

The South Caucasus: 20 Years Of Independence

Monday-Tuesday, November 28-29, 2011

AGENDA

Monday, November 28

- 8:15 – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Jessica T. Mathews, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Thomas de Waal, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Anthony Richter, Open Society Foundations
- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. **Data Presentation: Changing public attitudes in the South Caucasus**
- Moderator*
Thomas de Waal, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Presenter*
Hans Gutbrod, Caucasus Research Resource Center (CRRC), Tbilisi
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. **Coffee Break**
- 10:45 – 12:30 p.m. **Session 1. Lessons Learned From 20 Years of Independence and State-building: Armenia**
- Moderator*
The Honorable John Evans, former U.S. ambassador to Armenia
- Panelists*
Levon Barseghyan, Asparez Journalists' Club, Gyumri
Emil Danielyan, journalist, Yerevan
Richard Giragosian, Regional Studies Center, Yerevan
Alexander Iskandaryan, Caucasus Institute, Yerevan
- 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. **Lunch. Keynote Address: South Caucasus on the Silk Road to Europe**
- Eric Rubin, deputy assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

1:45 – 3:30 p.m.

Session 2. Lessons Learned From 20 Years of Independence and State-building: Azerbaijan

Moderator

The Honorable Richard D. Kauzlarich, former U.S. ambassador to Azerbaijan

Panelists

Shahin Abbasov, journalist, Baku

Leila Alieva, Center for National and International Studies, Baku

Tabib Huseynov, analyst, Baku

Elnur Soltanov, Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, Baku

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Coffee Break

4:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Session 3. Lessons Learned From 20 Years of Independence and State-building: Georgia

Moderator

The Honorable Kenneth S. Yalowitz, former U.S. ambassador to Georgia

Panelists

Ivlian Haindrava, Republican Institute, Tbilisi

Ghia Nodia, Ilia State University, Tbilisi

Shorena Shaverdashvili, *Liberalli* magazine, Tbilisi

Tuesday, November 29

8:15 – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast and Registration

9:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Session 1. Human Rights and Rule of Law: To What Degree Are Human Rights Respected and the Rule of Law Observed?

Moderator

Anthony Richter, Open Society Foundations

Panelists

Emil Danielyan, journalist, Yerevan

Erkin Gadirli, legal expert, Baku

Giorgi Gogia, Human Rights Watch, Tbilisi

Hikmet Hadjy-zadeh, FAR Center, Baku

Davit Khachatryan, legal expert, Yerevan

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Coffee Break

- 11:15 – 12:45 p.m. **Session 2. Economic Reform: What Is the Economic Picture, 20 Years After the Transition to a Market Economy?**
- Moderator*
Clifford G. Gaddy, Brookings Institution
- Panelists*
Ingilab Ahmadov, Public Finance Monitoring Center, Baku
David Grigorian, Policy Forum Armenia, IMF (TBC)
Vladimer Papava, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS), Tbilisi
Mamuka Tsereteli, U.S.-Georgia Business Council
- 12:45 – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch Presentation. The South Caucasus: Independence at Age 20**
- Moderator*
The Honorable James F. Collins, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Presenter*
Gerard J. Libaridian, University of Michigan
- 2:15 – 4:00 p.m. **Session 3. Conflicts, Security and Insecurity: How Has 20 Years of Unresolved Conflicts Shaped the South Caucasus?**
- Moderator*
Christian Caryl, *Foreign Policy*
- Panelists*
Margarita Akhvlediani, Go Group Media, Tbilisi
Archil Gegeshidze, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS), Tbilisi
Richard Giragosian, Regional Studies Center, Yerevan
Ilgar Mammadov, Republicanist Alternative (REAL) movement, Baku
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Coffee Break**
- 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Session 4. Foreign Assistance: To What Degree Has Western Aid Helped Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia?**
- Moderator*
Thomas Carothers, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Panelists*
S. Neil MacFarlane, University of Oxford
Lincoln Mitchell, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
Mark Mullen, Transparency International Georgia
- 6:15 – 8:00 p.m. **Reception**

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