“East Europe as a Multi-Cultural Space”

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Batumi, Georgia

**Conference organized by**

**BATUMI SHOTA RUSTAVELI STATE UNIVERSITY**

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**CALL FOR PAPERS**

TheinternationalConference“East Europe as a Multi-Cultural Space” is held as a part of the research in the Humanities, and will focus on the post-soviet politics and its impact on the culture in Georgia. The conference will take place in Batumi, Georgia.

Keynote speakers: Tinatin Margalitadze, Edith Clowes, Lincoln Mitchell, Vasili Rukhadze

Proposals for panels are very welcome. They will be highlight at the conference.

The conference will feature panels in the following areas:

Politics and Governance in East Europe**–** whichwill concentrate on the political reflections on the culture – literatures, language, translation, art, films, social culture etc.

**Following topics are offered but not limited to:**

1. Language and language politics, the idea of nationality
2. Politics, writing, ideology: the Black Sea region.
3. Construction of identities in literatureand translation- spanning from the classics to :the postmodern
4. Literature, translation and exile: writers and poets from ex-communist countries, postcolonial turn
5. Ethnic conflicts involving Georgia and reflection on the culture
6. Modern liberalism and conservatism in East Europe in the new cultural turn
7. Evolvement of the political thought in the post-communist space since 1991 and social and cultural development

***Translation Studies*** will be a one of the special focal points of the conference, as it has been part of the cultural and literary studies, apart from the linguistic approaches, not much has been contributed to the specifically to the texts of the minority languages of their translation into the dominant language of the Soviet Empire. Could we hear authentic voices in the translations? Can we now?

**Scientific Committee – who to add from**

Edith Clowes, University of Virginia

Vasili Rukhadze, Jamestown Foundation. UPenn

Marine Giorgadze BSU

Tinatin Margalitadze TSU

Manana Tandashvili, Goethe University, Frankfurt

Marine Beridze, Institute of Linguistics, Georgia

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Julia Trubikhina, Hunter College, CUNY

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**Working languages – Georgian, English, Russian**

We invite 300-word**abstracts** for 15-20 minute presentations.

**Please send an abstract in Georgian, English or Russian to the organizing committee.**

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**Deadline:1May 2018**