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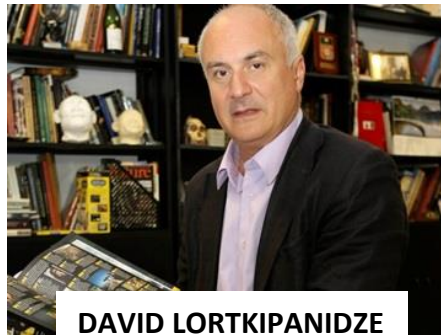
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Organization

The *AE* Tbilisi Knowledge Hub is operating since 2019 and is hosted by Tbilisi State University. It is headed by an Academic Director, appointed by the Rector of the Tbilisi State University, currently David Prangishvili, MAE. The Academic Director and the Advisory Board ensure the strategic direction and activities of the Hub.



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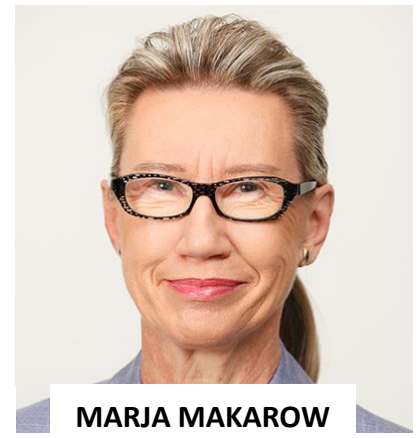
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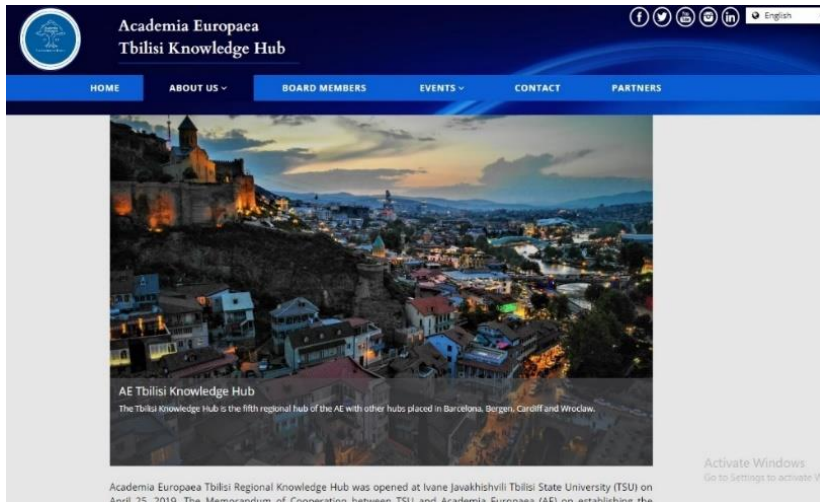


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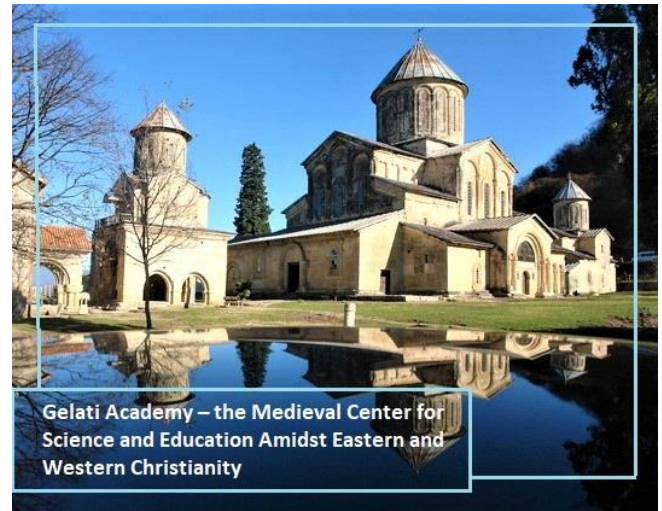
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Highlights of 2020



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Creation and further development of the
AE Tbilisi Knowledge Hub website



Inauguration of the project “Gelati Academy –
the Medieval Center for Science and Education
Amidst Eastern and Western Christianity”



Organisation of scientific-creative competition
for children “Draw me a Neutrino!”



Organization of public seminars in the
framework of the Distinguished Seminar
Series (DSS) using electronic platforms

Distinguished Seminar Series

The Crossroads

In the framework of DSS four public seminars were organized last year aimed at popularization of various fields of science and encouraging the exchange of ideas at “*The Crossroads*” - across the barriers of disciplines, time and space. Due to the pandemic situation, these seminars were conducted online.

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გზა დამოუკიდებლობისაკენ

საქართველოს დემოკრატიული რესპუბლიკის 102-ე წლისთავი

THE WAY TO INDEPENDENCE

102th Anniversary of the Democratic Republic of Georgia

მომხსენებლები:
 ბეკა კობახიძე
 ირაკლი ხვადაგიანი
 გიორგი ასტამაძე

Presenters:
 Beka Kobakhidze
 Irakli Khvadagiani
 Giorgi Astamadze



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26 მაისი, 2020
 ონლაინ

On May 26, 2020, the seminar "The Way to Independence - 102nd Anniversary of the Democratic Republic of Georgia" with the participation of Beka Kobakhidze - *Oxford University, Center for the Study of Russia and Eastern Europe (UK)*; Irakli Khvadagiani - *Research Laboratory of the Soviet Past (Tbilisi, Georgia)* and George Astamadze - *Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany)*. The seminar covered the European historical context of the foundation and the three-year period of the First Democratic Republic of Georgia (1918-1921).

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გზაუვარკედინაბი

აშშ-ს საარჩევნო სისტემა და 2020 წლის არჩევნები

THE US ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND THE 2020 ELECTION

მომხსენებლები:
 თეიმურაზ პაპასკირი
 ვასილ კაჩარავა
 სოფო კობახიძე
 გიორგი ლაბაძე

Presenters:
 Teimuraz Papaskiri
 Vasil Kacharava
 Sopho Kobakhidze
 Giorgi Labadze



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26 ნოემბერი, 2020
 ონლაინ

On November 27, 2020, the seminar "The US Electoral System and The 2020 Elections", with the participation of professors and doctoral students of *Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University*: Teimuraz Papaskiri, Vasil Kacharava, Sofia Kobakhidze and George Labadze, was devoted to the peculiarities and current internal and foreign political processes, the specifics of the electoral system of the US, which creates an important climate in international relations on the example of the countries of the Transcaucasian region.

Distinguished Seminar Series

The Crossroads

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გამოჩენილი სემინარების სერია

გზაჯვარედინები

ქართული ხელნაწერების
ისტორიიდან

THE HISTORY OF THE GEORGIAN
MANUSCRIPTS

საუბრობენ:

ნესტან ჩხიკვაძე
დარეჯან თვალთვაძე
მაია მაჭავარიანი

Presenters:

Nestan Chkhikvadze
Darejan Tvaltvadze
Maia Matchvariani



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10 დეკემბერი, 2020
საშუაგათი

On December 10, 2020, the seminar "**The History of the Georgian Manuscripts**", with participation of Nestan Chkhikvadze and Maia Matchvariani, *K. Kekelidze Institute of Manuscripts* and Darejan Tvaltvadze, *Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University*. The seminar has been focused on issues of Georgian cultural heritage, its diversity and European dimensions.

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გზაჯვარედინები

KM3NET - ევროპული საკვლევი ინფრასტრუქტურა
ხმელთაშუა ზღვაში

KM3NET - EUROPEAN RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE
MEDITERRANEAN SEA

მომხსენებელი:

რევაზ შანიძე

Presenter:

Revaz Shanidze

On December 22, 2020, the seminar: "**KM3NeT - European research infrastructure at the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea**"; professor of *Tbilisi State University* Revaz Shanidze presented a brief overview of the project implemented by the KM3NeT community through the research infrastructure in the Mediterranean Sea, which aims at a comprehensive study of neutrino physics and astrophysics.



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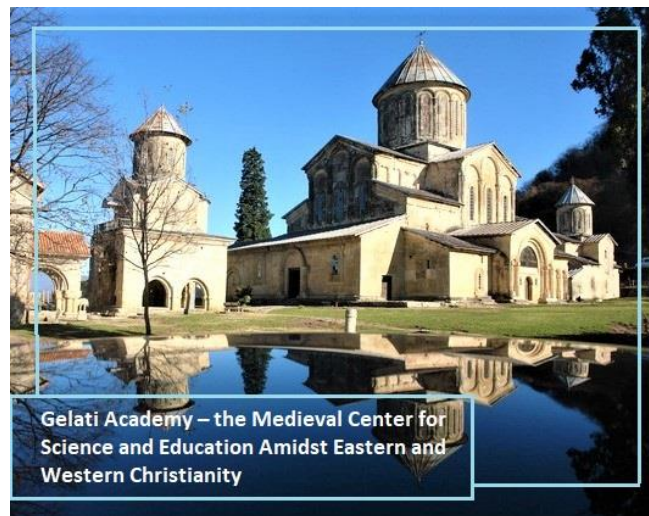
22 დეკემბერი, 2020
საშუაგათი

Scientific Competitions and Workshops

“Gelati Academy – the Medieval Center for Science and Education Amidst Eastern and Western Christianity”

3-4 October, 2020

The *Academia Europaea* Tbilisi Knowledge Hub - in collaboration with *Iv. Javakishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU)* and the *Center of the for Eastern Christian Studies of TSU* – has launched a big project “**Gelati Academy – the Medieval Center for Science and Education Amidst Eastern and Western Christianity**”, with the objective to introduce the Gelati Academy as one of the oldest and most important scientific and educational centers in the Christendom to the wider international community. The project was inaugurated at the special workshop organized by the Hub on October 3-4 in Telavi, the center of Kakheti region.



Gelati Academy was founded in 1106 next to Gelati Monastery (West Georgia) on the initiative of the Georgian King David the Builder. Here David brought together the most prominent Georgian scholars of that time contributing to the establishment of the Gelati Academy as one of the most important theological-scientific and educational centers of the Christendom. At the end of the 11th c., after the closing of the Academy of Mangana (Constantinople, Byzantine Empire) and the Seljuk conquest of Jerusalem, according to the King David's historian, the Gelati Academy became “a second Jerusalem of all the East for the learning of all that is of value, for teaching of knowledge – a second Athens, far exceeding the first in divine law, a canon for all ecclesiastical splendors”. The curriculum of the Academy mainly included the subjects of trivium (geometry, arithmetic, music) and quadrium (three types of philosophy, three types of rhetoric, grammar and astronomy).

“Gelati Academy – the Medieval Center for Science and Education Amidst Eastern and Western Christianity”

3-4 October, 2020

Representatives of the following scientific centers and organizations have participated in the workshop organized by the *Academia Europaea* Tbilisi Knowledge Hub: *Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU)*, *TSU Center of the Eastern Christian Studies*, *TSU Institute of Art History and Theory*, *Gelati Academy of Sciences*, *K. Kekelidze National Center of the Georgian Manuscripts*, *Georgian National Museum*, *Kutaisi State Historical Museum*, *G. Chubinashvili National Research Center for Georgian Art History and Heritage Preservation*, *V. Sarajishvili Tbilisi State Conservatory*, *Kutaisi Historical-Archaeological Reserve of the Georgian Cultural Heritage Protection Agency*.



The participants discussed in details the objectives of the project and the subsequent steps of their implementation. The following action plan was identified: The establishment of a braintrust - a group of experts from various fields responsible for scientific content, strategy and implementation of the project; the organization of meetings of this group on regular basis.

1. The preparation of series of TV lectures for a broad audience on the significance of the Gelati Academy in the medieval European scientific and educational space;
2. The organization in September 2021 in Kutaisi of a specific workshop;
3. The organization in June 2022 of an international conference entitled “Gelati – the intellectual center of the medieval Christian World”;
4. The preparation of a reference work (to be published in Georgian and English) by a team of experts, which — on the basis of available studies and their complex analysis — will highlight the impact of the Gelati Academy on the cultural life of the Christendom and on the development of various fields of medieval arts and sciences - history, philosophy, philology, architecture, fine arts and music.

The presentations given at the workshop concerned (1) Excavations on the territory of Gelati Monastery (presenter Roland Isakadze, *Kutaisi Historical-Archaeological Reserve*), and (2) Gelati Chant School, illustrated by life performance of church hymns from Gelati Chant School by the choir of the Alaverdi Cathedral (presenter Magda Sukhiashvili, *Tbilisi State Conservatory*).

Draw me a Neutrino!” - KM3NET Scientific-Creative Competition



In collaboration with The Cubic Kilometre Neutrino Telescope (KM3NeT) - The European research infrastructure, the Hub has co-organized the scientific-creative competition "Draw me a Neutrino", aimed for three age groups of children: children below 12, were asked to draw Electronic Neutrino, for the age between 13-19 the task was to draw Meon Neutrino, and for 20 years and above – the task was to draw Tau Neutrino. On the 4th November 2020, the winners were revealed. Due to the current pandemic situation, the award ceremony attended by 500 representatives from 16 countries was held through an electronic platform.

Management and Resources

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