

Workshop

"Approaching the Exodus: Tensions and Cooperation in Emerging Communities in the South Caucasus After the Russian Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine"

(12-13th November, 2023)

Program

Day 1: November 12

Venue: Ilia State University, G. Tsereteli St 3, room S 507

9:30 – 9:45: Registration

9:45 – 10:00: Opening Remarks

10:00 – 11:15: Opening Discussion: "Exploring Russian Migration in Georgia: Current Research and Prospects for Future Studies"

Chair: Mariam Darchiashvili, Ilia State University

- ◆ Givi Siladadze (CRRC, Georgia)
- ◆ Florian Muehlfried (Ilia State University, Georgia)
- ◆ Giorgi Lomsadze (Eurasianet, Georgia)

11:15 – 11:35: Coffee Break

11:35 – 13:15: Panel: "Conflicts and Tensions Between the Emerging Communities"

Chair: Ketevan Gurchiani, Ilia State University

- ◆ Gaëlle Le Pavic (Ghent University, Belgium) Topic: "The Reactivation of the Georgia-Abkhazia De Facto Border in the Context of Russia's War in Ukraine: An Ethnographic Study of the Shifting Social Dynamics in the Borderland"
- ◆ Tsypylma Darieva (ZOIS, Germany) Topic: "Accommodating Russian Migrants in Tbilisi"
- ◆ Gavrilova Sofia (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany) Topic: "Russians, Go Home: Towards Understanding Russian (Neo)Imperialism in Tbilisi"
- ◆ Lilit Dabagian (Bishkek-based Independent Public History Researcher, Kyrgyzstan) Topic: "Russian Exiles in Kyrgyzstan: Physical Mobility, Intergroup Encounters, and the Renegotiation of (Post-)Colonial Legacies"

13:15 – 14:15: Lunch Break

14:15 – 15:55: Panel: "Activism and Integration"

Chair: Sophie Zviadadze, Ilia State University

- ◆ Vlada Baranova (Nordost Institut, Germany) Topic: "Local Activism Among Russian Migrants: Agency Display and Everyday Problem Solving"
- ◆ Ekaterina Chigaleichik (Exodus-22) Topic: "Georgia, Armenia — Russian Influx. Formation of Norms of Communication and Behavior: Who Makes the Rules of the Game?"
- ◆ David Rype (University College London, UK) Topic: "Russo-Georgian Queer Encounters in the Post-February 2022 Tbilisi"
- ◆ Tea Kamushadze (GIPA; Tbilisi State University, Georgia) Topic: "Influences of the Russo-Ukrainian War on Georgia: Russian Voices in the Urban Space of Tbilisi"

15:55 – 16:15: Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:30: Round Table Discussion: "Positionality"

Chairs: Sofia Gavrilova (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany), Olga Bronnikova (Université Grenoble Alpes, France), Mariam Darchiashvili (Ilia State University, Georgia), Kateryna Ihnatenko (Ilia State University, Georgia)

19:00: Dinner for Workshop Participants

Day 2: November 13

Venue: Ilia State University, G. Tsereteli St 3, room S 507

10:00 – 11:40: Panel: "Solidarity and Tensions in New Migrant Communities"

Chair: Tsypylma Darieva, ZOIS, Germany

- ◆ Tatiana Golova (ZOIS, Germany) Topic: "Being from Russia and Being Pro Ukraine: The Challenges of Performing Political Identities"
- ◆ Anna Zaytseva (University of Toulouse, France) and Olga Bronnikova (Université Grenoble Alpes, France) Topic: "The 'Common Places' in Tbilisi's Wartime Emigration from Russia: What Kind of Links and Commitment?"
- ◆ Alexey Voronkov (Ben Gurion, Israel) Topic: "Collective Identities in Russian Emigrant Communities: A Comparison of Five Host Countries"
- ◆ Alice Bakradze (Ilia State University, Social Justice Center, Georgia) Topic: "Displacement & Cross-Cultural Solidarity: Ukrainian Refugees & Russian Activists in Georgia"

11:40 – 12:00: Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:40: Panel: "Problems of Inclusion and Minority Rights in Immigrant Communities"

Chair: Tamar Khoshtaria, Ilia State University, CRRC Georgia

- ◆ Anna Ter-Saakova (TBA) Topic: "Armenian Women Who Repatriated to Armenia"
- ◆ Talia Koliak (University of Oxford) Topic: "Russian LGBTQ+ in Georgia"
- ◆ Kateryna Ihnatenko (Ilia State University, Georgia) Topic: "Social Integration of Refugees with Disabilities in Urban Environment"
- ◆ Xandie (Alexandra) Kuenning (International Master's Student in Central and East European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Ilia State University / University of Glasgow / University of Tartu) Topic: "Georgian and Russian LGBTQ+ Communities in Georgia and Armenia"

13:40 – 14:40: Lunch Break

14:40 – 15:55: Film Screening and Discussion (TBC)

Please note that participants in the panels have a 15-minute slot for their presentation, followed by a 40-minute question and answer session after every four talks.

If you'd like to join the workshop, please contact us at the following email address:

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