

## 21<sup>st</sup> International Annual Conference on American Studies

Institute of American Studies at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University and The Georgian Association for American Studies are pleased to announce that the next annual 21<sup>st</sup> international conference on American Studies will take place in Tbilisi, Georgia on May 28-30, 2020.

The 2020 Annual conference of the American Studies is dedicated to *the 400th Anniversary of the Signing of the Mayflower Compact*.

Institute of American Studies (IAS) at Tbilisi State University and Georgian Association for American Studies (GAAS) welcome you to the 2020 International Conference on American Studies in Tbilisi, Georgia. 22 years after the first successful meeting in 1998, traditionally the venue city of International Conference on American Studies is Tbilisi, one of the oldest and exciting capitals in Eastern Europe. The conference is organized by Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, which has already hosted twenty international conferences on American Studies. Tbilisi State University, the first-ever national university in the Caucasus region, was opened in 1918 laying the foundation for a European-type higher educational institution in Georgia. The longstanding European educational tradition established in Georgia is continued today in the largest institution of higher education in the region, Tbilisi State University. The venue provides excellent location for all scholarly events, plenary and session meetings, exhibitions, etc.

The host city, Tbilisi, is the ancient and beautiful capital city of Eastern Georgia. Nowadays it is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the country. Georgia's ancient and vibrant capital city spreads out on both banks of the River Mtkvari, and is surrounded by mountains from three sides. Tbilisi was founded in the 5th century AD by the King Vakhtang I Gorgasali. The city is famous with its historical sites and especially with its old town.

The easiest entry point for international visitors is Tbilisi International Airport; accommodation and travel in Georgia is not expensive, and Tbilisi provides a great opportunity to add vacation and exploration time to your conference visit.

To highlight the range and diversity of American Studies in Georgia the IAS and GAAS are issuing an open call for the 2020 conference proposals, the deadline of which, not to be missed, is April 20, 2020.

IAS and GAAS are committed to organize a conference that reflects the broadest disciplinary range within the area of American Studies. The IAS and GAAS conference encompasses topics across the disciplinary spectrum in American Studies.

The conference content will be defined by the range and breadth of your suggestions and the conference committee looks forward to receiving many different and stimulating proposals.

The conference structure is expected mainly to consist of traditional panel sessions with papers, and proposals for panels of papers are very welcome indeed. All proposals are expected to include the opportunities for discussions.

IAS and GAAS have an established practice of publishing selected papers from each conference in the bilingual Journal of American Studies.

Participant registration form can be found at <https://forms.gle/7r2yExbyV9xREG4y5>

Important dates:

Registration deadline: April 20, 2020

Conference: May 28-30, 2020

Participants of the conference are not required to pay registration fees.

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