



# ”After the War in Ukraine: Prospects and Implications for Europe and South Caucasus”

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## UGSP-Conference

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## Agenda

- 9:30 - 10:00** Participants/guests registration welcoming coffee
- 10:00 - 10:10** Welcoming Remarks - Konstantine Topuria – Rector of the University of Georgia
- 10:10 - 10:20** Key-note speaker - Volodymyr Ogrysko (online) CEO of the Centre for Russian Studies, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (2007-2009)
- 10:20 - 11:50** **Session One:** Panel discussion - Options of Military Outcome and Respective Politico-Economic Consequences

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### **Moderator - Inna Dubinsky**

Business Development and Training  
Project Manager, the U.S. Agency for  
Global Media

### **Speakers**

#### **Margarita Assenova**

Senior Fellow at the Jamestown  
Foundation

#### **Dr. Thornike Gordadze**

Professor at Paris Institute of Political  
Studies and Associate Fellow at Jacques  
Delors Foundation

#### **Andrei Kolesnikov**

Senior Fellow at the Carnegie  
Endowment for International Peace

#### **Dr. Yevgeniya Gaber** (online)

Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic  
Council in Turkey and the Center in  
Modern Turkish Studies, Carleton University

**11:50 - 12:10** Coffee break

**12:10 - 13:40 Session Two: Working Groups Discussion**

## **Working Group One - European Security Architecture**

### **European Security Architecture**

Working group one should, but not limited, to discuss following topics: Post-war security architecture in Europe; Prospects of NATO and EU enlargement and their institutional interplay; Establishment of a new and/or enhancement of existing regional bilateral and multilateral alliances in Europe; Security guarantees for Ukraine and other post-Soviet states.

## **Working Group Two - Russia and Post-Soviet Space**

### **Facilitator - Nikoloz Vashakidze,**

Professor at the Caucasus University, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

### **Dalia Bankauskaite**

Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA), Partnership Associate Professor at Vilnius University

### **Dr John Kennedy**

Research Leader in the Defence and Security Group at RAND Europe

### **Konstantine Ioseliani**

The University of Georgia, UGSP Senior Fellow

### **Gia Japaridze**

Professor, the University of Georgia, Chavchavadze Center Senior Fellow

### **Facilitator - Dr. Stephen Kroll**

Head of Science Communication and a senior researcher at PRI

### **Dr. Rimvydas Baltaduonis**

Associate Professor at Gettysburg College  
Economics, International & Global Studies  
Co-Director, Gettysburg Lab for Experimental Economics

### **Revaz Topuria**

The University of Georgia, UGSP Senior Fellow

### **Megi Benia**

Directorate-General of Security  
Policy and Euro-Atlantic  
Integration, MFA

### **Russia and Post-Soviet Space**

Working group two should, but not limited, to discuss following topics: Prospects of Putin's power and Russia's role in post-Soviet space after the end of Russia-Ukraine war; Russia's relations with the West (USA, UK, Germany, France); Russia's relations with China; Prospects of CSTO and Eurasian Economic Union; Political, security and economic modalities in post-Soviet area

## Working Group Three - Conflicts Resolution in Post-Soviet Space

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### Facilitator - Nino Kukhianidze

Peace Studies Researcher, Lecturer and Practitioner

### Dr. Roland B. Wilson

Founder and Director, Peace and Conflict Studies Center Asia (PACSC Asia), Professor and Program Coordinator, Conflict Analysis and Resolution Program, George Mason University Korea

### Dr. Malkhaz Saldadze

Associate Professor at Ilia State University

### Nino Gozalishvili

Head of the Nationalism and Ethnicity Studies Center at the University of Georgia

**13:40 - 14:40** Lunch

**14:40 - 16:10** **Session Three:** Panel discussion - Major Findings and Conclusions

**Moderator** – **Dr. Shalva Dzebisashvili** – Head of the International Relations and Political Science Programs at the University of Georgia.

**Dr. Stephen Kroll** - Head of Science Communication and a senior researcher at PRIF

**Nikoloz Vashakidze** - Professor at the Caucasus University, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

**Nino Kukhianidze** - Peace Studies Researcher, Lecturer and Practitioner

**Dr. Robert Hamilton** - (Special Expert-Guest) – Research Professor of Eurasian Studies Strategic Studies Institute U.S. Army War College

**16:10 - 18:00** Standing Dinner

# About UG Security Platform (UGSP)



Originated from the UG Security Conference 2019, the UGSP (UG-Security Platform) expanded its focus area and created a unique platform, which provides space for academic and policy discussions in the area of regional security, military, political system and regime developments and aims at permanent development in providing best expertise and policy solutions in the mentioned focus areas from regional (South Caucasus) perspective. UGSP incorporates various activities from the high level annual conference down to academic research and publication, student seminars, policy and crisis simulation exercises and online/video blogs or discussions. The ultimate objective is to form a solid regional knowledge hub of first choice for security, policy and academic communities in Georgia and abroad.

UGSP's mission is to:

- Strengthen Georgia's security and defense sector by identifying and analyzing national security and defense challenges; initiate debates on defense and foreign policy issues that result in policy recommendations and solutions.
- Contribute to enhancing Georgia's intellectual role within NATO and the EU by developing forward-looking and innovative research, policy ideas and strategic solutions for the common European and transatlantic security and defense agenda;
- Raise public awareness and stimulate research and public debate on broader security, the nexus between national and societal security and resilience, security and good governance, institutional as well as sustainable development from the regional perspective.
- Explore new ways and conceptual approaches to analysis of democratic transformation and social change, institutional practices, and socio-cultural aspect of communication to contribute to regional and cross regional intellectual cooperation.
- Explore new ways and conceptual approaches to the complex issue of regional security and contribute to regional and cross-regional intellectual cooperation

## **In pursuit of its mission, UGSP:**

- Conducts research and publications;
- Organizes a major annual event – UGSP Students Simulation & Exercise;
- Organizes the Annual UGSP Conference
- Publishes policy papers and analytical reports;
- Conducts various outreach and networking activities

## Concept Note UGSP - Conference

### *After the War in Ukraine: Prospects and Implications for Europe and South Caucasus*

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| <b>SUBJECT:</b>         | Annual Conference Stimulate Academic and Policy relevant discussion, i.e., exchange of ideas on post-war situation, security architecture, conflict resolution and political implications in Europe and post-Soviet space, including the South Caucasus region |
| <b>AIM</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>AUDIENCE:</b>        | Academic researchers, think tankers, analysts, policy makers                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>ORGANIZATION:</b>    | The University of Georgia (UG)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>FUNDING REQUEST:</b> | Financial support depends on the degree of engagement. Financial support can also include speakers' travel and accommodation costs, covered by a sponsor organization                                                                                          |

Within the UG-Security Platform (UGSP) the School of Social Sciences of the University of Georgia (UG) is planning to organize fourth annual conference on June 9, 2023. The major effort of the conference titled "After the War in Ukraine: Prospects and Implications for Europe and South Caucasus," is devoted to the ongoing Russian war against Ukraine, its potential strategic (military and political) outcomes, and impact on regional and international security. We ask speakers and participants to look into the future and attempt to distill in the context of the Russian war against Ukraine the relevant conclusions upon which a general silhouette of the security arrangements in Europe and the South Caucasus can be identified. It implies the institutional dynamics of the EU and NATO, the national strategies of the nations involved, conflicts resolution in post-Soviet space and (new) conceptual proposals for strengthening regional security and cooperation.

The event's aim, which has been initiated since 2019, is to promote a high-level academic and policy-related discussion in which leading foreign and local experts explore the range of provided topics and contribute to generating new (theoretical or policy) concepts, discovering respective solutions and providing recommendations. The conference is primarily designed for established academic researchers, relevant policy experts, representatives of civil society organizations and think tanks, professionals, and individuals with respective analytical backgrounds.

The preliminary conference design includes the first panel to be devoted for key note speakers, the second panel divided into three working groups (workshops) on specific policy issue, to allow invited experts, analysts and researchers to review and discuss multiple policy, strategic options that could contribute to sustainable security mechanisms in Europe and beyond; and the third panel, where the results of the workshop sessions (2nd panel) will be discussed. The discussion and workshop-panel results will be finalized in a follow-up report to be published.

# Design of UGSP - Conference

## After the War in Ukraine: Prospects and Implications for Europe and South Caucasus

Major goal of the fourth UGSP annual conference is to look into the future and based on the plausible outcome of the Russia-Ukraine war to discuss and outline the post-war scenario, the framework of the future security architecture in Europe, balance of power in post-Soviet space and prospects of conflicts resolution in this area. Although the state of play in the battlefield and the prospects of political solution are quite vague at the moment it is high time to launch discussions on post-war arrangements and its implications on the European security and beyond.

In order to meet this challenging task, the conference will have specific design consisting of ordinary and experts' working groups sessions, content wise interconnected and transitioning to each other. In particular:

Session One: Panel – Options of Military Outcome and Respective Politico-Economic Consequences

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Session Two: Working Groups Discussion

*Distinguished researchers, experts and subject matter specialists will be divided into three working groups to stimulate discussion on specific topics assigned preliminary to each of them. Specifically, those topics are:*

Working Group One – European Security Architecture;

*Working group one should, but not limited, to discuss following topics: Post-war security architecture in Europe; Prospects of NATO and EU enlargement and their institutional interplay; Establishment of a new and/or enhancement of existing regional bilateral and multilateral alliances in Europe; Security guarantees for Ukraine and other post-Soviet states.*

Working Group Two – Russia and Post-Soviet Space;

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*Each working group will consist of from a moderator and up to four participants (researchers, experts and subject matter specialists) to stimulate discussion and come to major findings and conclusions. Representatives from the audience (up to 20 people), which will be presented to each working group, will be given a chance to ask questions and express their opinion as well.*

Session Three: Panel – Major Findings and Conclusions

*The moderators of each working group will present vision, essential findings and conclusions that have been distilled during the discussions.*

*Based on the third session organizers of the conference will produce a follow-up conference report to be published.*