

## Friday 2 May

09:00–11:00

### Fifth session

Chair: Jostein Børtnes

Nani Bendeliani, Head of the Gender Equality Research Programme at the Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi: **Assessment of Gender Equality in Georgia on the basis of International Indices and Ratings**

Erika Svedberg, Assistant Professor, Malmö University: **Uncovering the Everyday Practices in Human Social Relations. The Importance of Understanding the Protector/Protected Binary in National/International Affairs Today**

### Coffee break

Mariam Amashukeli, Researcher at the Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi: **Gender Attitudes and Perceptions among Young People in Georgia.**

11:00–23:00

Excursion to the Kakheti region.



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## Gender and Scandinavian Studies: Language, Literature, Social Relations

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April 30 – May 2, 2014  
Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University  
First building, room 101

# Conference program

## Wednesday April 30

**11:30 – 14:00** Welcome address, Professor Marine Chitashvili, Vice-Rector of Javakishvili Tbilisi State University (tbc)

Introductory remarks, Frode Hermundsgård, Norwegian head of the cooperation project in Scandinavian Studies between the University of Oslo (UiO) and Tbilisi State University (TSU)

### First session

Chair: Jostein Børtnes, Professor emeritus, University of Bergen, senior advisor for the abovementioned project

Unn Elisabet Rogg, Lecturer, UiO: **From Sex-role to Gender in Scandinavian Social Research**

Tone Irene Brekke, Lecturer, UiO: **“If I cannot be a voter [...] I will be a writer of votes”: the Transnational Textual Culture of Norwegian Women Suffrage**

Elene Japaridze, Research Fellow, Center for Social Sciences, and PhD Student, TSU: **Stigma of substance abuse among women in Georgia**

Maia Barkaia, Research Fellow, Center for Social Sciences, and PhD Student, TSU: **Challenges to Achieving Gender Equality in Georgia**

**14:00 – 15:00** Lunch at TSU

**15:00 – 17:00** Second session

Chair: Frode Hermundsgård

Gudleiv Bø, Professor emeritus, UiO, senior advisor for the abovementioned project: **Incompatible Gender Fantasies – Formula Fictions for Men and Women**

Ana Kopaliani, PhD Student, TSU: **Marriage, Abortion, Maternity in Georgian Female Poets’ Writings**

Ugnius Mikucionis, Lecturer, University of Kaunas, and Post.doc., UiO: **Female dwarfs and dwarf children. A neglected aspect of the relationship between dwarfs and humans in the sagas**

Ståle Dingstad, Professor, UiO: **The Smiling Power. Gender in Ibsen’s Comedies**

**20:00** Banquet at the restaurant In the Shadow of Metekhi

## Thursday May 1

**09:00 – 11:00** Third session

Chair: Jostein Børtnes

Else Ryen, Associate Professor, UiO: **Language as a Societal Mirror. Language and Gender Revisited**

Jorunn Økland, Professor, UiO: **Reading the Bible in a State Feminist Context**

Nino Popiashvili, Dr., Researcher, TSU: **The Female Writer – the Georgian Literary Experience**

Per Thomas Andersen, Professor, UiO: **A Woman in Paris. Cora Sandel’s *Alberte and her Freedom* (*Alberte og friheten*)**

**11:00–11:20** Coffee break

**11:20–12:50** Fourth session

Chair: Frode Hermundsgård

Even Arntzen, Associate Professor, University of Tromsø: **Misogyny and Vampirism in Strindberg’s Authorship**

Kakhaber Loria, Professor, TSU: **An Examination of Some Scandinavian—Georgian Literary Works in a Comparative Perspective**

Torill Steinfeld, Professor, UiO: **Nora’s Sisters? Gender and Modernity in Dramas by Scandinavian Women Playwrights in the 1880s and 90s**

**12:50–13:30** Lunch at TSU

**13:30–20:00** Excursion In Tbilisi and Mtskheta

**20:00** Dinner at the restaurant Old Metekhi in Tbilisi