



**Concept Note**  
**UGSP - Conference**

**After the War in Ukraine:**  
***Prospects and Implications for Europe and South Caucasus***

- SUBJECT:** Annual Conference
- AIM:** Stimulate Academic and Policy relevant discussion, i.e., exchange of ideas on post-war situation, security architecture, conflict resolution and political implications in Europe and post-Soviet space, including the South Caucasus region
- AUDIENCE:** Academic researchers, think tankers, analysts, policy makers
- ORGANIZATION:** The University of Georgia (UG)
- FUNDING REQUEST:** Financial support depends on the degree of engagement. Financial support can also include speakers' travel and accommodation costs, covered by a sponsor organization.

Within the UG-Security Platform (UGSP) the School of Social Sciences of the University of Georgia (UG) is planning to organize fourth annual conference on June 9, 2023. The major effort of the conference titled "After the War in Ukraine: Prospects and Implications for Europe and South Caucasus," is devoted to the ongoing Russian war against Ukraine, its potential strategic (military and political) outcomes, and impact on regional and international security. We ask speakers and participants to look into the future and attempt to distill in the context of the Russian war against Ukraine the relevant conclusions upon which a general silhouette of the security arrangements in Europe and the South Caucasus can be identified. It implies the institutional dynamics of the EU and NATO, the national strategies of the nations involved, conflicts resolution in post-Soviet space and (new) conceptual proposals for strengthening regional security and cooperation.

The event's aim, which has been initiated since 2019, is to promote a high-level academic and policy-related discussion in which leading foreign and local experts explore the range of provided topics and contribute to generating new (theoretical or policy) concepts, discovering respective solutions and providing recommendations. The conference is primarily designed for established academic researchers, relevant policy experts, representatives of civil society organizations and think tanks, professionals, and individuals with respective analytical backgrounds.

The preliminary conference design includes the first panel to be devoted for key note speakers, the second panel divided into three working groups (workshops) on specific policy issue, to allow invited experts, analysts and researchers to review and discuss multiple policy, strategic options that could contribute to sustainable security mechanisms in Europe and beyond; and the third panel, where the results of the workshop sessions (2nd panel) will be discussed. The discussion and workshop-panel results will be finalized in a follow-up report to be published.