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INTERNATIONAL 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

- 09:30 – 09:45 **REGISTRATION**
- 09:45 – 10:00 **OPENING REMARKS**
Mariam Darchiashvili, Olga Bronnikova, Sofia Gavrilova
- 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 Silagadze (CRRC, Georgia)
Florian Mühlfried (Ilia State University, Georgia)
Giorgi Lomsadze (Eurasianet, Georgia)
- 11:15 – 11:35 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:35 – 13:15 **PANEL 1**
CONFLICTS AND TENSIONS BETWEEN THE EMERGING COMMUNITIES
Chair: Ketevan Gurchiani, Ilia State University

Gaëlle Le Pavic (Ghent University, Belgium)
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)
FROM HOSTILITY TO PRAGMATIC HOSPITALITY: GEORGIAN-RUSSIAN ENCOUNTERS IN TBILISI'S HOUSING MARKET

Sofia Gavrilova (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany)
RUSSIANS, GO HOME: TOWARDS UNDERSTANDING RUSSIAN (NEO)IMPERIALISM IN TBILISI

Lilit Dabagian (Bishkek-based Independent Public History Researcher, Kyrgyzstan)
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 2**
ACTIVISM AND INTEGRATION
Chair: Sophie Zviadadze, Ilia State University

Vlada Baranova (Nordost Institut, Germany)
LOCAL ACTIVISM AMONG RUSSIAN MIGRANTS: AGENCY DISPLAY AND EVERYDAY PROBLEM SOLVING

Ekaterina Chigaleichik (Exodus-22)
GEORGIA, ARMENIA — RUSSIAN INFLUX. FORMATION OF NORMS OF COMMUNICATION AND BEHAVIOR: WHO MAKES THE RULES OF THE GAME?

David Rype (University College London, UK)
RUSSO-GEORGIAN QUEER ENCOUNTERS IN THE POST-FEBRUARY 2022 TBILISI

Tea Kamushadze (GIPA; Tbilisi State University, Georgia)
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 **DISCUSSION**
ON THE POSITIONALITY

Chairs: Sofia Gavrilova (Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany)
Olga Bronnikova (ILCEA4, Université Grenoble Alpes, France)
Mariam Darchiashvili (Ilia State University, Georgia)
Kateryna Ihnatenko (Ilia State University, Georgia)

18:00 DINNER FOR WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

DAY 2: NOVEMBER 13

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

10:00 – 11:40 **PANEL 3**
SOLIDARITY AND TENSIONS IN NEW MIGRANT COMMUNITIES
Chair: Tsypylma Darieva, ZOIS, Germany

Tatiana Golova (ZOIS, Germany)
BEING FROM RUSSIA AND BEING PRO UKRAINE: THE CHALLENGES OF PERFORMING POLITICAL IDENTITIES

Anna Zaytseva (University of Toulouse, France)
WARTIME IMMIGRANTS' "THIRD PLACES" IN TBILISI: WHAT KIND OF LINKS AND COMMITMENT?

Alexey Voronkov (Ben Gurion, Israel)
COLLECTIVE IDENTITIES IN RUSSIAN EMIGRANT COMMUNITIES: A COMPARISON OF FIVE HOST COUNTRIES

Alice Bakradze (Ilia State University, Social Justice Center, Georgia)
DISPLACEMENT & CROSS-CULTURAL SOLIDARITY: UKRAINIAN REFUGEES & RUSSIAN ACTIVISTS IN GEORGIA

11:40 – 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 13:40 **PANEL 4**
PROBLEMS OF INCLUSION AND MINORITY RIGHTS IN IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES
Chair: Tamar Khoshtaria, Ilia State University, CRRC Georgia

Anna Ter-Saakova (CISR Yerevan)
ARMENIAN WOMEN WHO REPATRIATED TO ARMENIA

Talia Koliak (University of Oxford)
RUSSIAN LGBTQ+ IN GEORGIA

Kateryna Ihnatenko (Ilia State University, Georgia)
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)
GEORGIAN AND RUSSIAN LGBTQ+ COMMUNITIES IN GEORGIA AND ARMENIA

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: mariam.darchiashvili@iliauni.edu.ge

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