



## Center for Social Sciences

The Center for Social Sciences is an independent, not-for-profit organization, a think-tank based in Tbilisi, Georgia. The main objective of the Center is to develop academic and applied research in Social Sciences in Georgia, to ensure the integration of Georgian scientists into the international academic networks, to establish professional and ethical standards in social sciences and support the evidence-based research and teaching.

### NEW PROJECTS



OPEN SOCIETY GEORGIA FOUNDATION  
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#### OSGF NEW PROJECT

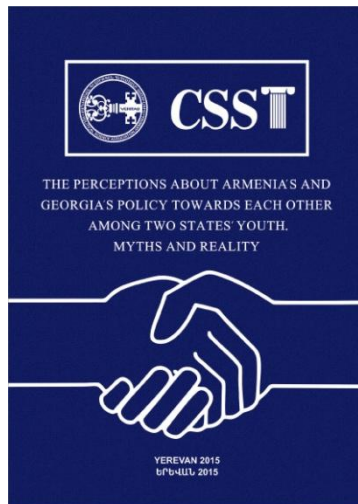
In November 2015 CSS launches a new project “Assessment of Bologna Process, Case Study: Georgia.” The project aims at evaluating the implementation and the outcomes of the Bologna Process on Georgian higher education system. The project involves three public and three private universities in Georgia to determine what effect the reforms carried out in Georgian universities have on the development of learning and research. The project is funded by Open Society Georgia Foundation. [Read more...](#)

### PUBLICATIONS

#### THE PERCEPTIONS ABOUT ARMENIA’S AND GEORGIA’S POLICY TOWARDS EACH OTHER AMONG TWO STATES’ YOUTH. MYTH AND REALITY

The publication was prepared within the joint project carried out by CSS and Political Science Association of Armenia.

Publication touches upon the perceptions of Georgian and Armenian youth toward the issues of bilateral relations including Armenian minority in Samtskhe-Javakheti, different foreign and security policy orientations and Russian-Armenian military cooperation. [Read more...](#)



### OPEN CALLS

#### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SCIENTIFIC UTOPIAS IN SOVIET UNION

This conference aims to understand how fiction, thanks to its heuristic function, managed to participate in the transformation of scientific activity and reconfigure science and power relation.

Deadline: November 30th, 2015

#### CALL FOR 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN GENDER STUDIES

Institute for Gender Studies at Tbilisi State University and Center for Social Sciences are pleased to announce 7th joint annual conference in Gender Studies: Manifestations of Women’s Oppression and Resistance in response to them. Deadline: October 25th, 2015

#### INCOMING POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS FMSH: SOUTH CAUCASUS

The Fondation Maison des sciences de l’homme (FMSH) in Paris is offering short-term fellowships of three months in France for young postdoctoral researchers from South Caucasus who have defended their PhD thesis after 2008. This research stay is designed to enable researchers to carry out work in France: field enquiries, library work and archives.

Deadline: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

#### WAYNE VUCINICH VISITING SCHOLAR FELLOWSHIP

The Wayne Vucinich Visiting Scholar Fellowship is a twelve-week residential fellowship at the Stanford University Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies (CREEES). During the fellowship period (March-June 2016), the Vucinich Visiting Scholar is expected to pursue his or her independent research in residency and to participate actively in the scholarly activities of the Center.

Deadline: November 20, 2015

## CSS NEWS

### PRESENTATION OF CSS-PSAA PROJECT IN YEREVAN AND TBILISI

In the scope of the project implemented by Center for Social Sciences (CSS) and Political Science Association of Armenia (PSAA) supported by Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the presentation of publication on "Perceptions about Armenia's and Georgia's Policy towards Each Other Among Two States' Youth - Myths and Reality" was held in Yerevan and in Tbilisi. The events were attended by the academic, scholars, students and experts interested in regional studies and international relations.

Publication touches upon the perceptions of Georgian and Armenian youth toward the issues of bilateral relations including Armenian minority in Samtskhe-Javakheti, different foreign and security policy orientations and Russian-Armenian military cooperation. Series of focus groups were conducted with public and private university students from political and social sciences programs. They discussed abovementioned issues and ways of their resolution.



### CSS SIGNED THE ECONOMIC POLICY ADVOCACY COALITION (EPAC) MEMORANDUM



CSS together with 32 other key civil society institutions consisting of business associations, chambers of commerce, and think-tanks working on strategic economic and business issues, signed the Economic Policy Advocacy Coalition (EPAC) memorandum.

Facilitated by USAID G4G, the EPAC is promoting a business enabling environment through a constructive dialogue between the public and private sectors. The goal of EPAC is to identify common objectives and initiate policy reforms which will meet Georgia's civil society needs, requirements and challenges.

### CSS JOINED EU-GEORGIA CIVIL SOCIETY PLATFORM

CSS became a member of the EU-Georgia Civil Society Platform established by the EU-Georgia Association Agreement. CSS Executive Director, Tamar Khuntsaria will represent the organization in the Platform.

The EU-Georgia Civil Society Platform is a forum to meet and exchange views for, and consist of, representatives of civil society on the side of the EU, including Members of the European Economic and Social Committee, and representatives of civil society on the side of Georgia, including representatives of the national platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum. The Civil Society Platform will be informed of the decisions and recommendations of the Association Council, and will make recommendations to the Association Council.



## CSS PUBLIC LECTURES - "GEORGIA'S EUROPEAN CHOICE"

Since spring 2015 CSS has launched a series of public lectures entitled "Georgia's European Choice". The project aims to showcase dynamic speakers encouraging constructive debate on the issues related to the EU approximation and in particular EU-Georgia Association Agenda. The speakers include academics, experts, senior representatives of the government and EU institutions, policy makers and diplomats. The open lectures are provided on a monthly basis. The launch of CSS Public Lectures took place on 24 April 2015 at the National Parliamentary Library of Georgia.

### PROFESSOR NEIL MACFARLANE'S PUBLIC LECTURE WITHIN CSS PUBLIC LECTURES SERIES EU IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Center for Social Sciences continues the series of public lectures on "Georgia's European Choice". On July 16, 2015 within the frameworks of the series, Lester B. Pearson Professor of International Relations at Oxford University, and CSS Chair, Neil MacFarlane delivered a public lecture on "EU in the Neighbourhood". The students and academic personnel of different Georgian universities (Tbilisi State University, Ilia State University, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, San-Diego State University, Sokhumi University and others), as well as CSO representatives attended the meeting. The lecture was followed by discussion with the audience in a Q&A format.



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