



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Removing Obstacles to GENDER EQUALITY & WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT



Tbilisi, Georgia, 15-16 November
Conference Program

Day 1: Friday, 15 November, 2019

Venue: Rooms Hotel Tbilisi, Event Room 14, M. Kostava Street, Tbilisi, Georgia

9:30-10:00

Registration and Coffee

10:00-10:20

Welcome Addresses

Dr. Tamar Sulukhia, the host, ISET Director
Ms. Salome Zourabichvili, the President of Georgia, (TBC)
H.E. Ulrik Tideström, Ambassador of Sweden to Georgia
Ms. Natia Turnava, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia
Dr. Giorgi Sharvashidze, Rector of Tbilisi State University, Board Member of ISET

10:20-10:50

Keynote Addresses:

Dr. Caren Grown, Senior Director for Gender, World Bank, Washington

10:50-11:20

Dr. Shahra Razavi, Chief of Research and Data, UN Women, New York

11:20-11:45

“Gender and Development – a Regional Perspective”. Presentation by Dr. Norberto Pignatti, ISET Policy Institute

11:45-12:15

Coffee Break

12:15-13:30

Policy Panel “Women Empowerment: South Caucasus Perspective”

Moderator: Dr. Yaroslava Babych, Lead Economist, ISET

Panelists:

Erika Kvapilova, Country Representative, UN Women, Georgia
Marina Tabukashvili, Director General, Taso Foundation

Mariam Jashi, Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee of Education,
Science and Culture
Sebastian Molineus, Regional Director for the South Caucasus, World
Bank Group

13:30-14:30

Lunch (Rooms Hotel, all participants, panelists and guests)

14:30-15:30

Academic Plenary Presentations Session 1

ISET Policy Institute. Key findings of PI academic and policy work on
gender issues.

Davit Keshelava, "Social Economic Policy Analysis with Regard to Son
Preference and Gender-Based Sex Selection in Georgia".

Norberto Pignatti "Employment vs. Homestay and Happiness of Women
in the South Caucasus".

15:30-16:30

Academic Plenary Presentations Session 2

Anders Olofsgard, SITE, Sweden "The Donor Footprint and Gender
Gaps"

Lev Lvovskiy, BEROC, Belarusian Economic Research and Outreach
Center, "Does Gender Composition Matter for Team Performance?
Evidence from Trivia Game"

16:30-17:00

Coffee Break

17:00-18:00

Academic Plenary Presentations Session 3

Mychal Myck, CenEA, Poland "From Partial to Full Universality: The
Family 500+ Programme in Poland and its Labour Supply Implications"

Vardan Baghdasaryan, American University of Armenia, "Child Care
Policy, Maternal Labor Supply and Household Welfare: Evidence from a
Natural Experiment"

19:30-21:30

Conference Dinner (all participants)

Venue: Veriko Restaurant
Address: 1 Petriashvili Street