The South Caucasus: 20 Years Of Independence

Monday-Tuesday, November 28-29, 2011

AGENDA

Monday, November 28

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Registration
9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
   Jessica T. Mathews, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
   Thomas de Waal, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
   Anthony Richter, Open Society Foundations
9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Data Presentation: Changing public attitudes in the South Caucasus
   Moderator
   Thomas de Waal, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
   Presenter
   Hans Gutbrod, Caucasus Research Resource Center (CRRC), Tbilisi
10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:30 p.m. Session 1. Lessons Learned From 20 Years of Independence and State-building: Armenia
   Moderator
   The Honorable John Evans, former U.S. ambassador to Armenia
   Panelists
   Levon Barseghyan, Asparez Journalists’ Club, Gyumri
   Emil Danielyan, journalist, Yerevan
   Richard Giragosian, Regional Studies Center, Yerevan
   Alexander Iskandaryan, Caucasus Institute, Yerevan
12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch. Keynote Address: South Caucasus on the Silk Road to Europe
   Eric Rubin, deputy assistant secretary of state for European and Eurasian
   Affairs, U.S. Department of State
1:45 – 3:30 p.m.  
**Session 2. Lessons Learned From 20 Years of Independence and State-building: Azerbaijan**

*Moderator*

The Honorable Richard D. Kauzlarich, former U.S. ambassador to Azerbaijan

*Panelists*

Shahin Abbasov, journalist, Baku  
Leila Alieva, Center for National and International Studies, Baku  
Tabib Huseynov, analyst, Baku  
Elnur Soltanov, Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy, Baku

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
**Coffee Break**

4:00 – 5:45 p.m.  
**Session 3. Lessons Learned From 20 Years of Independence and State-building: Georgia**

*Moderator*

The Honorable Kenneth S. Yalowitz, former U.S. ambassador to Georgia

*Panelists*

Ivlian Haindrava, Republican Institute, Tbilisi  
Ghia Nodia, Ilia State University, Tbilisi  
Shorena Shaverdashvili, *Liberali* magazine, Tbilisi

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**Tuesday, November 29**

8:15 – 9:00 a.m.  
**Breakfast and Registration**

9:00 – 10:45 a.m.  
**Session 1. Human Rights and Rule of Law: To What Degree Are Human Rights Respected and the Rule of Law Observed?**

*Moderator*

Anthony Richter, Open Society Foundations

*Panelists*

Emil Danielyan, journalist, Yerevan  
Erkin Gadirli, legal expert, Baku  
Giorgi Gogia, Human Rights Watch, Tbilisi  
Hikmet Hadjiy-zadeh, FAR Center, Baku  
Davit Khachaturyan, legal expert, Yerevan

10:45 – 11:15 a.m.  
**Coffee Break**
11:15 – 12:45 p.m.  **Session 2. Economic Reform: What Is the Economic Picture, 20 Years After the Transition to a Market Economy?**

*Moderator*
Clifford G. Gaddy, Brookings Institution

*Panelists*
Ingilab Ahmadov, Public Finance Monitoring Center, Baku
David Grigorian, Policy Forum Armenia, IMF (TBC)
Vladimer Papava, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS), Tbilisi
Mamuka Tsereteli, U.S.-Georgia Business Council

12:45 – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch Presentation. The South Caucasus: Independence at Age 20**

*Moderator*
The Honorable James F. Collins, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

*Presenter*
Gerard J. Libaridian, University of Michigan

2:15 – 4:00 p.m. **Session 3. Conflicts, Security and Insecurity: How Has 20 Years of Unresolved Conflicts Shaped the South Caucasus?**

*Moderator*
Christian Caryl, *Foreign Policy*

*Panelists*
Margarita Akhvlediani, Go Group Media, Tbilisi
Archil Gegeshidze, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS), Tbilisi
Richard Giragosian, Regional Studies Center, Yerevan
Ilgar Mammadov, Republican Alternative (REAL) movement, Baku

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. **Coffee Break**

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Session 4. Foreign Assistance: To What Degree Has Western Aid Helped Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia?**

*Moderator*
Thomas Carothers, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

*Panelists*
S. Neil MacFarlane, University of Oxford
Lincoln Mitchell, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
Mark Mullen, Transparency International Georgia

6:15 – 8:00 p.m. **Reception**

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