

# BROOKINGS

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## FRONTIERS OF EUROPE WORKSHOP: CHALLENGES OF STABILIZATION AND REFORM IN THE CAUCASUS

Co-sponsored by the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS)  
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### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

**Breakfast** (complimentary for hotel guests each day)

Marriott Tbilisi Hotel

**Cultural excursion in Tbilisi and Mtskheta** (Optional)

14:00 – 17:00

**Opening session (Dinner discussion):**  
*EU policy in the Caucasus*

19:00 – 21:30, Restaurant “Old Metekhi”

Welcoming remarks:

**Daniel Benjamin**, Brookings  
**Alexander Rondeli**, GFSIS

Keynote address:

**Nino Burjanadze**, Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia

### MONDAY, APRIL 7

**Second session:**  
*Regional security*

9:30 – 11:00, GFSIS Conference Hall

Chair:

**Jeremy Shapiro**, Brookings

Panelists:

**Batu Kutelia**, Georgian First Deputy Minister of Defense  
**James MacDougall**, National Defense University  
**Nicu Popescu**, European Council on Foreign Relations

## MONDAY, APRIL 7

*Morning break*

11:00 – 11:30, GFSIS Room TBD

### Third session: *Energy*

11:30 – 13:00, GFSIS Conference Hall

Chair: **Jonathan Elkind**, Brookings / EastLink Consulting, LLC

Panelists: **Tim Gould**, International Energy Agency  
**Archil Mamatelashvili**, JSC Caucasian Energy & Infrastructure  
**Irakli Zubitashvili**, State Oil Company of Azerbaijan  
Republic (SOCAR)  
**Edward C. Chow**, Center for Strategic and International Studies

### Fourth session (Lunch Discussion): *Regional conflict resolution*

13:00 – 15:00, Restaurant "Maidan"

Introductory remarks: **Archil Gegeshidze**, GFSIS

Keynote address: **Temuri Yakobashvili**, State Minister of Georgia for Reintegration

### Fifth session: *Democracy*

15:30 – 17:00, GFSIS Conference Hall

Chair: **David Soumbadze**, George Washington University

Panelists: **Niko Melikadze**, Strategic Research Center  
**Kenneth Yalowitz**, Dickey Center, Dartmouth College  
**Dov Lynch**, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

*Free time*

17:00 – 18:30

### Concluding session (Dinner discussion): *Great power politics in the region*

19:00 – 21:30, Restaurant "Two Side"

Introductory remarks: **Daniel Benjamin**, Brookings

Keynote address: **Peter Semneby**, EU Special Representative to the Caucasus