Conference Program
Northern and Southern Caucasus in the European Neighbourhood: Triangular functional cooperation or competition in a heterogenous region. Russia, EU and the Caucasus

Program – Thursday, July 3rd 2014

1:15 – 1:25 pm  Welcome Address  
   Prof. Dr. Michèle Knodt, Technische Universität Darmstadt  
   Alexander Gemeinhardt M.A., Chairman of the Board, Schader-Stiftung

1:30 – 2:00 pm  Keynote speech  
   Conflict and Cooperation in the South Caucasus  
   Dr. Tracey German, King’s College London

2:00 – 4:00 pm  Session 1 – Historical and political framework  
   The North and the South in the Caucasus - Separated or Interlinked?  
   Dr. Uwe Halbach, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin  
   Uncanny Threats and Secret Resistances: On the Religious Situation in Kabardino Balkaria  
   Prof. Dr. Raschid Alikajew, Kabardino-Balkarian State University, Nalchik  
   PD Dr. Florian Mühlfried, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena  
   Straightjackets or arenas? NGOs in the institutions of competitive authoritarian regimes in the South Caucasus  
   Mariella Falkenhein, Hertie School of Governance

4:00 – 4:30 pm  Coffee break

4:30 – 7:30 pm  Session 2 – External democracy and autocracy promotion in the Caucasus  
   Geopolitics of Democratic Choice: Correlations between foreign-political orientations and political regime type  
   Prof. Dr. Ghia Nodia, Ilia State University  
   EU in Azerbaijan: cooperation in the context of strategic instruments  
   Elsevar Mammadov, Khazar University  
   EU external democracy and autocracy promotion in the Caucasus – results of a cross-country comparison  
   Schuschanik Minasjan, Technische Universität Darmstadt  
   Dr. Sigita Urdze, Technische Universität Darmstadt  
   Democratization through the backdoor? Functional cooperation in the Southern Caucasus  
   Dr. Aron Buzogány, Freie Universität Berlin  
   Analyses of governance strategies in the North Caucasian republics with respect to conflict regulation and development  
   Prof. Dr. Alexey Gunya, Kabardino-Balkarian State University, Nalchik

8:00 pm  Get Together
Program – Friday July 4th 2014

9:00 – 10:30 am

Session 3 – International embeddedness of the Caucasus

How serious are Armenia and Azerbaijan about integration in the European context?
Dr. Rainer Freitag-Wirminghaus, former Deutsches Orient-Institut

More than a chessboard – the role of Turkey, Iran and Russia in the Southern Caucasus
Prof. Dr. Udo Steinbach, Berlin

10:30 – 11:00 am

Coffee break

11:00 – 1:00 pm

Roundtable (open for public/öffentlich) – Functional triangular cooperation or competition between the EU, Russia and the Caucasus

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Introductory speech
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Dr. Sigita Urdze, Technische Universität Darmstadt

Chair
Prof. Dr. Marianne Kneuer, Stiftung Universität Hildesheim

Speakers
H. E. Prof. Gabriela von Habsburg, Ambassador of Georgia
H. E. Dr. Vahan Hovhannesyan, Ambassador of Armenia
Dr. Rizan Nabiyev, Counsellor at the Embassy of Azerbaijan
Björn Kühne, Chief of Cabinet/Political Advisor to the EUSR for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia, solicited
Silvia Stöber, Journalist

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