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Migration, Mobility and Displacement in the Black Sea Region

Annual Conference of the Center for Governance and Culture in Europe at the
University of St. Gallen

12-15 September 2022, Tbilisi, Georgia

Organizers:

Center for Governance and Culture in Europe - gce.unisg.ch

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General information:

Venue and accommodation:

Rooms Hotel Tbilisi, [14 Merab Kostava str.](#)

Conference procedure:

Paper presentation – 15 min, discussant remarks – 10 min, Q&A – 30 min.

Conference program

September 12

Arrival of participants

Guided tour

18:00-19:30 Panel I: Understanding Conflict Escalation and Peacebuilding: the Cases of Georgia and Ukraine

Chair: **Oleksii Chebotarov** (University of Vienna)

Discussant: **Ulrich Schmid** (University of St. Gallen)

Oksana Myshlovska (University of Bern): Reframing Identities and Political Communities through Violence: the Early Period of Conflict Escalation in February-April 2014 in Eastern Ukraine

Cécile Druey (University of Bern): Peacebuilding in the Donbas (2014-2021) – Critical Reflections on the Concept of “Amnesty”

Elena Natenadze (University of Bern): Memory Narratives and Dealing with the Past: the Georgian-Abkhaz Case

20:00 Welcome reception

September 13

9:30-11:00 Welcome and opening remarks

Ulrich Schmid (University of St. Gallen)

Jérôme Hügli (State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation, Bern)

Nata Dzvelishvili (Indigo, Tbilisi)

Projects of the Center for Governance and Culture in Europe

Sandra King-Savic (University of St. Gallen): Center for Governance and Culture in Europe

Zsofia Schmid (University of St. Gallen): Euxeinos Journal

Oleksii Chebotarov (University of Vienna): Shadows of Empires

Tornike Metreveli (Lund University): Territoriality of the Georgian Orthodox Church

Oksana Avramenko (Center for Urban History, Lviv): Telegram Archive of War

Oleksandra Tarkhanova (University of St. Gallen): Citizenship, Displacement, and Decision-Making

11:00-11:20 Refreshments

11:30-12:30 Panel 2: History of Migration and Mobility around the Black Sea

Chair: Anna Chebotarova (University of Oslo)

Discussant: Silvana Rachieru (University of Bucharest)

Akın Sefer (Koç University, Turkey) Labour Migration from the Ottoman Black Sea Coast to Istanbul in the Mid-Nineteenth Century

Cafer Sarıkaya (Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey): Migration, Mobility and Displacement in the Central Black Sea Region of Turkey

12:40-13:40 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Panel 3: Crossing Ottoman Borders

Chair: Oleksandra Tarkhanova (University of St. Gallen)

Discussant: Oleksii Chebotarov (University of Vienna)

Gözde Yazıcı Cörüt (Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe): The Harbours of Lazistan, Illicit Travel Networks, and Cross-Border Movements of Armenians

Silvana Rachieru (University of Bucharest): "Baban Sulina'ya mi gitti?" [Did your father go to Sulina?]: Labor Migration Across the Black Sea in the Last Ottoman Decades

Fulya Özturan (Koç University): The Ottoman Migration Governance of the Jewish Refugees of Fin de Siècle Istanbul

15:30-16:30 Panel 4: Migration and Displacement during and after the Second World War

Chair: Oleksii Chebotarov (University of Vienna)

Discussant: Raul Carstocea (Maynooth University)

Elena Simonato (University of Lausanne): The end of the Swiss Dream on the Black Sea Coast: Last Days of the Colony of Schabo

Viktoriia Serhienko (German Historical Institute in Warsaw): "It's easy to enter the USSR, but there is no way back from here...": Ruthenian/Ukrainian Optants from Eastern Slovakia in Volhynia after World War II

16:30-17:00 Refreshments

17:00-18:30 Public discussion State Responses to Immigration: Between Liberalism and “Willkommenskultur”

Zsofia Schmidt (University of St. Gallen), **Sandra King-Savic** (University of St. Gallen), **Rafal Riedel** (University of Opole), **Ia Pozovi** (Ministry of Internal Affairs of Georgia)

19:00 Dinner

September 14

9:30-11:00 Panel 5: Understanding Migration and Mobility from National to Global Scales

Chair: **Oleksii Chebotarov** (University of Vienna)

Discussant: **Sandra King-Savic** (University of St. Gallen)

Jana Stöxen (University of Regensburg): Grasping the Trans: Research Strategies on Migration and Mobility in and around the Republic of Moldova

Mara Birou (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj- Napoca): The Impact of the Migration Experience on the Political Behaviour of Romanian Immigrants and Romanian Returnees

Raul Cârstocea (Maynooth University): Mobility and the Pandemic: A Multi-Scalar Tale of Exclusion and Exploitation

11:00-11:20 Refreshments

11:30-12:30 Panel 6: Decision-Making, Knowledge Sharing, and Migration Narratives

Chair: **Nata Dzvelishvili** (Indigo, Tbilisi)

Discussant: **Karolina Czerska-Shaw** (Jagiellonian University in Krakow)

Muratova Elmira (Aarhus University): Migration and Displacement in Crimea in a Cross-Temporal Perspective: the Case of the Crimean Tatars

Daryna Pyrogova (ReStart Ukraine, Kyiv), **Oleksandra Tarkhanova** (University of St. Gallen): On Displacement in Ukraine following Russian Invasion – Decision-Making, Routes, and Prospects

12:40-13:40 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Panel 7: Policymaking on IDPs and Refugees

Chair: **Tornike Metreveli** (Lund University)

Discussant: **Oleksandra Tarkhanova** (University of St. Gallen)

Tamriko Natchkebia (Tamriko Natchkebia (Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University): Is a Fair Trial Right for Everyone? A Refugee Status Determination Case Study of the European Court of Human Rights

Olga Maksymovych (Ivano-Frankivsk City Council / Carpathian Institute of Analytics "Frankolytics"): Carpathian IDPs Solutions. The Results of the Study of Internal Migration Flows in the Ivano-Frankivsk Amalgamated Community

Karolina Czerska-Shaw (Jagiellonian University in Krakow) Dominance, Hypocrisy, & Hierarchy: The Present Reshaping of EU Migration and Asylum Policy. A View from European Migration CSOs on the Eastern borders of the EU

Olesea Taranu („Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași): A Romanian Perspective on the Refugee Issue

16:00-16:20 Refreshments

16:30-17:30 Panel 8: Political Frames and the War in Ukraine

Chair: **Anna Chebotarova** (University of Oslo)

Discussant: **Oksana Myshlovska** (University of Bern)

Bohdan Kolesnyk (University of St. Gallen) Looking back at the Political Discourse in Ukraine 2013-2019

Tornike Metreveli (Lund University) The Russian Spiritual Space and Gendered Geopolitics: Conceptual and Epistemological Preliminaries

17:30-18:30 Closing remarks

19:00 Dinner

September 15

Guided tour

Departure of participants