – Georgia
- H.E. Jüri Luik, Director, International Centre for Defence and Security
- Mustafa Nayyem, Member, Ukrainian Rada

11:30 – 13:00

PANEL V – U.S. POLICY TOWARD GEORGIA AND THE REGION

Moderator:

Professor Colleen Graffy, Pepperdine University School of Law

Panelists:

- H.E. Mikheil Janelidze, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
- The Hon. Ian Kelly, Ambassador of the United States to Georgia
- H.E. Batu Kutelia, Vice President, Atlantic Council of Georgia

- Sergii Leshchenko, Member, Ukrainian Rada
- The Hon. David J. Kramer, Senior Director for Human Rights & Democracy, The McCain Institute for International Leadership

13:00 – 14:30

LUNCH

14:30 – 15:30

PANEL VI – A LOOK BACK ON MEMBERSHIP: HOW THE BALTIC STATES JOINED NATO AND THE EU

Moderator:

Jamie Kirchick, Fellow, Foreign Policy Initiative

Panelists:

- Merle Maigre, Security Policy Adviser to the President of Estonia
- H.E. Žygimantas Pavilionis, Ambassador-at-Large for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
- The Hon. Kurt Volker, Executive Director, The McCain Institute for International Leadership

15:30 – 16:15

COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 17:00

Conversation with Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe, with Randy Scheunemann, President, Orion Strategies

17:10 – 18:10

PANEL VII – REFLECTING ON THE NATO WARSAW SUMMIT

Moderator:

Robin Shepherd, Owner/Publisher, The Commentator

Panelists:

- The Hon. Douglas Lute, U.S. Ambassador to NATO
- Sir Adam Thomson, Permanent Representative to NATO – UK
- H.E. Dr. Hans-Dieter Lucas, German Permanent Representative to NATO – Germany
- H.E. Claudio Bisogniero, Permanent Representative to NATO – Italy

TIME AND PLACE WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Conversation with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg with The Hon. Kurt Volker, Executive Director, The McCain Institute for International Leadership

20:00

Farewell Dinner hosted by The McCain Institute for International Leadership and EPRC - At Rooms Hotel's Garden (with special dinner invitations only)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 DEPARTURE DAY

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