All times reflect Tbilisi local time.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:00 – 10:15
Workshop: Georgia's Media Landscape
Invitation-only, off-the-record private discussion with international partners focused on freedom of the press, editorial lines, impact of private ownership, and Russian interference.

Facilitator:
- Ian Kelly, former Ambassador of the United States to Georgia

Remarks:
- Eka Gigauri, Transparency International
- Keti Khutsishvili, Open Society Foundation

10:30 – 10:45
Introductory Video and Welcome by Kurt Volker, McCain Institute for International Leadership, and on behalf of Georgia's Economic Policy Research Center

10:45 – 11:15
Session I – Conversation with Mamuka Bakhtadze, Prime Minister of Georgia, and Edward Luce, Financial Times

11:15 – 12:15
Session II – Debate: Whither Georgia?

Moderator:
- Daniel Twining, International Republican Institute

Panelists:
- Giorgi Bokeria, European Georgia
- Irakli Kobakhidze, Speaker of the House, Parliament of Georgia
- Justin McKenzie Smith, British Ambassador to Georgia
- Salome Samadashvili, United National Movement

12:15 – 13:00
Networking Lunch
13:30 – 14:00
Session III – The Global Security Context: A Conversation

Moderator:
• Colleen Graffy, Pepperdine University School of Law

Panelists:
• Andrea Thompson, U.S. Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security
• Levan Izoria, Minister of Defence of Georgia

14:15 – 15:15
Session IV – Panel: The Future of European Security, the EU, and NATO

Moderator:
• Riina Kaljurand, Lennart Meri Conference

Panelists:
• Ben Hodges, CEPA, and former Commanding General, United States Army Europe
• Tacan Ildem, Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy, NATO
• Žygimantas Pavilionis, Member of Seimas, Chair of Transatlantic/Democracy Caucus, Foreign Affairs Committee, Lithuania
• David Zalkaliani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

15:15 – 15:45
Session V – Conversation: State of European Security

• Linas Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania

In Conversation with:
• David Kramer, Florida International University

15:45 – 16:15
Coffee Break

16:15 – 16:45
Session VI – From Vilnius to Tbilisi to Kiev to Moscow: A Conversation with John Tefft

• John Tefft, Former U.S. Ambassador to Russia, Ukraine, Georgia and Lithuania

In Conversation with:
• Damon Wilson, Atlantic Council
16:45 – 17:45
Session VII – Panel: Democracy Faces a Triple Threat: Authoritarianism, Globalization & Nationalism

Moderator:
- Damir Marusic, American Interest

Panelists:
- Benjamin Haddad, Hudson Institute
- Pierre Lellouche, former Secretary of State for Foreign Trade of France
- Zsuzsanna Szelényi, Liberal Member of the Hungarian Parliament
- Christopher Walker, National Endowment for Democracy

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

8:30 – 9:00
Registration & Coffee

9:00 – 9:15
Session VIII – Video and Tribute to Senator John McCain

David Kramer, Batu Kutelia, Randy Scheunemann, Daniel Twining, and Kurt Volker

9:15 – 9:45
Session IX – Conversation with Giorgi Margvelashvili, President of Georgia, and Ia Meurmishvili, Voice of America

9:45 – 10:45
Session X – Conversation on the Future of Georgian Democracy
- David Kramer, Florida International University
- Kurt Volker, McCain Institute for International Leadership
- Damon Wilson, Atlantic Council

10:45 – 11:15
Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:15
Session XI – Panel: The East-West Corridor

Moderator:
- Matthew Bryza, Atlantic Council

Panelists:
- Edward Chow, Center for Strategic and International Studies
• Riina Kionka, Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the European Council
• David Merkel, Summit International Advisors
• Vasil (David) Sikharulidze, Atlantic Council of Georgia

12:15 – 13:00
Networking Lunch

13:00 – 13:30
Session XII – Conversation: Georgia and the West

• A. Wess Mitchell, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs
In Conversation with:
• Batu Kutelia, Atlantic Council of Georgia

13:30 – 14:30
Session XIII – Panel: Weaponizing Information

Moderator:
• Robin Shepherd, Halifax International Security Forum
Panelists:
• Jamie Fly, German Marshall Fund of the United States
• James Kirchick, Brookings Institution
• Merle Maigre, CybExer Technologies
• Natalie Nougayrède, The Guardian

14:30 – 15:30
Session XIV – Panel: Putin’s Russia: Where Does It Go From Here?

Introductory video

Moderator:
• Donald Jensen, Center for European Policy Analysis
Panelists:
• Mikhail Kasyanov, President of People’s Freedom Party
• Vladimir Kara-Murza, Open Russia
• David Kramer, Florida International University
• James Nixey, Chatham House
• Lilia Shevtsova, Chatham House

15:30 – 16:00
Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:00
Session XV – Panel: Oligarchy and Democracy

Moderator:

• Kurt Volker, McCain Institute for International Leadership

Panelists:

• Charles Davidson, American Interest, Hudson Institute
• Sergii Leshenko, Member of Parliament of Ukraine
• Maria Logan, Open Russia
• Edward Lucas, Center for European Policy Analysis
• Igor Munteanu, Institute for Development and Social Initiatives

17:00 – 18:00
Session XVI – Panel: Is Trump Foreign Policy Better Than It Seems?

Moderator:

• Ali Aslan, TV Presenter and Journalist

Panelists:

• Michal Baranowski, German Marshal Fund of the United States
• Ian Bond, Centre for European Reform
• Alina Polyakova, Brookings Institution
• Randy Scheunemann, Orion Strategies

18:00 – 18:30
Session XVII – Conversation with Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid

• Kersti Kaljulaid, President of Estonia

In Conversation with:

• Kurt Volker, McCain Institute for International Leadership

18:30
Closing Remarks