

Conference Program

Northern and Southern Caucasus in the European Neighbourhood: Triangular functional cooperation or competition in a heterogenous region. Russia, EU and the Caucasus

July 3rd and 4th 2014 at Schader-Forum, Darmstadt

Program – Thursday, July 3rd 2014

- 1:15 – 1:25 pm Welcome Address
Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt, Technische Universität Darmstadt
Alexander Gemeinhardt M.A., Chairman of the Board, Schader-Stiftung
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm Keynote speech
Conflict and Cooperation in the South Caucasus
Dr. Tracey German, King's College London
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm **Session 1 – Historical and political framework**
The North and the South in the Caucasus - Separated or Interlinked?
Dr. Uwe Halbach, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin
Uncanny Threats and Secret Resistances: On the Religious Situation in Kabardino Balkaria
Prof. Dr. Raschid Alikajew, Kabardino-Balkarian State University, Nalchik
PD Dr. Florian Mühlfried, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
Straightjackets or arenas? NGOs in the institutions of competitive authoritarian regimes in the South Caucasus
Mariella Falkenhein, Hertie School of Governance
- 4:00 – 4:30 pm Coffee break
- 4:30 – 7:30 pm **Session 2 – External democracy and autocracy promotion in the Caucasus**
Geopolitics of Democratic Choice: Correlations between foreign-political orientations and political regime type
Prof. Dr. Ghia Nodia, Ilia State University
EU in Azerbaijan: cooperation in the context of strategic instruments
Elsevar Mammadov, Khazar University
EU external democracy and autocracy promotion in the Caucasus – results of a cross-country comparison
Schuschaniq Minasjan, Technische Universität Darmstadt
Dr. Sigita Urdze, Technische Universität Darmstadt
Democratization through the backdoor? Functional cooperation in the Southern Caucasus
Dr. Aron Buzogány, Freie Universität Berlin
Analyses of governance strategies in the North Caucasian republics with respect to conflict regulation and development
Prof. Dr. Alexey Gunya, Kabardino-Balkarian State University, Nalchik
- 8:00 pm Get Together

Program – Friday July 4th 2014

9:00 – 10:30 am

Session 3 – International embeddedness of the Caucasus

How serious are Armenia and Azerbaijan about integration in the European context?
Dr. Rainer Freitag-Wirminghaus, former Deutsches Orient-Institut

More than a chessboard – the role of Turkey, Iran and Russia in the Southern Caucasus
Prof. Dr. Udo Steinbach, Berlin

10:30 – 11:00 am

Coffee break

11:00 – 1:00 pm

Roundtable (open for public/öffentlich) – Functional triangular cooperation or competition between the EU, Russia and the Caucasus

Welcome Address

Alexander Gemeinhardt M.A., Chairman of the Board, Schader-Stiftung

Introductory speech

Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt, Technische Universität Darmstadt
Dr. Sigita Urdze, Technische Universität Darmstadt

Chair

Prof. Dr. Marianne Kneuer, Stiftung Universität Hildesheim

Speakers

H. E. Prof. Gabriela von Habsburg, former Ambassador of Georgia
H. E. Dr. Vahan Hovhannesian, Ambassador of Armenia
Dr. Rizan Nabiyeu, Counsellor at the Embassy of Azerbaijan
Björn Kühne, Chief of Cabinet/Political Advisor to the EUSR for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia, solicited
Silvia Stöber, Journalist

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The attendance to the conference is free. The number of participants is limited, so please **register until June 23rd** and send your contact information to: kontakt@schader-stiftung.de. Your registration will be confirmed via email.

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Place of conference

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