

Eurasia Democratic Security Network

2019 EDSN Conference on Democracy and Security

Conference Venue:
Hotel Holiday Inn
(1, 26 May Square, Tbilisi)

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Conference Opening & Welcoming Remarks

- 09:00-10:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee
10:00-10:15 Welcoming Remarks
Dr. Lia Tsuladze, Center for Social Sciences
Elsbeth Suthers, National Endowment for Democracy

Morning Plenary: Open Doors, Liberal Democracy, & Security

Moderator: Dr. Giorgi Khelashvili, Parliament of Georgia

- 10:15-10:25 *Amb. Carl Harzell, EU Mission to Georgia*
10:25-10:35 *Dr. Rosaria Puglisi, NATO Liaison Office in Georgia*
10:35-10:45 *Charges D’Affaires Elizabeth Rood, U.S. Embassy*
10:45-11:15 Discussion

11:15-11:45 Coffee Break

Panel I: Securing through Democratizing: Reforms and Outcomes

Moderator: Dr. Kornely Kakachia, Georgian Institute of Politics

- 11:50-12:05 Ukraine’s Security Conundrums Amid Conflict
Dr. Maryna Vorotnyuk, Central European University
12:05-12:20 Armenia’s Velvet Revolution and Security Dilemmas
Tigran Grigoryan, National Revival Party (Karabakh)
12:20-12:50 Discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Panel II: Participatory Security as a Policy Concept

Moderator: Michael Cecire, EDSN

- 14:00-14:15 Making the Democracy-Security Case in Insecure States
Mihai Popsoi, MP, Parliament of Moldova
14:15-14:30 Participatory Approaches to Conflict Resolution
Ann Tsurtsunia-Zurabashvili, EWMI/ACCESS
14:30-14:45 Democratic Norms and National Security
Dr. Anna Dolidze, High Council of Justice of Georgia
14:45-15:15 Discussion

15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

Closing Plenary: The Push-Pull of Democracy-Security

Moderator: Elspeth Suthers, NED

- 15:45-16:00 Revolution, Democratization, and War in the South Caucasus
George Khelashvili, Parliament of Georgia
16:00-16:15 Georgia in Search of the Democracy-Security Nexus
Kornely Kakachia, Georgian Institute of Politics
16:15-16:30 Security as a Function of Democracy: The Case of Armenia
Babken DerGregorian, Former Minister of Diaspora of Armenia
16:30-17:00 Discussion

17:00 Closing Remarks, *Diana Lezhava, CSS*