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Day 1 · October 9, 2026

09:00–09:30 Registration & Morning Coffee

Time: Oct 9, 2026, 09:30 AM Baku, Tbilisi, Yerevan

Join Zoom Meeting

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Opening Ceremony 09:30–10:00

- Guranda Tchelidze, Professor and Jean Monnet Coordinator EU-PPS Chair, Caucasus University
- Kakha Shengelia, President, Caucasus University
- Mariam Sulashvili, Director, National Erasmus+ Office in Georgia
- Akaki Kapanadze, Director, Project Management Department, Caucasus University
- Tinatin Giorgadze, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Caucasus University
- David Tsiklauri, Director, Research Facilitation Department, Caucasus University

Group Photo

Opening Plenary · Keynote Speakers 10:00-11:15 | Conference Hall

Moderator: Guranda Tchelidze, Professor and Jean Monnet Coordinator EU-PPS Chair, Caucasus University, Georgia

Time	Speaker	Paper Title	Affiliation, Country
10:00 -10:20	Olesea Plotnic	Mediation and Legal Innovation in the EU Enlargement Process: Strengthening Consumer Rights and Access to Justice	Professor, Jean Monnet Coordinator EU4JUST-RE Chair, Moldova State University · Moldova
10:20 -10:40	Radu Carp	2027 Elections Across Europe – Enlargement and Rule of Law at the Crossroads	Professor of Public Law and Political Science, University of Bucharest · Romania
10:40 -11:00	Guranda Tchelidze	Geopolitical Transformation of the EU Enlargement Policy after 2022: The Peace and Security Dimension and the Case of Georgia	Professor, Jean Monnet Coordinator EU-PPS Chair, Caucasus University · Georgia
Discussion			

11:15 - 11:30 Coffee Break

Parallel Session I 11:30-13:00

Conference Hall

Law, Policy & Governance

Moderator: Olese Plotnic, Professor and Jean Monnet Coordinator EU4JUST-RE Chair, Moldova State University

Time	Speaker, Affiliation	Paper Title
11:30	Rodica Crudu <i>Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova; Member of Jean Monnet Chair EU4JUST-RE, Moldova State University · Moldova</i>	Rule of Law Conditionality in EU Enlargement: Benchmark Criteria and Democratic Backsliding
11:45	Markus Engert <i>Technical University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt (THWS) · Germany</i>	A Strong EU for a Balanced World
12:00	Rainer Wehner <i>Technical University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt (THWS) · Germany</i>	Challenges and Difficulties of EU Enlargement
12:15	Irakli Shamatava <i>Caucasus University · Georgia</i>	Georgia's Intellectual Property Law in an Evolving European Legal Framework: Legislative Reform and the Challenge of Sustained Alignment
12:30	Tatia Dolidze <i>European University · Georgia</i>	Geopolitics and Democratic Conditionality in Georgia: Complementary or Competing Logics of EU Enlargement?

Discussion

Parallel Session I 11:30-13:00

Library

Education, Society & Culture

Moderator: Tatia Chokoraia, Associate Professor, Caucasus University, Georgia

Time	Speaker, Affiliation	Paper Title
11:30	Ekaterine Mikanadze, Khatuna Chikviladze, Nugzar Buachidze <i>Solid Waste Management Company of Georgia · Technical University of Georgia · Georgia</i>	Transformation of the Copenhagen Criteria and Contemporary Interpretations in the Context of Waste Management: Challenges and Practical Recommendations for Georgia's EU Integration
11:45	Tamar Iakobashvili <i>Caucasus International University · Georgia</i>	Perceptions of Europe and the Formation of Georgia's European Identity in the Georgian Press of the First Republic (1918–1921)
12:00	Nino Makhauri <i>Caucasus University · Georgia</i>	Institutionalizing European Research Area (ERA) Standards in Georgian Universities through Research Ethics Governance
12:15	Lana Kardava <i>EIGER Master · Georgia</i>	Georgia's Path from Association to Candidate Status: Practice and Challenges in Social Policy and Employment
12:30	Tatia Chokoraia, Diana Mchedlishvili <i>Caucasus University · Georgia</i>	Advancing Academic Integrity and Research Ethics in Higher Education: A Case Study of Institutional Capacity Building at Caucasus University

Discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

Online Session · Plenary Format, Open to All 14:00-15:45 | Conference Hall

Moderator: Rodica Crudu, Associate Professor, Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Member of Jean Monnet Chair EU4JUST-RE

Time	Speaker	Paper Title	Affiliation, Country
14:00	Mija Crnjaković, Kosjenka Dumančić • Online	Integration Before Membership: The Under-Recognised Role of EU Research and Education Programmes in Gradual Integration	University of Zadar/University of Zagreb · Croatia
14:15	Tamar Shinjikashvili • Online	Peace Education Discourse in Georgian Higher Education Programs: Trends and Challenges	Sokhumi State University · Georgia
14:30	Sefa Ersan Kaya • Online	Visual Metaphors of Peace, Prosperity and Security in European Union Enlargement Discourse	Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University · Türkiye
14:45	Ivan Luchian, Angela Filip • Online	The Prospects for the Implementation of European Union Regulations on Crypto Assets in the Republic of Moldova	Moldova State University · Moldova
15:00	Susanna Khachatryan, Mariam Yeghyan • Online	Globalization and Education: Some Analyses of Challenges and Opportunities for National Educational Systems	Armenian State Pedagogical University · Armenia
15:15	Artak Mkrtichyan Minasyan, Samvel Poghosyan • Online	From Neighbourhood to Enlargement: Armenia's European Perspective in Historical and Legal Context	University of A Coruña · Spain Armenian State Pedagogical University · Armenia
<i>Discussion</i>			

15:45-16:00 Coffee Break

Parallel Session II 16:00-17:30

Conference Hall

Law, Policy & Governance

Moderator: Maria Menshikova, Associate Professor, Mercatorum University, Italy

Time	Speaker/Affiliation	Paper Title
16:00	Nino Shengelia <i>Tbilisi State University · Georgia</i>	Privacy-by-Design in AI-Powered Online Tutoring: A Framework for GDPR-Compliant Learning Analytics for Children
16:15	David Getsadze <i>Business and Technology University · Georgia</i>	Horizon Europe as a Strategic Instrument for Georgia's Internal Security: Leveraging Clusters 3 and 4 through the NOTIONES Experience
16:30	Avtandil Khurtsidze <i>Caucasus International University · Georgia</i>	Marabda-Kartsakhi Railway's Geo-Economic Commitments and Their Implications for Georgia's European Integration
16:45	Tengiz Verulava <i>Caucasus University · Georgia</i>	Georgia's European Choice and the Role of the Orthodox Church in Civilizational Transformation: Analysis of Ilia II's Public Discourse and Prospects
17:00	Maria Menshikova <i>Mercatorum University · Italy</i>	European Values in Human Resource Management
<i>Discussion</i>		

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Georgian-Language Session

Moderator: Lela Saralidze, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Regional Studies, Georgia

Time	Speaker./Affiliation	Paper Title
16:00	Larisa Takalandze <i>Sokhumi State University · Georgia</i>	Promotion of European Values in Sokhumi State University (The Case of the Jean Monnet Module EUPEACE)
16:15	Omar Ardashelia <i>Sokhumi State University · Georgia</i>	Contemporary Abkhazia: Public Security, European Values, and Prospects for Sustainable Peace (Based on a Public Opinion Poll)
16:30	Lia Akhaladze <i>Sokhumi State University · Georgia</i>	Cultural Heritage Security in European Union Policy: Contemporary Challenges and Protection Mechanisms
16:45	Maia Zibzibadze, Aluda Goglichidze <i>Caucasus University · Georgia</i>	Integrating European Experience of Values and Peace Education into the Primary Teacher Education Program at Caucasus University
17:00	Lela Kurashvili <i>Alte University · Georgia</i>	The Role of Evidence-Based Public Policy in the European Integration Process: Georgia's Experience and Challenges
17:15	Lela Saralidze <i>Institute for Regional Studies · Georgia</i>	Mikheil Muskhelishvili's Federalist Vision and the British European Dilemma: From the Idea of a Federal Europe to Brexit
<i>Discussion</i>		

17:30 End of Day 1

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Continued Session 10:00-11:15 | Conference Hall

Moderator: Guranda Tchelidze, Professor and Jean Monnet Coordinator EU-PPS Chair, Caucasus University, Georgia

Time	Speaker	Paper Title	Affiliation, Country
10:00	Nino Kharitonashvili • Online	Challenges and Mutual Benefits of Georgia's Accession to the European Union	Caucasus University · Georgia
10:15	Eka Kvachantiradze	European and Georgian Identity – Past and Present	Caucasus University · Georgia
10:30	Levan Mosakhlishvili	The Influence of European Good Governance Standards on the Development of Georgian Administrative Law under the EU Candidate Status	Caucasus University · Georgia
10:45	Lela Abdushelishvili	The Role of Education in the Context of EU Enlargement	Caucasus University · Georgia
<i>Discussion</i>			

Session Summaries by Moderators 11:15-11:45

Each moderator presents a brief synthesis of their session's papers and discussion.

Closing Ceremony 11:45-12:00

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