



II International Conference on Polling and Politics

POWER OF RESEARCH IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DISINFORMATION AND ITS IMPACT

May 14, 2018
Rooms Hotel, Tbilisi

AGENDA

09:30 - 10:00	Registration/Morning Coffee
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Opening Remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Thornton - NDI Georgia Senior Director/Global Associate • H.E. Mr. Justin McKenzie Smith - Ambassador of UK to Georgia <p>KEYNOTE SPEECH: Giorgi Margvelashvili, President of Georgia</p>
10:15 – 10:20	TECHNICAL BREAK
10:20 – 12:20	<p>Panel Discussion I: Research on the roots, characteristics, and manifestations of disinformation efforts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laura Rosenberger, Director of the Alliance for Securing Democracy, German Marshall Fund • Tamar Kinsturashvili, Director of MDF, presenting new report: pro-Russian propaganda efforts in Georgia 2017 • Ivo Juurvee, Head of Security & Resilience Programme, International Centre for Defence and Security (ICDS), presenting about Security and Resilience: case of Estonia • Hans Gutbrod, Founder of Transparify, presenting research on illiberal NGOs • Vivian Walker, Research Fellow at Central European University, presentation about Crafting Resilient State Narratives in post truth environments: Ukraine and Georgia <p><i>Discussion / Q&A</i> Panel facilitated by: Levan Tsutskiridze, EECMD (Eastern European Centre for Multiparty Democracy)</p>



12:20 -13:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Panel Discussion II: Measuring the impact of disinformation on public trust in democratic institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paata Gaprindashvili, Director of GRASS, presenting new study: Propaganda Made-to-Measure: How our Vulnerabilities Facilitate Russian Influence ● Koba Turmanidze, President of CRRC-Georgia, presents NDI-CRRC March 2018 survey results on national resilience ● Mary O'Hagan, NDI Ukraine Resident Senior Director, presenting about the impact of public trust on vulnerability to disinformation – case of Ukraine ● Giga Zedania, Rector of Ilia State University, presenting about disinformation and education system <p><i>Discussion / Q&A</i> Panel facilitated by: Nodar Tangiashvili, East West Management Institute</p>
15:00 – 15:15	COFFEE BREAK
15:15 – 17:30	<p>Panel Discussion III: Building resilience: How to harness research to explore solutions</p> <p>Keynote: Minister of Defense, Levan Izoria on Total Defence and Efforts to Fight Hybrid Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shaul Kimhi, Psychology Department, Tel Hai College, Israel, on Strengthening the ability to resist disinformation and national resilience to hybrid threats ● Elina Lange-Ionatamishvili, Senior Expert at NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence, presenting about NATO StratCom COE's research on hybrid warfare and disinformation ● Legislative solutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ruling party perspective: Sophio Katsarava, MP, Georgian Dream ○ Opposition perspective: Sergi Kapanadze, MP, European Georgia, presenting draft legislation against Russian propaganda <p><i>Discussion/Q&A</i> Panel is facilitated by: Kornely Kakachia, Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP)</p>
17:30 – 17:45	<p>Wrap Up & Closing remarks Laura Thornton</p>



18:00	DINNER [Rooms Hotel, Master Room]
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