

Georgia between past and future

11-15th
May 2026

Italian-Georgian Joint Workshop

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Via Alviano 18, Gorizia

Memory, Identity and Geopolitics in Transition

Monday, 11th May

- 15:00 Opening of the Workshop
- Welcome Remarks** _____ Room **206**
 Prof. Georg Meyr (University of Trieste)
 Prof. Giuliana Parotto (University of Trieste)
 Prof. Salome Dundua (Tbilisi State University)
- Opening Remarks** _____ Room **206**
 Prof. Giuliana Parotto (University of Trieste)
- 15:30-16:15
- Prof. Salome Dundua** _____ Room **206**
 "Participation, Continuity and Challenges: Contemporary Civic Activism in Georgia"
- 16:30-17:15
- David Matsaberidze** _____ Room **206**
 "Conflicts, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Religion in the North Caucasus"
- 17:45 Discussion
- 19:30 Dinner

Tuesday, 12th May

- 15:00-15:45
- Phikria Asanishvili** _____ Room **205**
 "European Union Policy Towards Georgia. Perspectives and Challenges in a New Geopolitical Context"
- 16:00-16:45
- David Matsaberidze** _____ Room **205**
 "Georgia: Security and Foreign Policy Order"
- 17:00-17:45
- Lado Napetvaridze** _____ Room **205**
 "Europe at the Crossroads: Challenges and Opportunities in a post-Liberal International Order"
- 17:45 Discussion
- 19:30 Dinner

Wednesday, 13th May

- 15:30-16:15
- Zviad Abashidze** _____ Room **205**
 "Ethnic Minorities and Democratisation in Post-Soviet Georgia"
- 16:30-17:15
- David Matsaberidze** _____ Room **205**
 "Georgia: Interaction of Political and Cultural Identities"
- 17:15-18:00 Discussion
- 19:30 Dinner

Thursday, 14th May

- 15:00-15:45
- Tamar Karaia** _____ Room **206**
 "From Soviet Shadows to Western Aspirations: Memory Politics as the Infrastructure of Georgia's Foreign Policy"
- 16:00-16:45
- David Matsaberidze** _____ Room **206**
 "Historical Narratives and Politicization of Ethnicity in the Caucasus"

Friday, 15th May

- 10:00-12:00 Workshop sum up - delivery of certificates to participants
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch