

Second Annual Convention, Tbilisi (Georgia), 12 – 13 April 2018
Iliia State University and New Vision University

Following the First AESC Convention at Yeditepe University in 2017, the Second Annual Convention will take place in Tbilisi from 12 – 13 April 2018.

The general topic will be:

**“Divided over European Values? Normative Cleavages in the South Caucasus
and the Impact of the EU - Russia - Turkey Value Discourse”**

This topic will deal with the differentiating impact of Europeanisation in the post-Soviet republics of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia following the signature of Association Agreements in 2014 and the refusal by the Armenian government to sign it. We will discuss the possible internal as well as external factors for this cleavage from different disciplines. A second focus of the Convention will be value discourses between the EU, Turkey and Russia, in particular how they reverberate into the South Caucasus. Finally, we would like to discuss the role of the new EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy on developments in the wider region.

The Convention will be hosted by Iliia State University and New Vision University

The AESC Programme Committee will accept proposals for panels (max. 3 presenters, max. 2 discussants), roundtables (max. 5 participants), individual presentations and also poster presentations. A special feature will be “junior presentations” by Master students in the panel format (max. 5 participants). Presentations from all angles of European Studies including the relevant mother disciplines are welcome. Please send a one-page abstract as well as the proposed composition of your panel / roundtable (if applicable)

by 1 February 2018

to the Programme Committee, c/o kruessmann.thomas@gmail.com.

Participation in the Second AESC Annual Convention is free! Please also join us at <http://aesc-online.eu>. Membership in the AESC is free for citizens from the wider region.

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