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List of short bios

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Keynote Speaker of the Conference

Andreas Umland, PhD
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Bio: Andreas Umland has a generous palette of academic certificates, among which the most noteworthy are a CertTransl (Leipzig), an A.M. (Stanford), a MPhil (Oxford), a DipPolSci and DrPhil (FU Berlin) and also a PhD (Cambridge). He held fellow- or lectureships at such renowned universities as Stanford University, Harvard University or Urals State University to mention just a few. Since 2014, he has been Senior Research
Fellow at the Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Kyiv. He is also a participant of the Valdai Discussion Club, general editor of the book series *Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics and Society* and regular contributor to ZEIT ONLINE, HARVARD INTERNATIONAL REVIE, and LE MONDE DIPLOMATIQUE. Furthermore, he is a member of the academic advisory council of the European Integration Committee of the Parliament of Ukraine, and of the editorial boards of the book series *Explorations of the Far Right*, as well as the following journals: *Forum noveishe vostochnoevropeiskoi istorii i kul’tury, Fascism: Journal of Comparative Fascist Studies*, and *Ideologiya i politika*.

Discussant

**Radu Cucută, PhD**  
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**Bio:** Radu-Alexandru Cucută holds a PhD in Political Science with the NUPSA. His main interests consists of theories of revolution and theories of international relations. He is currently involved in two research projects focused on the meanings of hegemony and the role morality and violence play in the definition of political communities.

Participants

**Bureiko, Nadiia** – University of St. Gallen, (Switzerland), Foreign Policy Council 'Ukrainian Prism' (Ukraine)  
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**Davitashvili, Gvantsa** – Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University and Georgian Technical University (Georgia)  
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**Devyatkov, Andrey** – Centre of Post-Soviet studies, Institute of Economy (Russian Academy of Sciences), Moscow (Russian Federation)

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**Bio:** Plamen Dimitrov has M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Contemporary History from Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. His spheres of specialization are geopolitics, energy security, history and contemporary politics of Balkans, Russia, and post-Soviet space. He is an author of many scientific articles and the book “The Geometry of the Pipelines. Oil, Gas, and Politics in the Caspian-Black Sea Region” (in Bulgarian, under print). He has been a lecturer at Sofia University and the Diplomatic Institute of the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, also between 2012 and 2014 he was a visiting lecturer in International Relations at Eurasian National University in Astana, Kazakhstan. He is a Board Member of Bulgarian Geopolitical Society, Member of the Editorial Board of “Geopolitics” magazine, Chairman of the Board of Armed Forces and Civil Society Foundation.

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**Gonzalez, Ariel** – Koç University, Istanbul (Turkey)

**Bio:** Ariel Gonzalez is currently a Ph.D. student in International Relations and Political Science at Koç University (Istanbul, Turkey) but also has an M.A. in Political Science and Sociology at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO, Buenos Aires) and a B.A. in International Relations at Kennedy University (UAK, Buenos Aires). Mr. Gonzalez founded the Argentine Center of International Studies (Centro Argentino de Estudios Internacionales, CAEI) in 2005, also acting as President until 2011. He is the Agenda Coordinator of TESA Foundation “Opinion-Makers for Peace: Turkey, Jordan, Israel and Palestine” Program, Academic Secretary of the Turkish Studies Chair (National University of La Plata, Argentina) and Founder of the Latin America and Caribbean - Turkey Academic Network (LACTAN) based on Bahçeşehir University. Among his numerous publications he is also the co-editor of the book “America Latina
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**Gozalishvili, Nino** – Transparency International Georgia  
**Bio:** BA of International Relations at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. Currently enrolled in Erasmus+ exchange program at European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder). Interests towards International Politics research revealed in participating international scientific conferences and working for different local and international organizations with the focus on Politics and Diplomatic Relations. Former intern at Transparency International Georgia and Embassy of Georgia to the Republic of Poland.

**Grigoryan, Armen** – Central European University, Budapest (Hungary)  
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**Huseynov Vasif** – University of Göttingen (Germany)  
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**Indeo, Fabio** – University of Camerino (Italy)  
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**Bio:** Dr. Konstanze Jüngling has been working as a postdoctoral researcher in the junior research group Frozen and Unfrozen at the Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) since January 2016. From 2011 until 2015 she worked as a Ph.D. candidate and research associate at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF) in Frankfurt. In September 2016, her monograph titled “International Human Rights Criticism of Great Powers. The Power of Words in the Case of Russia and the U.S.” was published at Nomos Publishing House. Her postdoc project deals with the trans nationalization dynamics of non-state violence in the North Caucasus.

**Khidesheli, Giorgi** – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)

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**Bio:** Maria L. Lagutina holds a PhD degree in Political Science. Currently, she is associated Professor and Vice-Head of Political Department at St. Petersburg State University. Her academic interests include topics like: global governance and world political system formation, Eurasian Economic Union and Post-Soviet integration, international cooperation in the Arctic, and Arctic’ interests of non-Arctic states. Dr. Lagutina is, as well, a member of the Russian Geographical Society and the International Studies Association (ISA).

**Machitidze, Ivanna** – International Black Sea University, Tbilisi (Georgia)

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**Bio:** Danu Marin is a security expert at Information and Documentation Centre on NATO in Moldova. Mr. Marin’s research interests includes security policy in Eastern Europe, Moldova-NATO cooperation and security sector reform. His works focus on frozen conflicts in post-soviet space, information warfare and building resilience in Eastern Europe.

**Matsaberidze, David** – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)

**Bio:** David Matsaberidze has a Ph.D. in Political Science and currently works as an Assistant Professor at the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and also as a Senior Adviser, Department of Analytic and Security, Office of National Security Council of Georgia. Fifteen of his articles were published in both local and international journals. Also, he is part of different programs ran by the Open Society Institute, Partnership for Peace.

Moga, Teodor – A.I. Cuza University, Iaşi (Romania)

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Naumescu, Valentin – Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

Bio: Valentin Naumescu is Associate Professor, PhD Habilitated, at Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of European Studies, Department of International Relations. He is the founder and coordinator of the Group of Reflections CITADEL (2013), a think tank specialized in international politics. Dr. Naumescu has also a diplomatic experience, serving as Secretary of State in the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2005-2007) and Consul General of Romania in Toronto (2008-2012), with the diplomatic rank of minister counsellor.

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Pearce, James – Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge (UK)

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Sarajevo and Prishtina. Miruna graduated the M.A. program of Political Theory and Analysis at the same university, completing also a study semester at Karl Franzens University (Graz, Austria) with the thesis „The Western Balkans after the Cold War. Building Identity in an Era of Post Identity”.

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Her academic interest has been directed most consistently towards the Balkan region and the former Yugoslavia with a focus on nationalism, ethnic conflict and ethnic identity. Also, she is particularly interested on the relation between church and state in the Balkan context.