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**The 9th Batumi Summer University**

**Nuclear Nonproliferation Regime in Protracted Crisis:**

**Lessons from past, challenging present and options for solutions**

Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University,

21-23 August 2024

**AGENDA**

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| **Tuesday**  **20 Aug 2024** |  |
|  | Arrival of Participants |
| **19:00** | **BSU 2024 Welcome Dinner**  Restaurant Medea Radisson Blu Batumi |

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| **Wednesday**  **21 Aug 2024** | **Day 1**  **Venue: Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University** |
| **10:00** | **Meeting of BSU international experts with the vice rector of the University** |
| **11:00** | **Registration of the Participants /coffee** |
| **11:15** | **Opening Ceremony of the 9th Batumi International Summer University (BSU) 2024**  Honorable Speakers:   * Prof. Tamar Sirtadze, Vice Rector of the Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University (BSU) * Dr. Thomas Jonter, Director of the Stockholm University Graduate School of International Studies and Professor of International Relations, Chair of the Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs Sweden, Honorary Doctor of BSU, Swedish Radiation Safety Authority SSM * Ms. Shorena Lortkipanidze, Civil Council on Defense and Security (CCDS) |
| **11:30** | ***“A Year of new Challenges, Opportunities and Achievements: CCDS Annual Review 2023 – 2024”***  By *Ms Tamar Pataraia*, CCDS |
| **12:30** | ***Lecture: “The Status of the Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) – History and Future Challenges”***  By *Prof. dr. Thomas Jonter*, Director of the Stockholm University Graduate School of International Studies and Professor of International Relations, Chair of the Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs Sweden, Honorary Doctor of BSU, SSM |
|  | **Concluding Discussion** |
| **13:45** | **Lunch at the BSU Atrium** |
| **14:30** | **“Zaporizhzhia Mon Amour”: What we Know About Post-24 February 2022 Nuclear Security in Ukraine and How It Will Change the World**  *Mr. Lars van Dassen*, WiNs Director |
| **15:30** | **Closure of BSU 2024 Day 01** |

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| **Thursday**  **22 Aug 2024** | **Day 2**  **Venue: Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University** |
| **10:00** | **Lecture: Update on the SCS and Indo-Pacific**  By *Prof. Dr. Philipp H. Fluri*, WenZao University (TWA), DCAF Founder, Former DCAF Deputy Director, Executive-in-Residence at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (CHE) |
| **10:45** | **Lecture: Xi and the 'New World Order'**  By *Prof. Dr. Philipp H. Fluri*, WenZao University (TWA), DCAF Founder, Former DCAF Deputy Director, Executive-in-Residence at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (CHE) |
| **11:30** | **Coffee break** |
| **12:00** | **Lecture: “Russia’s narratives in the context of the war on Ukraine: the anti-Ukrainian disinformation and propaganda”**  By *Dr. Iryna Maksymenko*, Odesa Centre for Non-proliferation (ODCNP) |
| **13:00** | **Lunch at the BSU Atrium** |
| **14:00** | **Lecture: “*Agency of Nuclear and Radiation Safety of Georgia*”**  By Mr Giorgi Dekanoidze, representative of the Agency  discussion |
| **14:45** | **Lecture: Cyber security weaknesses in CBRN Support Facilities”**  *Mr. Mason Soule, CBRN Expert, CCDS senior expert*  **Lecture: Biosafety/Biosecurity – collaborative efforts against Bio-threats**  *Ms. Mzia Kutateladze, Director at G. Eliava Institute of Bacteriophages, Microbiology and Virology* |
| **16:00** | **Closure of BSU 2024 Day 02** |

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| **Friday**  **23 Aug 2024** | **Day 3**  **Venue: Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University** |
| **10:00** | **Lecture: “*Advocating Nuclear Disarmament as NATO Members – Lessons from the Past and Possible Routes Ahead for Finland and Sweden”***  By *Prof. Dr. Thomas Jonter*, Director of the Stockholm University Graduate School of International Studies and Professor of International Relations, Chair of the Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs Sweden, Honorary Doctor of BSU, SSM |
| **11:00** | ***Lecture: “"Four Elections and a Funeral - Election year in Europe and in the USA”***  By *Mr. Michael Roberts*, CCDS Senior Expert, Independent consultant based in Brussels (BEL) |
| **12:00** | **Coffee break** |
| **12:30** | **Interactive Session: Securing Peace: *Way forward regarding Nuclear Security in the 21st Century***  By *Caecilia J. van Peski*, MSc Ma PhD, Fellow “Partnership for Peace” at the Baker Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Huntingdon, PA (USA), Commander Royal Netherlands Navy |
| **13:00** | Participant’s **Evaluation** of the 9th Batumi Summer University  **Graduation** **Ceremony** of the 9th Batumi Summer University  Conclusions and Future Plans |
| **14:00** | **BSU 2025 Closing Lunch** |

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| **Saturday**  **24 Aug 2024** |  |
|  | Departure of Participants |