

## **35th Annual Georgian Studies Day (GSD)**

**“Georgia and the Silk road ”**

**February 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**University of Westminster**

**309 Regent Street, London W1B 2HM**

### **Programme**

10.15 – Registration in the Cayley Room (coffee and tea served)

11.00 - *Greetings and Introduction*: **The President of Georgia - Salome Zourabichvili** ; University of Westminster – **Prof Peter Bonfield**, Vice Chancellor and President (TBC); **Prof. Andrew Linn**, Head of the college of Liberal Art and Science, pro-VC; **HE Mark Clayton**, British Ambassador to Georgia.

11.15 - *Opening remarks*, **Dr. Tamara Dragadze**, GSD co-convenor

Keynote speakers - Chairperson **Dr. Tamara Dragadze**

11.20 - Keynote Speaker: ‘The involvement of UOW in research in Silk road countries’ - **Professor Roland Dannreuther**.

Professor of International Relations, University of Westminster.

11.40 - Keynote Speaker: ‘Georgia and the Silk road’ - **H.E. Sophie Katsarava**, Ambassador of Georgia to the UK

12.00 - Keynote Speaker: ‘Georgia’s Education relationships with Silk Road countries’ **Dr. Mikheil Chkhenkeli**. Minister of Education. Georgia.

12.20 - **Questions & Answers**

### **12.30 – 13.20. LUNCH**

Chairperson : **Professor Roland Dannreuther**

13.20 – ‘Trans Caspian Energy and Trade Corridor’ - **Efgan Nifti**, Caspian Policy Centre

13.40 - Title to be announced - **Aleksander Khvtisiashvili**, Deputy Minister of Foreign affairs, Georgia.

14.00 - Q and As and ‘Round Table with Ambassadors - Chairman **Professor Roland Dannreuther**.

Chairpersons Dr. Nina Porakishvili and Professor Peter Lydyard

15.00 - A Hidden Connection: Georgia, Japan and the Silk road– **Hirotake Maeda**

15.20 - British, Uzbek and Georgian Education compared– **Prof Andrew Lynn**, University of Westminster

15.40 - ‘Georgia’s historic relations with the Silk Road in first republic’ **Stephen Jones**

16.00 - **Questions & Answers**

### **16.10 – 16.20 TEA / COFFEE BREAK**

16.20 – **Peter Nasmyth** – slides of Georgia and other Silk road countries?

### **Reports on Work in Progress**

16.40 - MKURNALI charity- **Nino Chubabria**

16.50 - NEWPORT – KUTAISI, Twin Cities - **Dr. Shirley Egley**

17.00 - BRISTOL – TBILISI, Twin Cities - **Paul Rouse or Derek**

17.10 - NEWCASTLE – AKHALTSIKHE, Twin Cities - **David Gigauri**

17.20 - Annual Report on BGS - **David Gigauri**

17.30 - ‘Update on **Friends of academic Research In Georgia**’ - **Prof Donald Rayfield**

Any **Other Business**, including next year’s – **2023 tentative GSD date – 36<sup>th</sup> year of GSD**

### **17.40 - RECEPTION WITH GEORGIAN WINE**

Please note: Free Admission but registration is obligatory: peterlydyard@gmail.com

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