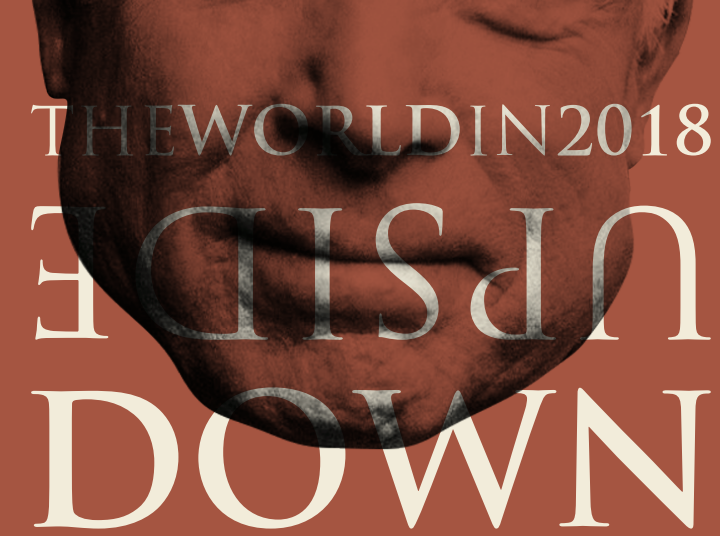


SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2018
ROOMS HOTEL TBILISI. GEORGIA



AGENDA

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4TH TBILISI
INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 – 10:15

Workshop: Georgia’s Media Landscape

Invitation-only, off-the-record private discussion with international partners focused on freedom of the press, editorial lines, impact of private ownership, and Russian interference.

Facilitator:

• Ian Kelly, former Ambassador of the United States to Georgia

Remarks:

• Eka Gigauri, Transparency International Georgia
• Ketii Khutsishvili, Open Society Georgia Foundation

10:30 – 10:45

Introductory Video and Welcome by Kurt Volker, McCain Institute for International Leadership, and on behalf of Georgia’s Economic Policy Research Center

10:45 – 11:15

Session I – Conversation with Mamuka Bakhtadze, Prime Minister of Georgia, and Edward Luce, Financial Times

11:15 – 12:15

Session II – Debate: Whither Georgia?

Moderator:

• Daniel Twining, International Republican Institute

Panelists:

• Irakli Kobakhidze, Speaker of the House, Parliament of Georgia
• Justin McKenzie Smith, British Ambassador to Georgia
• Giorgi Bokeria, European Georgia
• Salome Samadashvili, United National Movement

12:15 – 13:00

Networking Lunch

13:30 – 14:00

Session III – The Global Security Context: A Conversation

Moderator:

• Colleen Graffy, Pepperdine University School of Law

Panelists:

• Andrea Thompson, U.S. Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security
• Levan Izoria, Minister of Defence of Georgia

14:15 – 15:15

Session IV – Panel: The Future of European Security, the EU, and NATO

Moderator:

• Riina Kaljurand, Lennart Meri Conference

Panelists:

• Ben Hodges, CEPA, and former Commanding General, United States Army Europe

• Tacan Ildem, Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy, NATO
• Žygimantas Pavilionis, Member of Seimas, Chair of Transatlantic/Democracy Caucus, Foreign Affairs Committee, Lithuania
• David Zalkaliani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

15:15 – 15:45

Session V – Conversation: State of European Security

• Linas Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania

In Conversation with:

• David Kramer, Florida International University

15:45 – 16:15

Coffee Break

16:15 – 16:45

Session VI – From Vilnius to Tbilisi to Kiev to Moscow: A Conversation with John Tefft

• John Tefft, Former U.S. Ambassador to Russia, Ukraine, Georgia and Lithuania

In Conversation with:

• Damon Wilson, Atlantic Council

16:45 – 17:45

Session VII – Panel: Democracy Faces a Triple Threat: Authoritarianism, Globalization & Nationalism

Moderator:

• Damir Marusic, American Interest

Panelists:

• Benjamin Haddad, Hudson Institute
• Pierre Lellouche, former Secretary of State for Foreign Trade of France
• Zsuzsanna Szélényi, Liberal Member of the Hungarian Parliament
• Christopher Walker, National Endowment for Democracy

18:30 – 20:00

Reception Hosted by Giorgi Margvelashvili, President of Georgia, at Presidential Palace (for International Conference Speakers Only)

Transportation departs at 18:15 from Rooms Hotel

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:30 – 9:00

Registration & Coffee

9:00 – 9:15

Video and Tribute to Senator John McCain

David Kramer, Batu Kutelia, Randy Scheunemann, Daniel Twining, and Kurt Volker

9:15 – 9:45

Session VIII – Conversation with Giorgi Margvelashvili, President of Georgia, and Kurt Volker, McCain Institute for International Leadership

9:45 – 10:45

Session IX – Georgian Presidential Debate

Moderator:

• Ia Meurmishvili, Voice of America

Participants to be Announced

10:45 – 11:15

Session X – Post-Debate Conversation on the Future of Georgian Democracy

• David Kramer, Florida International University
• Kurt Volker, McCain Institute for International Leadership
• Damon Wilson, Atlantic Council

11:15 – 12:15

Session XI – Panel: The East-West Corridor

Moderator:

• Matthew Bryza, Atlantic Council

Panelists:

• Edward Chow, Center for Strategic and International Studies
• Alina Inayeh, German Marshal Fund of the United States
• Riina Kionka, Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the European Council
• David Merkel, Summit International Advisors
• Vasil (David) Sikharulidze, Atlantic Council of Georgia

12:15 – 13:00

Networking Lunch

13:00 – 13:30

Session XII – Conversation: Georgia and the West

• A. Wess Mitchell, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs

In Conversation with:

• Batu Kutelia, Atlantic Council of Georgia

13:30 – 14:30

Session XIII – Panel: Weaponizing Information

Moderator:

• Robin Shepherd, Halifax International Security Forum

Panelists:

• Jamie Fly, German Marshall Fund of the United States
• James Kirchick, Brookings Institution
• Merle Maigre, CybExer Technologies
• Natalie Nougayrède, The Guardian

14:30 – 15:30

Session XIV – Panel: Putin’s Russia: Where Does It Go From Here?

Introductory video

Moderator:

• Donald Jensen, Center for European Policy Analysis

Panelists:

• Mikhail Kasyanov, President of People’s Freedom Party
• Vladimir Kara-Murza, Open Russia
• David Kramer, Florida International University
• James Nixey, Chatham House
• Lilia Shevtsova, Chatham House

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00

Session XV – Panel: Oligarchy and Democracy

Moderator:

• Kurt Volker, McCain Institute for International Leadership

Panelists:

• Charles Davidson, American Interest, Hudson Institute
• Sergii Leshchenko, Member of Parliament of Ukraine
• Maria Logan, Open Russia
• Edward Lucas, Center for European Policy Analysis
• Igor Munteanu, Former Ambassador of the United States to Moldova

17:00 – 18:00

Session XVI – Panel: Is Trump Foreign Policy Better Than It Seems?

Moderator:

• Ali Aslan, TV Presenter and Journalist

Panelists:

• Michal Baranowski, German Marshall Fund of the United States
• Ian Bond, Centre for European Reform
• Thomas Melia, PEN America
• Alina Polyakova, Brookings Institution
• Randy Scheunemann, Orion Strategies

18:00 – 18:30

Session XVII – Conversation with Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid

• Kersti Kaljulaid, President of Estonia

In Conversation with:

• Kurt Volker, McCain Institute for International Leadership

18:30

Closing Remarks

20:00

Gala Dinner at Rooms Hotel Garden – For International Conference Speakers with Special Dinner Invitation

