

**THE FUTURE OF CONDITIONALITY
IN EASTERN EUROPE AND EURASIA:
PERCEPTIONS AND POLICIES**

International Conference

Conference Venue:

Hotel Holiday Inn
(1, 26 May Square, Tbilisi)

29-30 January, 2018

Tbilisi, Georgia

29 January 2018

Conference Opening

12:30-12:45 Registration and Welcome Coffee

12:45-13:00 Welcoming remarks
George Khelashvili, Center for Social Sciences
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Elsbeth Suthers, *National Endowment for Democracy*

I Panel - Conditionality and its Discontents: Do Perceptions Matter? Moderator: Michael Cecire

13:00-13:30 Lost in Transition: Western Conditionality & Azerbaijan's European Integration

Dr. Zaur Shiryev, *Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House)*

13:30-14:00 Public Opinion in Georgia and Perceptions of Europe and Democracy: The Need for Cautious Conditionality

Levan Kakhishvili, *Georgian Institute of Politics*

14:00-14:45 Discussion

14:45-15:00 Lunch

II Panel - In Search of New Areas for Conditionality: Can One Policy Fit All? Moderator: Licinia Simao

15:00-15:30 Indirect Conditionality: Georgia- Venice Commission Relationship

Dr. Anna Dolidze, *Member of High Council of Justice*

15:30-16:00 Power Transition in Kyrgyzstan: Implications for Democracy and Conditionality

Shairbek Dzhuraev, *University of St. Andrews*

16:00-16:45 Discussion

16:45-17:00 Coffee/Tea Break

III Panel - Old Donors, New Practices: Is Success Still Possible? Moderator: Anna Dolidze

17:00-17:30 The Europeanisation of the South Caucasus: What Does it Mean?

Dr. Licinia Simao, *University of Coimbra*

17:30-18:00 Why Is Democracy Still Important in Georgia

Dr. Lincoln Mitchell, *Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University*

18:00-18:30 Discussion

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12:30-13:30 Lunch

IV Panel - Looking for New Opportunities: Can Security Concerns Help Success of Conditionality?

Moderator: Zaur Shiriyev

13:30-14:00 Conditionality and Domestic Security Vulnerabilities: Can Western Assistance Work Again?

George Khelashvili, *Center for Social Sciences*

14:00-14:30 The current and potential impact of CSDP/defense cooperation on conditionality

Emmet Touhy, *Estonian Center for Eastern Partnership*

14:30-15:00 Discussion

15:00-15:30 Coffee/Tea Break

V Panel – Better Economic Tools for Conditionality: Supply and Demand

Moderator: Emmet Touhy

15:30-16:00 The Economic Promise of Democracy: Does Conditionality do Enough for Institutional and Economic Development of Countries?

Dr. Yaroslava Babych, *International School of Economics at TSU (ISET)*

16:00-16:30 Armenia's Economic Imperative for Democratic Reforms

Babken DerGrigorian, *Independent Scholar*

16:30-17:00 Discussion

17:00 – 17:15 Closing Remarks

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