

## **GEORGIAN STUDIES PROGRAMME LAUNCH CONFERENCE: Tuesday 7 February 2017**

Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College, Oxford

14.00 Welcome from Warden

14.05 Greetings from Ambassador

14.10 Introduction from REES director

### **14.15 – 15.15 Georgian Studies at Oxford**

Short presentations from Nikoloz Aleksidze (TORCH, Cult of Saints project); and Gillian Evison (Bodleian Oriental Collections), followed by Q&A

### **15.30- 17.00 Histories of Georgia**

15 mins per presentation plus time for Q&A

Irina Demetradze: Rome in the Caucasus: New Light on the Roman Impact on Iberian Society

Irina Giviashvili, Art and Architecture of 'The Kingdom of Georgia' in the Tenth and Eleventh Centuries

Irma Karaulashvili: Georgian Narrative Sources and Identity Formation

### **17.00-17.30 Coffee and tea (Breakout room)**

### **17.30-19.00 Georgia in Contemporary Focus: *Round Table***

Nutsa Batiashvili; Jonathan Wheatley; Giga Zedania: comments on contemporary Georgia, society, politics, and modernity

**19.00: Conference concludes.**