

**School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences  
International Black Sea University**



**15<sup>th</sup> Annual International Research Conference on American Studies**

**PROGRAM**

**June 9, 2025**

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

**Monday, June 9, 2025**

**09:30 – 10:30**

### **Registration**

(International Black Sea University, 2<sup>nd</sup> Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Conference Hall.  
D. Aghmashenebeli alley, 13 km. № 2, Tbilisi, Georgia.)

**11:00-12:00**

### **Conference Opening**

**(International Black Sea University, 2<sup>nd</sup> Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)**

- **Tamar Shioshvili**, Affiliated Professor, Dr., the Dean of the School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Head of the American Studies programs, International Black Sea University.
- **Lauren Brinley Williamson**, Fulbright English Teaching Assistant, US.
- **Kristine Janashia**, Junior Student of the American Studies BA Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University.
- **Saba Pruidze**, Junior Student of the American Studies BA Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University.
- **Robin L. Dunnigan**, United States Ambassador to Georgia.

**12:00-12:30**

### **Buffet Lunch**

**12:30:17:00**

### **Workshops**

**Workshop 1: Politics, History**

**Chair: Nika Chitadze**, Affiliated Prof. Dr., International Black Sea University.

**Room: A303**

**Lela Abdushelishvili**, Prof. Dr. in American Studies, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*“Importance of Language in American Media Discourse”*

**Levani Adamia**, Junior Student of American Studies BA Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*“How the US Involvement in WWI Changed its History”*

**Maia Antidze**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*“The Cold War Era in the USA, Foreign and Domestic Policy”*

**George Arabuli**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*“The Role of U.S.–Georgia Strategic Partnerships in Strengthening Georgia’s Psychological Defense Capabilities”*

**Art Arakelian**, BA graduate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*“Strategic Silence and American Power in the South Caucasus: U.S. Foreign Policy in the Armenia-Azerbaijan Conflict”*

**Ana Aroshidze**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*“Examination of Key Events and Turning Points in President Biden's Foreign Affairs to Russia”*

**Tato Bezhitashvili**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*“World Order in the Shadow of Russia-Ukraine War: The US-led Negotiations as the Turning Point?”*

**Nika Chitadze**, Affiliated Prof. Dr., School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*“What will be the foreign policy of newly elected US President Donald Trump?”*

**Elene Medzmariashvili**, Prof. Dr., Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*“The Contradictions of the Joe Biden Administration's Immigration Policy”*

**Tamuna Sadaghashvili**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*“Strategies Initiated by the US to Fight against International Terrorism during the Presidency of Joe Biden”*

**Tamar Shioshvili**, Affiliated Prof. Dr., School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia. *“Dynamics of the Search for the Reasonable Ethics to Protect Public Confidence in the US government”*

**Polina Vacheishvili**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*“A Transformation of Military Art from Four to Fifth Generation of War in Cold War 2.0 Period”*

## **Workshop 2: Culture, Social Issues**

**Chair:** George Shaduri, Assoc. Prof. Dr., International Black Sea University, Georgia.

**Room:** A214

**Irina Bakhtadze**, Affiliated Prof. Dr. in American Studies, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Teaching Modern American Art to High School students in Arabic countries: Innovative approaches to class management and teaching methodology"*

**Barbare Bakradze**, Senior Student of American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"A Comparative Analysis of Mainstream Media Influence in Georgia and the United States"*

**Tsitsino Bukia**, Assoc. Prof. Dr., Caucasus International University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"The Influence of American Culture on the Georgian Media Space"*

**Nyasha Foster**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Disaster Diplomacy in the Black Sea Region: U.S.-Georgian Collaboration Post-Katrina and the Evolution of Security Paradigms."*

**Mariami Gabunia**, Junior Student of American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

**Kristine Janashia**, Junior Student of American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Civil Rights Narratives in American Literature and Media over the Times"*

**Nia Kokhleidze**, Junior Student of American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

**Saba Pruidze**, Junior Student of American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Rural Depopulation in the US and in Georgia"*

**Maia Kutateladze**, Invited Lecturer, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Nobel Peace Prize – Legacy of the US Presidents"*

**Medea Kuzanashvili**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Changes in the Family Structure of Whites in the U.S."*

**Nickolas George Makharashvili**, Prof., School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Some Types of Organizational Change and Design"*

**Eka Meladze**, Ph.D., American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"The Role of Industrialization and Migration in Shaping American Corporate Structures and Labor Markets"*

**Sopo Revazishvili**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

**Irina Bakhtadze**, Affiliated Prof. Dr. in American Studies, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"A Key Role of Vocational Training in Preparing a Skilled and Job-Ready Workforce in the US"*

**George Shaduri**, Assoc. Prof. Dr. in American Studies, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Methodism: The Way from the State to Free Church"*

**Lasha Vashakidze**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"The Role of Diaspora Networks in Supporting Georgian Migrants in the USA"*

### **Workshop 3: Literature, Women's Issues**

**Chair:** Eka Beraia, Assoc. Prof. Dr., Caucasus International University, Georgia.

**Room:** A101

**Eka Beraia**, Assoc. Prof. Dr., Caucasus International University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Women's Political Leadership: Presidents and Presidential Candidates in the Political Development of Georgia and the United States"*

**Sophio Charekishvili**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Teaching American Values through Literature at IBSU"*

**Tea Chumburidze**, Assoc. Prof. Dr. in American Studies, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Native American Women: Traditional Roles and Modern Challenges"*

**Barbare Iosebashvili**, Senior Student of American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Philosophy of Transcendentalism by Ralph Waldo Emerson"*

**Natia Butkhuzi**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"The Search for Meaning: Walker Percy and Christian Existential Thought"*

**Ketevan Mchedlishvili**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Psychological Stress and Breast Cancer: Exploring the Twofold Risk of Stressful Life Events"*

**Tamar Mgeladze**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Psychological Characteristics of Women during Pre and Post-Divorce; Relationships with Environment"*

**Lika Miruashvili**, Senior Student of American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Ten Days in a Mad-House: An Analysis"*

**Natia Mshvidobadze**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"In search of America- 1960s vs 2025 based on John Steinbeck's travelogue"*

**Ani Mtsariashvili**, Senior Student of American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Moral Meaning of Violence and The Idea of Determinism in Cormac McCarthy's Works: Comparative Analysis of No Country For Old Men and Blood Meridian"*

**Nana Parinos**, Assoc. Prof. Dr., Caucasus International University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Washington Irving and Fenimore Cooper in the Context of Georgian Literature Studies"*

**Salome Tcharbadze**, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

*"Theoretical Framework for Understanding Women's Lives"*