

**Rebuilding Research Universities: Towards European Higher Education and Research Area,
Bologna 2010**

June 29 – July 1, 2006

Tbilisi, Georgia

Conference Venue: 1 Chavchavadze av. Tbilisi State University, I building, I floor, Ivane Javakhishvili
Conference Hall

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Conference Agenda

Thursday, June 29

Hotel «Tori», 10 Chanturia, III floor, Conference Hall

17.00 – 18.30. Registration. Opening Ceremony and Welcome Reception.

Friday, June 30

Tbilisi State University, Ivane Javakhishvili Conference Hall

09.15 – 09.55. Registration

10.00 – 11.30. Session 1. Policy and Institutional Shift of Higher Education in Georgia

Chair: David Aprasidze, Dean, Faculty of Social and Political Studies

Bela Tsipuria, Georgian Ministry of Education and Science

Higher education Reform in Georgia

George Khubua, Rector, Tbilisi State University

The goals and perspectives of strategy development of Tbilisi State University

Oliver Reisner, Project Manager, European Commission Delegation to Georgia

Europe Beyond 2007. European Higher Education and Research Area.

Marine Chitashvili, Center for Social Sciences, Director

**Higher education reform, innovations and nuts and bolt of institutionalization of
achievements**

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.20. Session 2. Higher Education - International Context and Georgia

Chair: Marine Chitashvili, Center for Social Sciences

Voldemar Tomusk, Deputy Director of Higher education Support Program Open Society Institute

**Corrosion of the Character, European Integration, and University Reform: Seven Secrets
How to Save Our Souls in the Days of Opportunism Rampant**

Alexandra Bitusikova, European University Association

Strange Loops and Complexity in Higher Education Reform

13.00 – 14.00. Lunch break

14.00 –15.30. Session 3. Higher education: International Perspective and Comparative Analysis

Chair: George Khelashvili, Academic Program Director Center for Social Sciences

Sophia Howlett, Central European University, Dean, Special and Extension Programs

Higher education Policy in NIS countries – comparative analysis

Rimantas Vaitkus, Vice-Rector for Development of Mykolas Romeris University

Transition of Lithuanian universities in the process of creating of common higher education area in Europe

Elene Jibladze, General Education Decentralization and Accreditation Project (GEDA), Specialist

Accreditation system and the role of PhD in quality of teaching

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30. Session 4: International Community and Higher Education Reform in Georgia

Chair: Ivane Bokeria, Vice-rector Tbilisi State University

Avtandil Gagnidze, Tbilisi State University. Richard Beilock, Kent Lewis, World bank

The International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University: Providing a Constructive Model for Reform

Tsira Chikvaidze, The Georgian University of Social Sciences (GUSS), Tbilisi, Georgia, and Alban Richard, University Pierre Mendès Grenoble, France

European Commission Project “Center for European Studies”

Dr. Helmut Scharmke Team Leader e-Society Project

e- Learning - e- University – A contribution to reform of Higher Education?

Saturday, July 1

10.00 – 11.30. Session 5. Developing Academic Potential: PhD Studies

Chair: Marine Chitashvili, Center for Social Sciences

Joanna Regulska, Chair, Department of Women’s and gender Studies, Rutgers University

The future of Gender Studies: from MA to PhD

Hans Gutbrod, Regional director, Caucasus Research Resource Centers

Designing an Adapted Ph.D.-Program: Responding to Specific Local Challenges

Lika Glonti, Head of Quality Assurance Office, TSU

TSU PhD – Quality Assurance and regulations

11.30 – 12.00. Coffee break



12.00 – 13.00. Session 6. Bologna 2010: Prospects for Georgian Universities

Chair: George Khubua, TSU Rector

Ivane Bokeria, Vice-Rector, TSU

Funding PhD – sources, models and obstacles

David Aprasidze, Dean, Faculty of Social and Political Studies, TSU

Developing Research: options, resources, problems

13.00 – 13.00

Discussion, Summing up and Conference memorandum