

GEORGIAN STUDIES PROGRAMME CONFERENCE:

Tuesday 12 February 2019, 14.00-19.00

Russian & East European Studies, Oxford School of Global and Area Studies

Nissan Lecture Theatre,

St Antony's College, 62 Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6JF

**14.00 Welcome and Introductions: Welcome from Sub-Warden of St Antony's College,
Professor David Johnson**

14.05 Greetings from HE Ambassador of Georgia Tamar Beruchashvili

14.10 Introduction from Chair of REES Management Committee Professor Chris Gerry

14.15 – 15.00 Georgian Language and the Wardrop Collection at Oxford

Chair: Dan Healey (Russian & East European Studies, Oxford)

Irina Lobzhanidze (Georgian Programme Visiting fellow, 2019), Wardrop Collections Online

Lia Chokoshvili (Georgian Programme Language Instructor, REES) Introducing 'Unlocking the Door'

Gillian Evison (Bodleian Oriental Collections), The Wardrop Fund and Bodleian collections

15.15 - 16.15 Georgian Social Cohesion in Community and Courts

Chair: Paul Chaisty (Russian & East European Studies, Oxford)

Ana Kirvalidze (Georgian Programme Visiting fellow, 2019), Measuring Social Cohesion in Georgia: Senses of Belonging and Connectedness in Multicultural and Multiethnic Georgian Society

Gavin Slade (Nazarbayev University, Kazakhstan), And the Law Won? Some Findings from Recent Research on Georgia's Legal Culture

16.30-17.00 Coffee and tea (The Buttery, Hilda Besse Building)

17.00 – 17.45 Shakespeare in Georgia and Around the World

Chair: Professor Emma Smith, Hertford College, Oxford

David Maziashvili (Georgian Programme Visiting fellow, 2019), Shakespeare in Soviet and Post-Soviet Georgia

Mark Burnett (Queens University Belfast, English), 'Global' Shakespeare

18.00-19.00 Georgia in Contemporary Focus: *Round Table*

Chair: Edmund Herzig (Faculty of Oriental Studies, Oxford)

Jonathan Wheatley (Oxford Brookes); Giga Zedania (Ilia State University, Tbilisi); Neill McFarlane (DPIR, Oxford): Observations on contemporary Georgia, political changes, and foreign relations challenges

19.00: Conference concludes.