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Second International Conference on Early Childhood Education and Care 2023

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8-9 June 2023

Venue: Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University

Detailed Programme for Parallel Sessions

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8 June, Thursday

14:45 – 16:15 Parallel Session 1.1 Observation, Documentation and Assessment of Play

Panel discussion; Room N 59; Language:Georgian

Session Moderator: Nani Mamuladze

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Irma Kurdadze	Play: The Foundation of Quality Early Education and Care	Samtskhe-Javakheti State University	In-person
2	Nino Samnidze Diana Akhvlediani	Drawing as a Research Method in Early Education	Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University	In-person
3	Rusudan Beridze Eter Varshania Mariam Kakhidze	Functions of Preschool Psychologist and their Role in Child Development	Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University	In-person
4	Mzia Saladze	Research-Transition from Preschool Education to the First grade of Primary School	Ajara Education Fund	In-person
5	Manana Chkareuli	The Influence of Preschool Education on the Primary Level of the General Education	Georgian National University CEU	In-person
6	Nana Kashibadze	The Process of Observation as a Component of an Effective Educational Process	Tbilisi N196 Kindergarten	In-person
7	Dinara Bolkvadze	Kindergarten-school „Green Cherry”: School Readiness and Transition	Green Cherry -Early Education Center	In-person
8	Nana Makaradze Natia Makaradze Marine Gurgenidze Nani Mamuladze	Challenges Related to Child Observation, Data Collection and Assessment in Preschool Educational Institutions	Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University	In-person
9	Nana Mamuladze Nato Sherozia Lela Turmanidze	Play - Natural Way of Development of a Preschool Age Child	Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University	In-person

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8 June, Thursday

14:45 – 16:15 Parallel Session 1.2 Competencies for Promoting Play-based Learning

Presentations; Conference Hall; Language: Georgian/English (simultaneous translation, Livestream)

Session Moderator: Lia Kurtsikidze

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Iskender Gelir	Investigating Play Activities and Teachers' view of Play in two Pre-school Settings in the UK and Oman	Sultan Qaboos University	In-person
2	Rusudan Takaishvili	The Importance of Musical Games at Preschool Age, the Competences of a Music Educator-Pedagogue	National Center for Teacher Professional Development	In-person
3	Nino Jijavadze	Supporting Professional Development of Kindergarten Practitioners Through Supervision	National Center for Teacher Professional Development	In-person
4	Tamar Saghinadze	Supporting Implementation of the Early Education and Development law and National Standards through Professional Development of Preschool Educators	National Center for Teacher Professional Development	In-person
5	Lia Kurtsikidze Tamta Kukhaleishvili Khatuna Dolidze	Caregiver's Perceptions of Inclusive Education	Ilia State University	In-person
6	Dinara Bolkvadze Tamta Kukhaleishvili	Caregiver's Attitudes towards the Stages of Social Play Development	Ilia State University, Green Cherry-Early Education Center	In-person

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14:45 – 16:15 Parallel Session 1.3 Play for All

Presentations; Room N60 Language: Georgian

Session Moderator: Mariam Khvadagiani

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Maia Bagration-Gruzinski Mariam Khvadagiani	Children Demand and Need Conversations about Disabilities	MAC Georgia	In-person
2	Mariam Khvadagiani	Supporting Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children during Transition to School	World Vision Georgia	In-person
3	Tinatin Kiguradze Tamar Bakradze	Bilingual School Readiness Program: Achievements and Challenges of Pilot Project	Ilia State University National Center for Teacher Professional Development Green Cherry -Early Education Center	In-person
4	Ana Tuniashvili Nata Mepharishvili	Teaching Play Skills to Parents of Children with Special Needs	Nata Mepharishvili's center for Psychological help	In-person
5	Nino Modebadze	A Survey of Children's with Disabilities Transition from Kindergarten to School and Attitudes of Kindergarten Managers	Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University	In-person

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Parallel Session 1.4 Diverse Play

Presentations; Room N55; Language: Georgian/English (Simultaneous translation)

Session Moderator: Nino Gurgenidze

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Urszula Markowska-Manista	Play-based Participatory Projects in Intercultural Education. Working with War Refugee Students from Ukraine in Poland.	Poland Interdisciplinary Research Center for Intercultural Education and Communication	In-person
2	Giulben Alieva	The Influence of the Involvement of Ethnic Minority Parents in the Georgian Language Kindergarten On the Acquisition of the Georgian Language by Azerbaijani Children	Marneuli Municipality Kindergarten Union	Online
3	Filiz Polat Aigerim Mussabalinova	Quality Inclusive Early Childhood Education in Kazakhstan: Cultural validation of the Inclusive Classroom Profile (ICP)	Nazarbayev University	In-person
4	Elisabed Jijavadze	Teaching French as a Foreign Language in Early Childhood	French Institute of Georgia	In-person
5	Gulnara Bibileishvili	Early Education for Global Development: Socio-Cultural Aspects	Akaki Tsereteli State University	In-person
6	Tamar Uchaneishvili	Play-Based Learning – What vs How?	A Room in Ezo	In-person

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9 June, Friday

13:30-15:00 Parallel Session 2.1 Supporting Parents

Presentations; Conference Hall; Language: Georgian/English (Simultaneous translation, Livestream)

Session Moderator: Natia Revazishvili

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Natia Revazishvili Anna Inaishvili	Family Engagement in Early Childhood Education	Green School	In-person
2	Teona Garozashvili Tatia Karumidze	Early education Center 'Mtsvane alubali' practices on the importance of working with families	Green Cherry - Early Education Center	In-person
3	Galina Itskovich	Promoting co-regulation through parent-child play	International Council on Development and Learning/Private practice	In-person
4	Dali Berandze	Access to University Services for Student Mothers	Shota Meskhia State Teaching University of Zugdidi	In-person
5	Tinatin Gobadze	Using an Incidental Teaching Method with Preschool Children to Support the Development of Communication Skills, Language and Speech	Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of Autonomous Republic of Adjara	In-person

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13:30-15:00 Parallel Session 2.2 Let's Play Differently - Alternative Education

Presentations; Room N60 Language: Georgian

Session Moderator: Tamar Toloraia

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Tamar Tchkonia	Teaching through Play in the Montessori Methodology	Georgia Innovation, Inclusion and Quality I2Q Project	In-person
2	Tamara Chakvetadze	“Nature Deficit Disorder” and The Power of Forest Kindergarten	Bunebare-Forest Kindergarten	In-person
3	Manana Chagelishvili	No Child without Preschool Education	Oni Municipality City Hall	In-person
4	Tamar Bakradze	Implementation of Reggio Emilia approach	Green Cherry -Early Education Center	In-person
5	Nino Kitoshvili	Challenges of Preschool Education and the Need for Alternative Education	Georgian National University SEU	In-person

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13:30-15:00 Parallel Session 2.3 Play in Preschool Institutions;

Presentations; Room N55; Language: Georgian/ English (Simultaneous translation)

Session Moderator: Nana Makaradze

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Mari Yalabegashvili	Play Based Learning in the Early Childhood Education Systems of Georgia and Estonia	Sokhumi State University	In-person
2	Nato Kobuladze	The Importance of Play and the Enabling Environment	Akaki Tsereteli State University	In-person
3	Piotr Kaja	Developing Various competences, not only musical, through playing with music in kindergarten	School and Kindergarten Complex in Piatnica	Online
4	Tamta Kukhaleishvili Dinara Bolkvadze	Science Games: Challenges and Good practice in Early Childhood Education	Ilia State University Green Cherry -Early Education Center	In-person
5	Khatuna Bolkvadze	The Importance of Play and the Role of the Physical Environment in the Nursery	Khulo Kindergarten	In-person
6	Mariam Goginashvili	Authorization Standards for Early and Preschool Education Institutions - Curriculum and Family and Community Engagement	National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement	In-person

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13:30-15:00 Parallel Session 2.4 Academic Discussion about Play;

Round Table Discussion; Room N59 Language: Georgian *Only the speakers of the session can attend the session*

Session Moderator: Iago Balanchivadze

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Neli Champuridze	Representation of Folk Games in Early Education Curricula	Gori State University	In-person
2	Tinatin Giorgadze Lela Makharadze	Promoting Gender Equality in Early and Preschool Education	Adjara Education Fund	In-person
3	Monika Gegeneva	Play - Waste of Time or Teaching Strategy?	Akaki Tsereteli State University	In-person
4	Mamuli Buchukhishvili	Teaching Preschool Children through Computer Games	Akaki Tsereteli State University	In-person
5	Teimuraz Giorgadze	The Role of Play in the Formation of Consciousness of Preschool Children	Akaki Tsereteli State University	In-person
6	Lali Abdaladze Maia Akhvlediani	Parent Support and Cooperation in Kutaisi Preschools	Shota Meskhia State Teaching University of Zugdidi	In-person
7	Ketevan Beridze Rusudan Ketchakhmadze Shorena Meskhidze	Gender Differences Between Play of Girls' and Boys'	Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University	In-person
8	Nino Nakhutsrishvili	Play as a Tool for Forming and Developing the Mathematical Skills of Preschool Children	Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University	In-person
9	Nino Orjonikidze	Gender Approaches in Childrens' Games in Preschool Education	Akaki Tsereteli State University	In-person
10	Guranda Shamilishvili Shorena Meskhidze	Influence of Media Technologies and Internet Games on the Emotions of Preschool Children	Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University	In-person
11	Nino Vashalomidze	Role play in Support of Learning in Early Childhood and School Education	Ozurgeti N3 School	In-person
12	Ephemia Kharadze	Parent Engagement into Educational Processes of Preschool Institutions	Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University	In-person
12	Tinatin Mshvidobadze	Digital Play-based Learning in Early Education	Gori State University	In-person
14	Lamara Barbakadze	Play-the Foundation of Quality Early Education and Care	Rustavi Kindergarten Union N31 Branch	In-person
15	Leila Tseskhladze Rezo Manvelidze	Economic Importance of Early Childhood Education	Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University	In-person

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9 June, Friday

16:00-17:30 Parallel Session 3.1 Let's Play Everywhere and with Everything;

Presentations; Conference Hall Language: Georgian/English (Simultaneous translation/Livestream)

Session Moderator: Tamta Kukhaleishvili

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Natia Revazishvili	Yoga in Early Childhood Education	Green School	In-person
2	Elene Tskrialashvili Mariam Katamadze	Importance of Playing with Food In Early Childhood	The Georgian Speech and Language Therapists Association	In-person
3	Sophio Meladze	Playing with Food	Child, Family, Society	In-person
4	Tamta Kukhaleishvili	Playfulness and Play: Perspectives of Early Education Specialists Working in Georgia	Ilia State University	In-person
5	Ana Janelidze	"When we die will the sea disappear?" Developing young children's understandings of death through engaging with literature and dramatic play	UNICEF Czech Republic Refugee Response Office	Online

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16:00-17:30 Parallel Session 3.2 Outdoor Play

Presentations; Room N60 Language: Georgian

Session Moderator: Lela Tavdgiridze

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Lela Tavdgiridze Maia Bolkvadze	Playing Outside: Foundations of Worldview Formation in Early Childhood Education	Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University	In-person
2	Natela Nersesashvili	Arrangement of Functional Spaces of the Yard	Kvareli Preschool Education Union	In-person
3	Meri Arjevanidze Nino Jijavadze	Kindergarten Yard	Kakheti Regional Development Center	In-person
4	Luiza Beridze Khatia Koncelidze	Importance of Outdoor Play for Child's Holistic Development	Batumi N34 Kindergarten	In-person
5	Lela Gogmachadze	Outdoor Games	Preschool Education and Methodical Coordination Institution of Bolnisi Municipality	In-person

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16:00-17:30 Parallel Session 3.3 Practitioners and Play

Presentations Room N55 Language: Georgian

Session Moderator: Tamar Saginadze

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Luka Mayashvili	Agreements and how to Suggest these	Newtoon Free School	Online
2	Miranda Surmanidze, Natia Yadidze	Parental Engagement, Raising awareness	Batumi N21 Kindergarten	In-person
3	Nino Turmanidze Lia Gogitidze	Parents, Families, Community and Kindergarten: Support, Cooperation and Strengthening	Khelvachauri Kindergarten Union	In-person
4	Irina Shakaradze	Professional Competencies and Development for Play-based Learning	Kobuleti N6 Kindergarten	In-person
5	Lia Rijvadze Natia Vezdeni	Games and Strategies to Support Research and Discovery in ECE	Batumi N34 Kindergarten	In-person
6	Olga Muskhelishvili Majena Rafalska	Outdoor Space in Educational Process	Civitas Georgica	online

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9 June, Friday

16:00-17:30 Parallel Session 3.4 Supportive Play

Presentations; Room N59 Language: Georgian

Session Moderator: Ana Lagidze

N	Presenters	Title of the presentation	Organization	Participation modality
1	Ana Shamatava Tinatin Antidze	The Importance of Play in Communication, Language and Speech Therapy	Language and Speech Therapy Center "Communicator"	In-person
2	Sophio Nadiradze	Mshoblis Skivri	MAC Georgia	In-person
3	Ana Lagidze	Integrating Ukrainian Refugee Children in Georgian Preschool Education	Save the Children International Georgia Country Office	In-person
4	Maia Machavariani-Tsereteli	Play Therapy for Children with ADHD	Caucasus University	In-person
5	Salome Mshvenieradze	Importance of Developing Emotional Intelligence in Preschool age Children	Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of Autonomous Republic of Adjara	In-person