

Center for Governance and Culture in Europe

University of St.Gallen

4th ISSICEU Internal Meeting 13-14 October 2016 Agenda

### Social Events

Activities with administrative focus

Activities with research focus

## WEDNESDAY, 12 October 2016

Entire day	Arrival
19:30h - 22:00h	Informal Welcome Dinner Restaurant Begeli Tamarashvili str. 4b.

## THURSDAY, 13 October 2016

09:00h-09:15h	Opening by Dirk Lehmkuhl (introduction of meeting agenda, aims of the meeting) Venue: Betsy's Hotel
09:15h-10:00h	General Assembly Road Map for the Final Project Period (timeline for final reporting, some remarks on finances)
10:00h-10:30h	Coffee Break
10:30h 11:15h	Edited Volume: Sources of Stability/Instability (presentation and discussion of concept, publishing options, proceeding, schedule)
11:15h - 12:30h	Intra-Societal Perspectives (presentation of extended abstracts, $Q&A$ )
	Farda Asadov - state-civil society relations as a culture of social interaction (Political contest and contesting civil society concepts in Azerbaijan)  Alexander Agadjanian, Tigran Matosyan Religion as a resource of stability/instability
12:45h - 13:45h	Lunch Break

13:45h-15:15h	Intra-Societal Perspectives (presentation of extended abstracts, Q&A)
	Alexey Gunya, Aslan Chechenov, Timur Tenov, Influence of state development programs on stability at local level in mountainous regions of the North Caucasus
	Katharina Hoffmann "Good local governance" as a source of stability. A critical assessment of external good local governance promotion in the South Caucasus
15:15h - 15:45h	Coffee Break
15:45h-17:45h	Intra- and Inter-Societal Perspectives ((presentation of extended abstracts, $Q&A + 1$ <sup>st</sup> discussion of general themes)
	Andrea Weiss and Hülya Demirdirek Adjara's borderland aspects. The article will have both inter- and intra-societal aspects
19:30h - 22:00h	Dinner tba

# FRIDAY, 14 October 2016

9:15h - 10:45h	Inter-State Perspectives (presentation of extended abstracts, Q&A)
	Timur Tenov, Alexey Gunya, Aslan Chechenov The Circassian Issue in the Caucasus: Current Territorial and Political Markers of Identity at Local, Regional and International Levels
	Burcu Punsmann Macro level analysis on Turkey-Caucasus relations
10:45h - 11:15h	Coffee Break
11:15h - 12:00h	Inter-State Perspectives  (presentation of extended abstracts, Q&A)  Yana Zabanova
	Trilateral security cooperation between Turkey, Georgia and the Inter-State Perspective
12:00h-13:00h	Lunch Break
13:00h-14:30h	Inter-State Perspectives (discussion of general themes)
14:30h-15:00h	Coffee Break
15:00h-16:00h	Conceptual Discussion

16:00h-16:30h	Concluding Remarks
16:30h-18:00h	<b>Miscellaneous</b> (meeting of authors of special issue, individual consultations of SG-Team on matters of administration/finances)
20:00h - 22:00h	Farewell Dinner Restaurant Keria Beliashvili str. Left Bank of Mtkavri River.

# INFORMATION FOR THE SESSIONS WITH RESEARCH FOCUS

SESSION: EDITED VOLUME

The SG-Team will put up a draft concept of the edited volume for discussion and will present a timeline. This is the place to raise any organisational questions regarding this edited volume.

#### SESSIONS: INTRA-, INTER-SOCIETAL AND INTER-STATE PERSPECTIVE

Those who have indicated their interest in writing a contribution to the edited volume will present their extended abstracts.

Please prepare extended abstracts (about 1000 words) presenting:

- The empirical case you focus on
- Its relevance for research on the Caucasus
- How it links to discussions on instability/stability of the Caucasus [this may either be
  that the case helps to assess/measure stability/instability (in this case provide a
  definition of the term), or the case links to the EU attempts to promote stability
  (supporting or criticising the EU approach) or to any other debates on
  stability/instability
- Provide an outline of the chapter structure

The session will be structured by

- 15min PPP presentations
- Q&A

### **SESSION: CONCEPTUAL DISCUSSIONS**

The session will be structured by

- Reflecting on the variety of definitions of the terms stability/instability
- Reflecting on the variety of stability-instability related debates authors have referred to in the papers
- Trying to structure the diversity into a constructive and critical discussion of the term