

**15:45 – 16:40**

**Session XII: Protecting Rule of Law, Human Rights and Democratic Institutions**

**Moderator:**

- John Glenn, National Endowment for Democracy

**Panelists:**

- Michal Baranowski, German Marshall Fund
- Besiki Kutateladze, Florida International University
- Steve Nix, International Republican Institute
- Miranda Patrucic, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

**16:45 – 17:40**

**Session XIII: The United States – A Year Out from Elections**

**Moderator:**

- Pedro Botta, Florida International University

**Panelists:**

- Dan Baer, Carnegie Endowment
- Colleen Graffy, Pepperdine University
- Tom Malinowski, McCain Institute
- David Merkel, Summit International Advisors

**17:45**

**Closing Remarks**

**20:00**

**Farewell Dinner, Rooms Hotel Garden (Invitation Only)**

Rooms Garden – Accompanied By Sukhishvili National Ballet  
Giorgi Ushikishvili and Vocal Ensemble Lashari



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# AGENDA

## 7<sup>th</sup> TBILISI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



SEPTEMBER 4-5 2023  
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# MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

## FIRST DAY OF THE CONFERENCE

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**9:00 – 10:00**

**Registration and Welcome Coffee**

**10:00 – 10:15**

**Welcome by:**

- Nino Evgenidze
- Evelyn Farkas, McCain Institute
- David J. Kramer, George W. Bush Institute

**10:15 – 11:10**

**Session I: Getting to Ukrainian Victory**

**Moderator:**

- Jonathan Tepperman, Bush Institute

**Panelists:**

- Ben Hodges, Human Rights First
- Daria Kaleniuk, Ukraine Anti-Corruption Coalition
- Linas Linkevičius, former Lithuanian Foreign Minister
- William Taylor, United States Institute of Peace

**11:15 – 12:10**

**Session II: Post-Victory – A New Ukraine**

**Moderator:**

- Anna Maria Corazza Bildt, Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation

**Panelists:**

- John Herbst, Atlantic Council
- Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff, German Marshall Fund
- Hugues Mingarelli, Former Ambassador of the European Union to Ukraine
- Oleh Shamshur, Atlantic Council

**12:15 – 13:30**

**Lunch**

**13:30 – 14:25**

**Session III: Formulating Policy for Defeating Putinism**

**Moderator:**

- James Nixey, Chatham House

**Panelists:**

- Ed Chow, Center for Strategic & International Studies
- Igor Munteanu, Viitorul Foundation
- Bruno Tertrais, Foundation for Strategic Research
- Viola Von Cramon, European Parliament

**14:30 – 15:25**

**Session IV: The Future of NATO**

**Moderator:**

- Kurt Volker, Center for European Policy Analysis

**Panelists:**

- Benedetta Berti, NATO
- Ian Bond, Centre for European Reform
- Jonas Hafström, former Swedish Ambassador to US
- Žygimantas Pavilionis, Lithuanian Parliament

**15:25 – 15:40**

**Coffee Break**

**15:40 – 16:05**

**Session V: Conversation with Michael Carpenter, U.S.**

**Ambassador to OSCE with Evelyn Farkas, McCain Institute**

**16:10 – 17:05**

**Session VI: Georgia: Civil Society Perspectives**

**Moderator:**

- Alexandra Hall Hall, former British Ambassador to Georgia

**Panelists:**

- Eka Gigauri, Transparency International, Georgia
- Ketii Khutsishvili, Open Society Georgia Foundation
- Ghia Nodia, Ilya State University

# TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

## SECOND DAY OF THE CONFERENCE

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**9:00 – 9:30**

**Registration and Welcome Coffee**

**9:30 – 10:25**

**Session VII: Reflections on August 2008 Invasion**

**Moderator:**

- Thornike Gordadze, Paris Institute of Political Studies

**Panelists:**

- Giga Bokeria, European Georgia Party
- Dan Fried, Atlantic Council
- Batu Kutelia, Atlantic Council of Georgia
- Salome Samadashvili, Georgian Parliament
- Tinatin Bokuchava, Georgian Parliament

**10:30 – 11:25**

**Session VIII: The Future of the EU**

**Moderator:**

- Isabelle Lasserre, Le Figaro

**Panelists:**

- Pavel Fischer, Czech Senate
- Benjamin Haddad, French Parliament
- Rebecca Harms, German politician
- Marko Mihkelson, Estonian Parliament

**11:30 – 12:25**

**Session IX: The World Is Watching**

**Moderator:**

- Igor Khrestin, Bush Institute

**Panelists:**

- Hiro Akita, Nikkei-Japan
- Anna Borshchevskaya, The Washington Institute
- Keith Brown, Arizona State University
- Anna Kuchenbecker, European Council on Foreign Relations

**12:30 – 13:30**

**Networking Lunch**

**13:35 – 14:25**

**Session X: Information/Cyber Wars, AI, and Disinformation**

**Moderator:**

- Ia Meurmishvili, Voice of America

**Panelists:**

- Gigi Gigadze, Economic Policy Research Center
- Alina Polyakova, Center for European Policy Analysis
- Conrad Prince, UK-Georgia Cyber Partnership, BAE Systems

**14:30 – 15:30**

**Session XI: Russia – Who/What Follows Putin?**

**Moderator:**

- David J. Kramer, George W. Bush Institute

**Panelists:**

- Susan Glasser, New Yorker
- Nicolas Tenzer, Center for Study and Reflection for Political Action
- Brian Whitmore, Atlantic Council
- Sir Andrew Wood, Chatham House
- Chris Socha, Senate Foreign Relations Committee

**15:30 – 15:45**

**Coffee break**