



The format of conference: online

In search of social cohesion and solidarity

July 14, 2023

Ilia State University
Tbilisi, Georgia

Conference website:

<https://issc.iliauni.edu.ge/in-search-of-social-cohesion-and-solidarity/>

Zoom link:

<https://iliauni-edu-ge.zoom.us/j/89908068282?pwd=QmNoUXpndnBNWFM1aIBPY2JLVFIXZz09>

In the age when political and social polarization with followed fragmentation in societies becomes a growing concern globally the issue of social cohesion and solidarity considered as an essential basis and 'building block' for democratic societies gains significant attention for scholars of different fields. What are the main sociocultural parameters responsible in fostering social cohesion in todays societies? how the sense of belonging and connectedness are produced in different socio-political settings?

These are questions the scholars from different field will discuss broadly and share their expertise at the conference. This will allow them to discuss the challenges, limits as well as possibilities for further research.

Time slots are indicated according to Georgian time (GET)!

10:45 – 11: **Introductory comments**

11:00-12:30 ***Social cohesion and solidarity from the comparative perspective***

Chair of the panel: Oliver Reisner, Ilia State University

Speakers:

Kyozon-kyoei. The Kinosaki idea of co-existence and co-prosperity In Search of Social Cohesion and Solidarity in the Japanese Peripheral Region of Tajima”

Matthias Theodor Vogt
Hochschule Zittau-Görlitz, Germany

Social Cohesion - Challenges and Opportunities of Local Governance in East Germany

Mandy Schulze
Hochschule Zittau-Görlitz, Germany

Social role of museums in Baranya county, Hungary

Zsuzsa Koltai
University of Pécs, Hungary

City-museums, memory and migrant integration: the case of Volos in Greece

Eleni Sideri
University of Macedonia, Greece

12:30- 12:45 **Break**

12:45 -14:15 ***Social cohesion in the context of transition societies: the case of Georgia***

Chair of the panel: Eleni Sideri, University of Macedonia, Greece [tbc]

Speakers:

On social cohesion and resilience in Georgia today

Oliver Reisner
Ilia State University, Georgia

Youth social cohesion in Georgia, needs and challenges

Tamar Taralashvili

Technical University of Chemnitz, Germany

Measuring the Social Cohesion in Urban settings of Georgia

Ana Kirvalidze

Ilia State University, Georgia

14:15-14:45 **Lunch Break**

14:45-16:15 ***The (transforming?) sense and meanings of belonging and connectedness***

Chair of the panel: Tamar Taralashvili, University of Chemnitz, Germany

Speakers:

The socio-cultural determinants of voluntary practices among Georgian Youngsters

Bela Gvasalia

Ilia State University, Georgia

The Socio-cultural profiles of political participation among Georgian Youth

Tako Motiashvili

Ilia State University, Georgia

Searching of solidarity and trust in Georgian society

Salome Aftsialuri

Ilia State University, Georgia

16:15 Concluding remarks