

Call for Applications

Autumn School for Master and PhD students

November 6-10, 2023, Tbilisi (Georgia)

“The Caucasus, a Land of Exile and Migrations in the Context of Contemporary War(s)”

The school will bring together French, Georgian, and other international researchers & students from Human and Social Sciences (Anthropology, Geography, History, International Relations, Law, Political Science, Sociology, etc.) and offer them an opportunity to focus on the consequences of the invasion of Ukraine and other major tensions in the Caucasus region. We are particularly interested in the human, social, political, and economic changes provoked by the emergence of new communities settled in the Caucasus because of the war, mainly in Tbilisi, but also in other cities of the region.

For 5 days, the participants will attend lectures and seminars on the following topics:

- *Political transnationalism*
- *Collective action and mobilization of both exiles and host countries*
- *Transformation of urban spaces*
- *Spatial strategies of resistance*
- *Legal and normative framework of international migration*
- *Colonization and post-colonial issues in South Caucasus*

Students will also work in groups, under the supervision of the teaching-research team on a collective field work (observation and interviews) that will focus on the current processes going on in Georgia and in the Caucasus region. Through observations, visits and interviews, students will draw a cartography of emigration (civil organizations, cultural spaces, bookshops, bars, and cafés, etc.) but also of the host country reactions (public and international organizations, civil society organizations, places displaying resistance, street art and graffities). The last day of the Autumn school will be dedicated to students’ presentations and the best works will be published online.

The school participants will have the opportunity to attend the international workshop “Approaching the exodus: tensions and cooperation in the emerging communities in Tbilisi after the start of the full-scale invasion” which will be held at Ilia State University (Tbilisi) from November 11 to 12.

Organizers:

Dr. Olga Bronnikova (Université Grenoble Alpes, France)

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Dr. Eva Bertrand (French-Georgian University, Georgia)

Partner Institutions: The Autumn School is organized by the [French-Georgian University](#) in partnership with [Ilia State University](#), [Caucasus University](#), [Tbilisi State University](#), and [the Center for Russian Studies](#), with the support of the Georgian Ministry of Education and Science, the Embassy of France in Georgia, and the French Institute of Georgia.

Dates and location: November 6-10, 2023, Tbilisi (Georgia)

Working Languages: Georgian, French, and English (interpretation available during lectures)

Eligibility Criteria and Certification: The school is open to Master and PhD students from the fields of Social Sciences and Humanities, who have special interest in the field of Migrations studies and a good command of English language (French language is a plus).

All students who successfully complete the Autumn School will receive an attendance certificate.

How to Apply: To apply, please send your CV and cover letter (in English) to: autumn.school.fgu@gmail.com

The deadline for submission of applications is on 20 September 2023. Successful applicants will be contacted in early October.

Financial aid will be available for international participants (full or partial travel grant + free accommodation in a single or shared double room).

If you have further questions, please contact: autumn.school.fgu@gmail.com

