

People and Environment
Caucasus Research Forum 2023
ALL TIMES IN CENTRAL US TIME (Chicago)

Day 1: March 30

9:00 am Opening Remarks

9:15 am **Panel 1: Rivers and Dams**

- The State and Heterodox Environments of Namakhvani: Shaping Discourses of Resistance (*Elisabed Gedevanishvili, Ilia State University*)
- The River Must Flow? The Future of Georgia's Water at the End of the Soviet Union (*Jeff Sahadeo, Carleton University*)

10:15 am **Panel 2: Ecological Knowledge and Environmental Protection**

- Boosting Resilience in the Fight against Climate Change? A Post-Development Deconstruction of the EU's Approach to Climate Resilience in the South Caucasus (*Laura Luciani, Ghent University*)
- Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Georgia, the Caucasus (*Zaal Kikvidze, Ilia State University*)

11:15 am **Discussion: Ethical Data Collection Practices**

12:00 pm **Day 1 Conclusion**

Day 2: March 31

9:00 am Opening Remarks

9:15 am **Panel 3: Environment and Identity**

- Naturalists in exile - Polish explorers of the Caucasian nature in the 19th century: The case of Abkhazia region (*Agnieszka Tomczyk, University of Warsaw*)
- Discourses of Oil, Environment, and Ethnicity in the Diaries of Polina Zherebtsova (*Madelyn Scarlett, University of Colorado, Boulder*)

10:15 am **Panel 4: Nature in Literature**

- Awareness of the Earth. Changes in Cultural Landscape of the Caucasus (on the example of Dagestani villages) (*Joanna Kula, University of Wroclaw*)
- Vaja Pshavela's Literary Genius in contemporary context (*Maia Simonishvili, National Parliamentary Library of Georgia*)
- "Nature in the works of a famous Armenian writer Aksel Bakunts" (*Anna Manukyan*)

11:15 am **Discussion: Publishing in Caucasus Studies**

12:00 pm **Day 2 Conclusion**