

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



15th 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, 2nd Building, 3rd Floor, Conference Hall.
D. Aghmashenebeli alley, 13 km. № 2, Tbilisi, Georgia.)

11:00-12:00

Conference Opening

(International Black Sea University, 2nd Building, 3rd 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”*

Samin Ustiashvili, Doctor of American Studies Program, School of Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

“Redefining Alliances: The Transformation of U.S.–Arab Relations Amid Geopolitical Shifts and Economic Diversification”

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 Kokhreidze, 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, Past and Present: A Journey with John Steinbeck from the 1960s to 2025”

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”