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Within the framework of the Erasmus+ academic staff mobility program, Vakhtang Partsvaniya, Professor of Management at the Caucasus School of Business, visited HTWK Leipzig University of Applied Sciences in Germany.

During the visit, he delivered two guest lectures focusing on the economic effects of sanctions on international trade and industrial systems. The first lecture, “Trade Flow Diversion, Sanctions Evasion, and the Emerging Eurasian Transit Corridors: The Case of Georgia”, provided an overview of Georgia’s macroeconomic situation and international trade relationships, with a focus on the role of transit economies in sanction-related trade developments. The second lecture, “Sanctions as Industrial Shock: Effects on the Russian Automotive Industry”, examined how sanctions disrupt global value chains and gradually weaken industrial systems.

In addition to teaching activities, Vakhtang Partsvaniya engaged in academic exchange and consultations with HTWK faculty members on topics related to international trade, sanctions, and industrial development. Discussions also covered prospects for future cooperation, including a potential joint summer school project.

Alongside academic activities, the visit provided an opportunity to become familiar with the university’s environment, infrastructure, and ongoing international cooperation initiatives.

The visit was significant both for strengthening existing institutional ties between Caucasus University and HTWK Leipzig and for exploring new directions for academic collaboration in teaching and research.