

# NATIONALIST HISTORIOGRAPHY IN POST-COMMUNIST SOUTH CAUCASUS

History and Nationalism Studies departments at Central European University

February 15-16, 2020 / Nádor Utca 15, CEU BUDAPEST

## February 15 (Nador 15, 103 Tiered)

13:00 – 14:00 – Registration

14:00 – **Keynote lecture- Nino Chikovani (Tbilisi State University): The Transformation of the Historical Master Narrative in the Post-Communist Georgia.**

15:15-15:30 – Coffee Break

15:30-17:30 - Nationalism and Historiography in Soviet South Caucasus

Discussion moderator: **Nino Gozalishvili** (Central European University): (Sub)Regional Character of South-Caucasus: External and Internal Markers of *Regionality*.

1. **Megi Kartsivadze** (University College London): *Georgian Stalinism, Nationalism and Historiography: The Comparative Analysis of the Stalinist and Contemporary History Textbooks of Georgia*
2. **Iveta Gogava** (Central European University): *“Representation of Stalin’s Great Terror (1936-38) in Georgian National Narratives”*
3. **Rovshan Mammadli** (Azerbaijan University of Languages ): *Three periods of nationalization of Azerbaijani history*
4. **Ketevan Kakitelashvili** (Tbilisi State University): *Fragmentation of Historical Master Narrative and Construction of New Models of Identities in Georgia*

## February 16 (Nador 15, 101 Quantum)

09:30 – 10:00 – Coffee

10:00 - 11:30— Roundtable Discussion: Openness of State Archives in Former Soviet Republics and Eastern Bloc Countries

1. **Levan Avalishvili** - (Programs Director and Co-founder of the Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI).
2. **Anton Vacharadze** – (Head of Archives, Soviet and Memory Studies Direction at IDFI.)
3. **Sándor Horváth** – (Head of Department for Contemporary History and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of History, Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences).
4. **Thomas Welsford** – (Fifty-Pound Fellow at All Souls College, University of Oxford.)
5. **Igor Casu** - (Founding Director of the Center for the Study of Totalitarianism at the Faculty of History and Philosophy, State University of Moldova )
6. **Megi Kartsivadze** – (Analyst of Archives, Soviet and Memory Studies Direction at IDFI)
7. **Nutsa Batiashvili (Free University of Tbilisi)**

**11:30-13:00— Keynote Lecture: Nutsa Batiashvili (Free University of Tbilisi): Historical Knowledge Seeps into Pores**

13:00-14:00- Lunch Break

**14:00-15:45 Independence and Transforming Historical Narratives**

Discussion Moderator: **Maria Kovacs**

1. **Irakli Chkhaidze** (Tbilisi State University): *Searching for the “Lost Glory”: Nationalist Historical Narrative in the Georgian Public Discourse at the Dawn of Independence.*
2. **Ekaterine Lomia** (European University, Tbilisi): *Post-Soviet Georgian Nationalism: (Narratives from Liberal and Conservative Perspectives)*
3. **Levan Kapitanovi** (Tbilisi State University): *Reconsideration of History in the Soviet Georgia and its consequences*
4. **Urban Jakša** (University of York): *Abkhaz Nationalism Between Multiculturalism and Ethnocracy*
5. **Tim Kucharzewski** (University of Potsdam): *St. George goes to War: Narratives of war and conflict in the making of the Georgian nation*

15:45- 16:00 – Coffee Break

**16:00- 17:30 – Conflict, Power and Nationalism**

Discussion Moderator: **Andras Kovacs**

1. **Mariam Samushia** (Free University of Tbilisi, Georgia): *The Post-Soviet Detachment of Reality in Georgian Cinema*
2. **Emil Sanamyan** (Virginia Tech University): *Finding an Organic Narrative: The April War and the Armenian Revolution*
3. **Michael Cole** (University of Tartu): *Russian Influence on Far-right Discourses in Georgia*
4. **Nina Soulier** (Central European University): *Two Russian Girls under Siege*

**17:30- 18:30- Roundtable Discussion:**

1. Balasz Trencseny (Head of History Department, CEU)
2. Nutsa Batiashvili ( Free University of Tbilisi)
3. Constantin Iordachi (Head of Doctoral Program History, CEU)
4. András Kovács (Director of Jewish Studies, CEU)
5. Nino Chikovani (Tbilisi State University)
6. Maria M. Kovacs ( Professor at Nationalist Studies Department, CEU)