



International workshop

**LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD:
TURKEY AND GEORGIA IN GLOBAL
HISTORY AND MODERN
TURBULENT TIMES**

**organized by the G. Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies of
Ilia State University**

**with the partnership of The Institute of Turcology of
Hacettepe University (Ankara)**

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11.00-13.00

Moderator: George Sanikidze

Saba Tavelishvili

THE FORMATION OF GEORGIA–TÜRKIYE BORDER: HISTORICAL LEGACIES AND POLITICAL TRANSFORMATIONS

Yunus Koç

MIGRATION POLICIES IN THE TERRITORY OF GEORGIA DURING THE LATE OTTOMAN PERIOD AND THE EARLY YEARS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

Tamta Bokuchava

AZERBAIJANI PERIODICALS OF TBILISI: MOLLA NƏSRƏDDİN AND ITS LEGACY

Selim Ferruh Adalı

THE CIMMERIANS AND THE SCYTHIANS: WHERE DID THEY CROSS FROM THE CAUCASUS TO ANATOLIA?

13.00-14.00 Coffee Break

14.00-16.00

Moderator: Saba Tavelishvili

Giray Sadık

BLACK SEA SECURITY AND TURKISH-GEORGIAN COOPERATION IN TIMES OF GLOBAL CRISES

Zurab Batiashvili

TURKISH “SOFT POWER” IN THE EXAMPLE OF TURKISH SOAP OPERAS IN GEORGIA

Deniz Kılıçer

TURKEY AND GEORGIA: A PARTNERSHIP SHAPED BY HISTORY AND RENEWED IN TURBULENT TIMES

George Sanikidze

TURKISH AND IRANIAN CRISIS AT THE END OF WWII AND THE FIRST POST-WAR YEARS: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

16.00-16.30

Concluding remarks

The signing of the Memorandums of Understanding between
Iliia State University and Hacettepe University,
Iliia State University and the Social Sciences University of Ankara

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