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Tamara Pataraiia is an Associate Professor at the University of Georgia, where she teaches in the Department of Politics and International Relations within the School of Social Sciences. Her courses focus on global security and nuclear nonproliferation. She is also the founding member of several NGOs focused on promoting democratic oversight and good governance.

With over two decades of active collaboration with civil society organizations, Tamara has authored numerous academic articles, research surveys, and policy reports. Her research primarily explores democratic transitions, good governance, and the nuclear nonproliferation and nuclear security. Additionally, she has served as a consultant and evaluator for various international programs.

Tamara has been a visiting fellow at various institutions, including the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Institute of International Studies in Monterey, the Scottish Centre for International Security at Aberdeen University, and the Tampere Peace Research Institute in Finland.

An active member of the professional community, Tamara is on the Editorial Board of the Quarterly Journal CONNECTIONS and has been involved with the Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes since 2012.

Tamara's academic carrier began with a Ph.D. in Physics and Mathematics from Tbilisi State University in 1992. From 1992 to 2006, she was a research fellow and lecturer at the university, teaching various subjects in theoretical physics.

She can provide mentorship in Georgian and English.

MENTORSHIP TOPICS

Topic 1: Global security and nuclear nonproliferation

This course aims to cover aspects of current nonproliferation, arms control and disarmament issues, including humanitarian arms control issues, export control of strategic goods etc. Special attention will be paid to explore how international nonproliferation and disarmament law is enforced through national laws in Georgia, and how Black Sea regional partners and neighbors of Georgia contribute to global nuclear nonproliferation objectives, as well as how they act in the international arena to comply and enforce international nonproliferation norms and regulations.

Duration: 2-4 hours consisting of: presentations, discussions, personalized consultations.

Topic 2: Government-NGO partnerships in enhancing nuclear and radiological security

The course provides an introduction to objectives and engagement of Georgian civil society actors in capacity-building of governmental and professional communities of Georgia in the area of nuclear security and WMD nonproliferation, raising awareness on national level strategic documents and the security-related legislation of Georgia; democratic oversight of Georgia's defense/security sector, security sector reform agenda and future prospects of Georgia's EU and NATO integration.

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