

“Tourism in Georgia”

Organised by the Embassy of Georgia, University of Westminster
and co-founder and convenor of the Annual GSD – Dr TAMARA DRAGADZE

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Draft Programme

9.15 – REGISTRATION

10.00 – **Professor Jane Lewis:** Dean of Faculty of Science and Technologies, University of Westminster

10.10 – **Dr Tamara Dragadze:** – *Opening remarks*

10.20 – **Keynote Speaker:** Ambassador of Georgia, **HE Professor Revaz Gachechiladze;**

“Is security an issue for tourism in Georgia; an overview of the current situation”

10.45 – **Keynote Speaker: Ms. Teona Chachua,** Specialist of Brand Development Department (Georgian National Tourism Administration. TBA

11.15 – 11.40 TEA / COFFEE BREAK

11.40 – **Jonathan Djanogly MP:** *Tourism in Georgia*

12.10 – Georgian Travel Company - GeorgiCa Travel: *Overview of adventure tourism in Georgia*

12.30 – Georgian Travel Company - Visit Georgia - *Mountain tours in Georgia*

13.00 – 14.00 LUNCH

14.00 – Associate **Professor Nino Pavliashvili** (Tbilisi State University) - *Georgian Tourism and University Education*

14.30 - 14.50 Barefoot Travel and another British travel agent - *Tourism in Georgia*

14.50 - 15:20 **Mr Peter Nasmyth:** – *Georgia in Pictures*

15.20 - 15.40 **Mr Michael Bloom** - *Personal reflections as tourist in Georgia*

15.40 – 16.00 TEA / COFFEE BREAK

16.00 - 16.15 **NEWCASTLE – AKHALTSIKHE** *Twin Cities Report* (TBC) (Mr. David Gigauri)

16.15 - 16.30 **BRISTOL – TBILISI** *Twin Cities Report*

16.30 - 16.45 **NEWPORT – KUTAISI** *Twin Cities Report*

16.45 - 16.55 **Ms. Neli Shiolashvili:** *Three Writing Systems of the Georgian Alphabet – brief overview of the exhibition*

16.55 Report on Mkurnali charity followed by any Other Business including next year’s tentative GSD date

17.00 – RECEPTION WITH GEORGIAN WINE

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If you wish to attend you must let Peter Lydyard know at peterlydyard@gmail.com **not later than Thursday October 29th** for University security reasons.