



The Friends of Abkhazia



İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi

CONFERENCE

Independence of Abkhazia and Prospects for the Caucasus

30 - 31 May 2009, İstanbul

İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi (University), Dolapdere Campus, BS2

The Friends of Abkhazia Civil Initiative is organizing a conference on “Independence of Abkhazia and Prospects for the Caucasus (30-31 May 2009, İstanbul)”. The conference is being organized together with “İstanbul Bilgi Üniversitesi (University)”(www.bilgi.edu.tr).

We are calling for a discussion on a long debated and controversial issue in international politics: Abkhazia’s current and future situation, prospects for the Caucasus. Academicians, journalists and NGO representatives from Abkhazia, Canada, Europe, USA and Turkey are invited to attend our conference.

The speakers of the conference are **John Colarusso, George Hewitt, Viacheslav Chirikba, Arda Inal-Ipa, Charlotte Hille, Erol Taymaz, Hasan Kanbolat. Lawrence Sheets, Liana Kvarchelia, Maksim Gunjia, Marino Busdachin, Manana Gurgulya, Irakli Khintba, Mitat Çelikpala, Nikolai Zlobin.**

Those who want to participate to the conference should register via email “ergunozgur1@gmail.com” and “ergunozgur1@yahoo.com”. Participation is free of charge for academicians and students. Other participants should pay a participation fee

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Republic of Abkhazia

- **Viacheslav Chirikba**, Foreign Policy Adviser to President of R.A., Center for Strategic Studies, Foundation of Independent Experts, Sukhum
- **Maksim Gunjia**, Deputy Minister, MFA, Sukhum
- **Arda Inal-Ipa**, Center for Humanitarian Programs (NGO), Sukhum
- **Liana Kvarchelia**, Center for Humanitarian Programs (NGO), Sukhum
- **Manana Gurgulya**, Apsnypress, Medya Club (NGO), Sukhum
- **Irakli Khintba**, Abkhaz State University, Sukhum

Canada

- **John Colarusso**, McMaster University, Toronto

Europe

- **George Hewitt FBA**, SOAS, London
- **Charlotte Hille**, University of Amsterdam
- **Marino Busdachin**, UNPO, General Secretary, The Hague
- **Lawrence Scott Sheets**, International Crisis Group, London-Tbilisi

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- **Nikolai Zlobin**, CDI, WSI, Washington

Republic of Turkey

- **Erol Taymaz**, METU, Ankara
- **Mitat Celikpala**, TOBB-ETU, Ankara
- **Hasan Kanbolat**, ORSAM, Ankara

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