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THE CRISIS OF GEORGIAN UNIVERSITIES: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES AND FUTURES

PANEL DISCUSSION with guests from Ilia State University

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International House, Kringsweg 6

Over the last years the government of the Republic of Georgia has made headlines with suspending negotiations to join the EU until 2028 and implementing the Foreign Agents Registration Act following the Russian model. However, a widely overlooked process is in motion to change the University landscape of the country drastically. After a speech of the Georgian Prime minister Irakli Kobachidse last year the government has started to cut the independence of the Universities, limit the number of students dramitcally and disconnect Georgia from the European Higher Education Area.

The consequences of these measures for students, staff, education, international exchange, research cooperation and the democracy in Georgia will be discussed in our panel after a keynote speech from Ilia State University.

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