



**Conference on  
'Minorities and the Georgian State'**

**June 29, 2006  
Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies,  
3a Chitadze Street, Tbilisi**

**Thursday 29 June**

10.00 – 10.15      Opening Remarks by Mr. Temuri Yakobashvili, Executive Vice  
President, GFSIS

**Session 1**

10.15 – 11.30      *The Regional Perspective*

Speakers:

Mr. Ramin Bairamov, Deputy Governor of Gardabani  
Mr. Armen Darbinyan, Javakheti Civic Forum  
Mr. Kiliak Iordanov, Greek Community

11.30 – 11.45      Coffee Break

11.45 – 13.00      *The Governmental Perspective*

Speakers:

Ms. Bela Tsipuria, Ministry of Education and Science  
Mr. Temur Lomsadze, State Ministry of Conflict Resolution  
Ms. Ana Zvania, Presidential Administration  
Mr. Guram Svanidze, Human Rights and Civic Integration  
Committee, Parliament of Georgia

13.00 – 14.00      Lunch

**Session 2**

14.00-15.15      *Language and Education*

Speakers:

Dr. Jonathan Wheatley  
Mr. Tom Trier, European Centre for Minority Issues  
Mr. Arnold Stepanian, Public Movement - Multinational Georgia

15.15 – 15.30      Coffee Break

**Session 3**      *Public Participation*

15.30 – 16.15      Speakers:

Mr. Irakli Kasrashvili, Mercy Corps  
Mr. Zaur Khalilov, Civic Integration Foundation

**Session 4**      *The Institutional Framework*

16.15 - 17.00      Speakers:

Dr. Jonathan Wheatley  
Mr. Aleksander Rusetski, SCIRS

17.00      Closing Remarks by Dr. Svante Cornell, Central Asia – Caucasus  
Institute & Silk Road Studies Program

19.00      Dinner for invited Participants