

**09:15 - 09:45 Registration**

**Opening Ceremony**

**09:45 - 10:00** Konstantine Topuria-Rector of The University of Georgia  
 Gia Jandieri-Founder and Vice-President at New Economic School

<b>10:00 - 11:30</b>	<p><b>Political and Economic Footprint</b></p> <p>This panel will discuss the complexity of the various economic and political mechanisms used by Russia in her attempt to gain control over the political system in its so-called “near abroad.” In addition to sponsoring pro-Russian political parties and domestic civil society, the ever increasing Russian footprint in the respective national economies has also become a serious concern for western oriented governments and independent experts alike.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Michael Carpenter</b>                  Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement</p>
		<p><b>Dr. Susanne Spahn</b>                  Independent Researcher and Journalist</p>
		<p><b>Dr. Jeffrey Mankoff</b>                  CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program</p>
		<p><b>Dr. Krassen Stanchev</b>                  Sofia University</p>
		<p><b>Dr. Shalva Dzebisashvili</b>                  The University of Georgia</p>
		<p>Moderator <b>Ambassador Paata Gaprindashvili</b>                  Georgia’s Reforms Associates (GRASS)</p>
<b>Discussion</b>		

**11:30 - 11:45 Coffee Break**

<b>11:45 - 13:15</b>	<p><b>Hybrid Military Footprint</b></p> <p>Blurring the borders between clear-cut military actions and close-to- military actions has become the <i>modus operandi</i> of revisionism in the so called “near abroad.” These apparently innocuous non-military actions are in fact an integral element of the Kremlin’s “hybrid” policies that in turn, may evolve into full-scale military operations. Therefore, disentangling and exposing such nefarious Russian hybrid-military operations signifies a high priority.</p>	<p><b>Brian Whitmore</b>                  Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA)</p>
		<p><b>Duncan Allan</b>                  Chatham House</p>
		<p><b>Luke Coffey</b>                  Heritage Foundation</p>
		<p><b>Ambassador Batu Kutelia</b>                  Atlantic Council of Georgia</p>
		<p><b>Ambassador Shota Ghvineria</b>                  Economic Policy Research Center</p>
		<p>Moderator <b>Zviad Adzinbaia</b>                  Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy</p>
<b>Discussion</b>		

**13:15 - 14:15 Lunch Break**

<b>14:15 - 15:45</b>	<p><b>Culture, Values and Norms</b></p> <p>Another approach used by the Kremlin to influence the political structures and centers of decision-making in the countries of interest focuses on the informational and psychological dimensions. Such stealth like strategies are deceptive in nature and used to penetrate the targeted societies with the intent of forcing these communities to question the compatibility of western values with their own national identities and way of life. The goal is to create a sense of insecurity and vulnerability and creates a space in which Russia can offer an alternative against western influences.</p>	<p><b>Veronika Vichova</b>                  Kremlin Watch Program</p>
		<p><b>Brittany Beaulieu</b>                  German Marshall Fund (GMF)</p>
		<p><b>Tamar Kintsurashvili</b>                  Media Development Foundation (MDF)</p>
		<p><b>Nina Jankowicz</b>                  Kennan Institute</p>
		<p>Moderator <b>Natalia Antelava</b>                  Coda Story</p>
<b>Discussion</b>		

**15:45 - 16:00 Coffee Break**

<b>16:00 - 17:30</b>	<p><b>How to Respond</b></p> <p>This panel will summarize the conclusions and findings discussed in the previous panels. Participants are invited to formulate and share the most effective methods to respond and minimize malignant Russian influence.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Andreas Umland</b>                  Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation</p>
		<p><b>Ambassador Temuri Yakobashvili</b>                  TY Strategies</p>
		<p><b>Zygmantas Pavilionis</b>                  MP of the Republic of Lithuania</p>
		<p>Moderator <b>Dr. Sandra Johnson</b>                  The University of Georgia</p>
<b>Discussion</b>		

**Closing Ceremony**