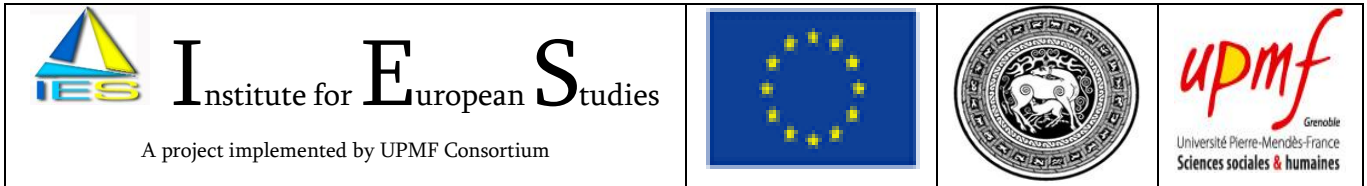


On May 9, 2010 the Institute for European Studies at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University organizes the Third Student Conference on the topic “**Social and Economic Aspects of Eastern Partnership**”.



### Call for papers

**Title:** “Social and Economic Aspects of Eastern Partnership”

**Organizer:** Institute for European Studies (IES) at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

**Date:** May 7, 2010

**Venue:** Institute for European Studies (IES) at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, II Building Block, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, room 505

**Time:** 10:00 am to 14:00 pm

**Language:** Georgian and/or English

To submit a paper, please provide:

- First and last name
- Higher Education Institution, faculty, year
- Dean/Lecturer recommendation letter
- Phone number
- Email address
- Title of the paper
- Abstract (max. 500 words, in English or Georgian), and complete paper (6-8 pages, A4, Times New Roman 12, line spacing single)
- Length of presentation (from 20 minutes to 30 minutes)
- Technical equipment required for the presentation.

Papers to be presented at conference should be written in Georgian or English and submitted as email attachment addressed to [director.ces@tsu.ge](mailto:director.ces@tsu.ge) no later than **April 20, 2010**

Papers will be refereed by the local organizing committee.

The best three papers will be awarded special IES Diplomas.

Authors will be informed about the outcomes of selection process by **April 30, 2010**.

Official Conference languages are English and Georgian. All participants are encouraged to bring information materials (handouts, overheads) in English and/or Georgian.

## **Preamble**

Historically Georgia was strongly linked with Europe, except at some periods, where international political factors limited such links. Strengthening and developing those links are critical to implement the strategic goal of the Georgian government - Georgia's European integration, wholly shared by Georgian Society.

The Institute for European Studies has been created at Tbilisi State University as EU project. One of its objectives is to promote knowledge on European issues in Georgian society. Another is to help Academics to create good conditions for collective research on EU issues (networking with EU Universities and scholars, better research facilities within a well-equipped Learning Resource Center).

## **Goal of the Conference**

The goals of the Conference are: establishing European values, norms, principles of governance within Georgian society; spreading information and knowledge about European history, institutions, economy, politics, social safety net, etc.

The Conference is dedicated to the EU Eastern Partnership initiative the concrete action plan of which has to be endorsed in April, 2009. So the participants are given opportunity to creatively brainstorm opening up prospects for Georgia based on available materials. The following issues of EU Eastern Partnership should be reflected in the papers submitted:

- The importance of association agreement envisaged within the Eastern Partnership that would include the establishment of a “deep and comprehensive” free-trade agreement with a partner country, once it has joined the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- The issue of encouraging the Eastern Partnership partner countries to establish a free-trade network among themselves, which – as EU hopes - might in the long term lead them to create an economic community.
- European Energy Community: prospects of Georgia to move from current observer status to full membership; the role of European Energy Community in diversification of EU energy supply routes and mutual energy security.
- Eastern Partnership bilateral initiatives: waiving visa fees, ending visa requirements, supporting a comprehensive institution-building program, and assisting with economic and social development.
- Eastern Partnership five multilateral initiatives: integrated border management, technical and financial assistance for small and medium-sized enterprises, developing plans for a future southern energy corridor, improvements to regional electricity markets, and preventing man-made disasters and preparing for natural disasters and man-made disasters.

Along with the Eastern Partnership the participants are also encouraged to cover the modern issues of EU development: ENP Action Plan implications for Georgia, EU expansion, EU Constitution, EU foreign and security policies, harmonizing the EU legislation.

Participants will discuss the perspectives for improvement of Georgia-Europe/EU relations.

