

## **GEORGIAN STUDIES PROGRAMME LAUNCH CONFERENCE: Tuesday 27 February 2018**

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 – 15.30 Neoliberalism and Reform in Georgia today**

Chair: Christopher Gerry (Russian & East European Studies, Oxford) [TBC]

15 mins per presentation plus time for Q&A

Maia Chenksaliani (St Edmund's Hall, Oxford) – Trends and implications of outbound student mobility: Georgia in the regional context

Konstantine Eristavi (Georgian Programme Visiting fellow, 2018), Constructing a Neoliberal State in Georgia: connections between neoliberal economics and penal reform

Alexi Gugushvili (Social Policy, Oxford), The dual citizenship regime in Georgia and public attitudes on granting citizenship to foreigners

### **15.45- 17.00 Looking at the First Georgian Republic 1918-1921**

Chair: Robert Service (History Faculty and REES, Oxford)

15 mins per presentation plus time for Q&A

Beka Kobakhidze (Georgian Programme Visiting fellow, 2018), 'Paris 1919-1920: Independence of Georgia in the Political West '

Gillian Evison (Bodleian Oriental Collections), comments on the Wardrop Collections;

Donald Rayfield (Professor of Russian, Queen Mary University of London), comments on the First Georgian Republic

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

### **17.30-18.45 Georgia in Contemporary Focus: *Round Table***

Chair: Edmund Herzig (Oriental Institute, Oxford)

Jonathan Wheatley (Oxford Brookes); Giga Zedania (Ilia State University, Tbilisi); Neill McFarlane (DPIR, Oxford) comments on contemporary Georgia, the polarisation of politics, and foreign relations dilemmas

**18.45: Conference concludes.**

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