



# AGENDA



# INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

"TRANSFORMATION IN TIMES OF TRANSITION:  
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND THE EASTERN  
PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE"

**2024**  
8 February



# ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

On February 8-9, 2024, the European Integration Research Center at Georgian National University SEU is co-organizing, for the fourth time, a two-day international scientific conference with Lazarski University (Poland). The conference is titled: Transformation in Times of Transition: European Integration and the Eastern Partnership Initiative.

Amidst contemporary political, economic, and social shifts, the European Union (EU) stands as a beacon of regional integration, having navigated through myriad challenges and opportunities while shaping its legal landscape. Simultaneously, the Eastern Partnership Initiative (EaP), encompassing six countries in Southeast Europe, has emerged as a key player in the geopolitical and economic dynamics of the region. Consequently, the following topics are becoming more and more important: international cooperation, integration, and the development of the legal system.

This conference aims to address this transformation processes and provide a vital platform for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to present their perspectives and engage in profound discussions surrounding the following key topics:

- **Policy Impact:** Assess the Effectiveness of Legal and Policy Instruments in Advancing the Goals of European Integration and the Eastern Partnership.
- **Legal Harmonization and Europeanization:** Explore the Convergence of Legal Systems Within the Eu and Eap and the Implications for Regional Cooperation and Integration.
- **Foster Regional Cooperation:** Examine How Legal and Policy Developments in Trade, Economics, and Security Contribute to Regional Stability and Prosperity.
- **Contextualize Geopolitical Realities:** Analyze the Geopolitical Implications of Legal Transformations in Light of Global Shifts Esp. In the Aftermath of Russia's War on Ukraine.
- **New Frontiers of Law:** Investigate the Growing Sub-disciplines in Eu Law Emerging in Times of Transition and Shed Light on Their Development Process.
- **Policy Frameworks:** Analyze the Role of Legal Instruments and Policies in Facilitating or Hindering the Integration Process, With a Focus on Eastern Partnership Countries.
- **Human Rights and Justice:** Assess the Impact of Legal Transformations on Human Rights, Access to Justice, and the Rule of Law in Europe and Eastern Partnership States.
- **Geopolitical Shifts:** Investigate the Influence of Legal Changes on the Geopolitical Landscape of the European Neighborhood and Beyond.
- **Economic Context:** Assess the Impact of European Integration and Eastern Partnership on the Economy and Economic Growth of the Region.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### **Prof. Dr. Tanja A. Börzel**

Director of the Center for European Integration, Center of Excellence, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany



### **Prof. Dr. Tom Casier**

Chair in Global Politics of Europe, University of Groningen, the Netherlands



### **Prof. Dr. Beka Dzamashvili**

Deputy Minister of Justice, Georgia



# ABOUT

## EUROPEAN INTEGRATION RESEARCH CENTER

The European Integration Research Center is the scientific and structural unit of the Georgian National University SEU, which operates in an interdisciplinary manner and aims at the facilitation and support of the research and study process of the European integration in Georgia.

The European Integration Research Center brings together the professors of the Faculties of Law, Business Management and Humanitarian and Social Sciences working at the University, academic and invited personnel, who conduct sectoral, interdisciplinary or comparative studies on and around European integration.

The Center was founded in 2020 and since then it has been performing research activities. It is the supporter of the irreversible process of Georgian Europeanisation and, in parallel with the European integration efforts of the country, is the facilitator of the research activities serving as the contributor of tomorrow's Georgian-European scientific relations and cooperation.



**Dr. Irakli Samkharadze**  
**Ph.D. in Law**

Associate Professor in International Law,  
Head of European Integration Research Center.



**Georgian National University SEU has been following the European path devotedly and promoting close ties between our students and the EU throughout many years**

*Memorandum of Understanding was signed between NATO & EU Info Center of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Georgian National University SEU*



*International scientific conference titled "European Green Deal and its Political, Legal and Economic Impact on Georgia"*



*International scientific conference - "The European Experience of Migration - Approaches, Challenges and Opportunities"*



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8 February, 2024

International Scientific Conference

## Transformation in Times of Transition: European Integration and the Eastern

### Partnership Initiative (EaP)

(09.00 – 18.00)

*All times in Georgia Standard Time (GMT+4)*

*Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Irakli Samkharadze (SEU)*

09 : 00

Participants Registration

Conference room: Auditorium - TBD

09 : 30

Welcome and opening

Prof. Dr. Gia Kavtelishvili, Rector of Georgian National University SEU

Prof. Dr. Anna Phirtskhalashvili, Vice-Rector for Scientific Research of Georgian National University SEU

Ms. Maka Botchorishvili Chair of the EU Integration Committee, Parliament of Georgia

Mr. Ernst Peter Fischer - Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Georgia, Honorary Doctor of SEU

Representative of the Delegation of the European Union to Georgia

Other Embassy Representatives

Ms. Teodora Toma, Executive Director of World Jurist Association

Dr. Martin Dahl, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management, Lazarski University

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Irakli Samkharadze, Head of the European Integration Research Centre, Georgian National University SEU

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10:15	<p><b>Keynote 1:</b> The EU's Transformative Power and Its Limits</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. Tanja A. Börzel, Director of the Centre for European Integration, Freie Universität Berlin [ENG]</p>
10:45	<p><b>Keynote 2:</b> Legal Aspects of Georgia's EU Integration</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. Beka Dzamashvili, Deputy Minister of Justice of Georgia [ENG]</p>
11:15	<p><b>Keynote 3:</b> The Comeback of EU Enlargement in a New Geopolitical Landscape. Significance and Implications</p>	<p>Prof Dr. Tom Casier, Chair in Global Politics of Europe, University of Groningen [ENG]</p>
11:45	<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Irakli Samkharadze</p>
<p>12:15 <b>Lunch Break</b></p>		
<p><b>Panel I:</b> 13:30 – 14:30 Moderated by Dr. Martin Dahl</p>		<p><b>Auditorium 3-17, III Floor</b></p>
13:30	<p>Economic Aspects of European Integration</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. Ioseb Berikashvili Dean of the Caucasus School of Economics, Caucasus University [ENG]</p>
13:45	<p>Ordoliberal Socio-economic Policy as a Model of Reforms for the Eastern Partnership Countries</p>	<p>Dr. Martin Dahl / Dr. Adriach Chojan Lazarski University [ENG]</p>
14:00	<p>Challenges and Prospects of Cooperation Between the Countries of the South Caucasus: The Context of the Eastern Partnership Project</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. George Ghvartadze Vice-Rector, Georgian National University SEU [ENG]</p>
14:15	<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	

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## Panel II:

14:30 – 15:45

Moderated by Dr. Martin Dahl

Auditorium 3-17, III Floor

14:30

European Integration: A General  
View on State Policy -  
Navigating the Path to Unity and  
Cooperation

Dr. David Bujashvili  
Director, Eu Assistance Coordination and Sectoral  
Integration Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia  
[ENG]

14:45

Green Transition: Sustainable  
Development Strategy in  
Eastern Partnership Initiative

Zbysław Ziemacki / Dominika Dzwonkowska  
Lazarski University  
[ENG]

15:00

Dis-integration: Reflections on  
The Legal, Policy and Practical  
Challenges

Em. Prof. Avril Bellinger  
University of Plymouth  
[ENG]

15:15

The impact of the war in Ukraine  
on Polish-Ukrainian economic  
relations from the perspective of  
the illusion of explanatory depth

Anastasiia Menshykova / Iryna Burchenko  
Lazarski University  
[ENG]

15:30

Discussion

## Panel III:

15:45 – 16:30

Moderated by Dr. Martin Dahl

Auditorium 3-17, III Floor

15:45

Forging Competitive Digital  
Markets Under the EU Footprints:  
Advancing Competition  
Enforcement in Georgia

Ms. Tamta Margvelashvili  
Georgian National University SEU  
[ENG]



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16 : 00

Implementation of EU 11th Recommendation by Georgia: Proactive Application of the Judgments of the European Court of Human Rights by Georgian Courts

Prof. Dr. Levan Meskhoradze  
Project Manager at Council of Europe  
[ENG]

16 : 15

Criminal Justice in a Changing Europe: Challenges and Opportunities

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Giorgi Dgebuadze  
Tbilisi State University  
[ENG]

16 : 30

Discussion

## Panel IV:

14 : 30– 15:30

Moderated by Ms. Nino Latsabidze -  
Deputy Head of International Relations and European Integration Department, MEPA

Auditorium 1-02, I Floor

14 : 30

National Education Policy Framework and Euro Integration Process

Prof. Dr. Teona Maisuradze / Prof. Dr. Davit Chakhvashvili  
Georgian National University SEU  
[ENG]

14 : 45

The Importance of the Development of Digital Competences in the Educational Process of Young People on the Example of the Experience of Universities in Georgia and Poland in the Context of EU Requirements

Dr. Michał Pienias / Mgr. Katarzyna Marton –Gadoś  
Lazarski University  
[ENG]

15 : 00

Current Issues of Financing „Green” Projects

Prof. Dr. Nino Samchkuashvili  
Georgian National University SEU  
[ENG]

15 : 15

Discussion

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and European Integration Department,  
MEPA

Auditorium 1-02, I Floor

15 : 30

Brief Analysis on Business  
Incubators in the European Union

Prof. Tatia Biliseishvili  
Georgian National University SEU [ENG]

15 : 45

Compliance of the Legal and Political  
Activities of the Government of  
Georgia With the Principle of „Good  
Governance“ Envisaged by the  
Eastern Partnership Initiative

Ana Manvelishvili  
German Press Agency  
Master of Public Administration [ENG]

16 : 00

The Musical Life of Georgia After  
The Russian Invasion of Ukraine  
In the Context of Georgia's  
Europeanization

Prof. Dr. Gvantsa Ghvinjilia  
Vano Sarajishvili Tbilisi State Conservatoire [ENG]

16 : 15

Discussion

## Panel VI:

13 : 30 – 14 : 45

Moderated by Mariam Kvernadze -  
Deputy Head, Tbilisi City Hall LEPL  
Property Management Agency

Auditorium 3-02, III Floor

13 : 30

Electronic Contracts - Georgian Private  
Law on the Way to Harmonization

Assoc. Prof. Thea Jugeli  
Georgian National University SEU [GEO]

13 : 45

European Integration and Labor  
Legislation Reform in Georgia -  
Achievements and Challenges

Beka Peradze  
Georgian National University SEU [GEO]



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14 : 00

The Problem of Harmonizing Georgian Legislation and Practice Regulating the Rights of Ethnic Minorities With EU

Prof. Dr. Tamar Avaliani  
International Black Sea University / Georgian National University SEU [GEO]

14 : 15

The Dimension of the Eu's Regional Policy - „From the Black Sea Synergy to the Eastern Partnership”

Archil Varshalomidze  
Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University [GEO]

14 : 30

Discussion

## Panel VII:

14 : 45 – 16 : 00

Moderated by Mariam Kvernadze -  
Deputy Head, Tbilisi City Hall LEPL  
Property Management Agency

Auditorium 3-02

14 : 45

Prospects of Introduction of Legal Technologies in Administrative Bodies on the Path of European Integration

Tamar Zhvania  
Tbilisi State University [GEO]

15 : 00

Consolidation of Transnational Administrative-legal Acts in the Process of European Integration

Prof. Dr. Levan Mosakhlishvili  
Caucasus University [GEO]

15 : 15

Europeanization of Georgia: Reception of European Public Law in Georgia

Paata Kublashvili  
[GEO]

15 : 30

Democratization and Attempts to Modernize the Political System in The Republic of Moldova

Prof. Dr. Eka Darbaidze  
Ilia State University, Georgian National University SEU [GEO]

15 : 45

Discussion



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## Panel VIII:

16:00 – 17:15

Moderated by Mariam Kvernadze -  
Deputy Head, Tbilisi City Hall LEPL  
Property Management Agency

Auditorium 3-02

16 : 00

EBRD Projects in Georgia -  
Analysis, Assessment,  
Cooperation Perspectives

Prof. Valeri Mosiashvili  
Georgian National University SEU  
[GEO]

16 : 15

Sustainable Financing Tools in  
The Context of the Eastern  
Partnership Initiative

Prof. Dr. Lia Pitiurishvili / Prof. Dr. Neli  
Sesadze / Prof. Nineli Tevdorashvili  
Georgian National University SEU  
[GEO]

16 : 30

Contemporary Problems and  
Challenges of Georgia's  
Economic Development

Dr. Tamar Margiani  
Caucasus International University CIU [GEO]

16 : 45

Georgia - the Crossroads of  
Europe and Asia - an Important  
Actor in the Regional Energy  
Landscape

Prof. Dr. Ketevan Vezirishvili, Mariam Kuchava  
Georgian Technical University  
[GEO]

17:00

Discussion

17 : 30

*Presentation and  
Announcement of World  
Law Congress in Dominican  
Republic (2025)*

*All groups / Plenary session*

*Auditorium 3 -17*

17:45

**Closing Remarks**

Moderators of the Panels and  
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Irakli  
Samkharadze

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18:30 Closing Ceremony / Gala Dinner (Location to be announced)  
Please inform us in advance should there is any dietary or other requirement.  
Thank you!



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## BRIEF

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Panel VI	3-02	13:30-14:45
Panel VII	3-02	14:45-16:00
Panel VIII	3-02	16:00-17:15

17:30	Presentation and announcement of World Law Congress in Dominican Republic (2025) 3-17 Auditorium
17:45	Plenary session Closing Remarks 3-17 Auditorium

# ABOUT GEORGIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY SEU

SEU firmly maintains the status of the most demanded private university.

SEU is a university oriented on unceasing development with one of the best campuses in the world, modern academic programs, highly qualified staff and well-developed student services. SEU has fully adapted to the European management and quality assurance standards, which in turn, has led to extensive organisational changes.

The SEU team has grown and staffed with the country's leading specialists. Also, the university has invited international academic staff from the following countries: United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Poland and others.

The existing system of quality assurance has been replaced by a new, entirely European standard system.

Currently, SEU provides 4 faculties and 22 accredited (undergraduate, graduate, one-step) educational programs in Business, Law, Social Sciences, Tourism and Medicine, with up to 11000 students and 500 academic and invited staff. The university takes great care of the development and elaboration of new educational programs in the direction of Business Technologies, Education, Public Administration and others.



## SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

The main goal of the scientific-research strategy of Georgian National University SEU is to deepen the research conducted at the institutional level, with a positive impact not only on Georgian National University SEU but also on the economic and social development of Georgia in general.

The main precondition for SEU to become one of the leading higher education institutions in the country is the deepening of research activities, strategic enhancement and diversity.

Georgian National University SEU supports interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and trans-disciplinary research, which will make a significant contribution to addressing national and international challenges.



SEU research activities should have a significant impact on a variety of outcomes, including public policy, law, social and economic, cultural or environmental outcomes.

Georgian National University SEU is constantly improving its institutional research system. Along with putting a high scientific culture into practice and sustaining a consistent process will increase the productivity of university research, thus SEU, in turn, aims to serve the scientific community, the economy and society at large.



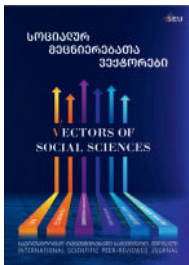
**Prof. Anna Phirtskhalashvili**  
Ph.D. in Law

Vice-Rector for Research of  
Georgian National University SEU

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- Tor Vergata University of Rome (Italy)
- Turība University (Latvia)
- Riga Business School (Latvia)
- Lazarski University (Poland)
- St. Gallen University of Applied Sciences of Eastern Switzerland



SEU publishes its own scientific journals **SEU & SCIENCE** and **VECTORS OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

The European Integration Research Centre operates at SEU. Its purpose is to conduct research on European issues. The European Integration Research Centre is of interdisciplinary nature and brings together researchers from three faculties (Law, Social Sciences, Business and Technology) whose research is related to European integration and the EU issues.





# ABOUT LAZARSKI UNIVERSITY

Lazarski University is an academic and educational institution that skillfully combines innovative educational standards with the traditional goals of education, driven by the "universitas magistrorum et scholarium" principle. The Lazarski University already has 25 years of experience in higher education.

For years, they have been listed among the best universities in the most important educational rankings.

Lazarski University is the best Polish university in the international U-Multirank ranking prepared at the request of the European Commission. Additionally, they are included in the prestigious group of 8% highest-graded universities from around the world.









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