

## AGENDA

Book Presentation, Panel Discussion and Student Scientific Conference

“The European Union and the South Caucasus: Integration, Security and Regional Transformations”

20 May | Ilia State University | G106 Auditorium

Organizer: Jean Monnet Chair at Iliauni

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### Part I: Book Presentation and Panel Discussion

10:30–11:00	Participant registration
11:00–11:05	Opening of the event
11:05–11:25	Book presentation Professor Giorgi Gvalia’s book — “The European Union as a Global Actor: Institutions, Values and Interests”
11:25–11:35	Q&A on the book presentation
11:35–11:40	Short break
11:40–12:00	Panel discussion Topic: The European Union and the South Caucasus: Integration, Security and Regional Transformations.
12:00–12:20	Q&A and moderated discussion
12:20–13:00	Lunch break

## Panel Participants

Academic staff of Social and Political Sciences at Ilia State University

Ivane Lomidze Associate Professor Sociology	Zarina Burkadze Associate Professor Political Science
Nino Pavlenishvili Associate Professor Political Science	Giorgi Gvalia Professor Politics and International Relations  Giorgi Odoshashvili Panel Moderator

Panel format: Each speaker will have a maximum of 8 minutes, followed by a Q&A and moderated discussion.

Part II: Student Scientific Conference

13:00–13:20	Opening of the conference Kornely Kakachia — Invited Professor, Hokkaido University (Japan). Presentation title: Limits of EU Protean Power: Why New Strategies Fall Short in the South Caucasus
13:20–13:30	Q&A

Student Presentations

Each student will have 10 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for Q&A.

Time	Speaker and Presentation Title
13:30–13:45	Levan Datiashvili — Tbilisi State University, MA student The South Caucasus amid Contemporary Geopolitical Changes
13:45–14:00	Anni Phridonashvili — Ilia State University, BA student If Georgia Were Joining the European Union Tomorrow: What Would Need to Change and Improve?
14:00–14:15	Davit Gogua — Ilia State University, BA student Georgia and European Integration
14:15–14:30	Rati Tkemaladze — Ilia State University, MA student The Limitations of Fact-Checking Strategies in Hybrid Information Warfare: Pro-Russian Narratives in Georgia
14:30–14:45	Elene Lomsadze — Ilia State University, BA student Youth, Education and EU Opportunities in the South Caucasus
14:45–15:00	Ana Bidzinashvili — Ilia State University, BA student The Role of the European Union in Regional Security: The Black Sea Region and Georgia’s Strategic Importance
15:00–15:15	Coffee break
15:15–15:30	Sandro Birbichadze — Ilia State University, MA student EU Energy Security after the Russia-Ukraine War
15:30–15:45	Keti Gvalia — Ilia State University, BA student Georgia’s European Integration: A Historical Choice and Contemporary Challenges



15:45–16:00	Ana Elikashvili — Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, BA student EU Enlargement Policy in the South Caucasus and the Geopolitical Influence of External Actors
16:00–16:15	Giorgi Gvaladze — Tbilisi State University, MA student The South Caucasus amid Contemporary Geopolitical Changes
16:15–16:30	Davit Badalovi — Iliia State University, BA student Georgia between European Integration and Russian Pressure: The EU's Growing Role in South Caucasus Security
16:30–16:45	Tengiz Targamadze — Iliia State University, BA student The Moscow Mechanism and the Weakening of Democratic Institutions in Georgia (2025–2026)
16:45–17:00	Salome Jabanishvili — Iliia State University, BA student Conflicts and Prospects for Peacebuilding
17:00–17:10	Conference summary and closing