

Caucasian House invites You to

The Public Lectures of

Professor George Derlugyan

One of the main priorities of "Caucasian House" is to support educational and academic fields in Georgia. Our activities aim to accumulate knowledge among youth on recent social, political and economic processes; with special focus on Caucasus region. Taking into consideration our reality, it is vital for Georgia to have experts and researchers, who will have the ability to analyze current events both globally and on domestic level. It is important that our researchers and experts have knowledge and experience to play important role in academic field as well as during the actual implementation of the state policy. It is worth mentioning that Caucasian House is permanently organizes public lectures on various current issues. This year, in December, Caucasian House presents Mr. George Derlugyan, Professor of the New York University who will deliver three public lectures

Lectures will be held at Tbilisi State University; 1st block; Address: Chavchavadze Ave. #1.

Schedule:

December 20 th 18:00	Room 214, 1st block	The Rise of the West, A.D. 1500–2020
December 21 st 18:00	Room 214, 1st block	Rules for Followers: Winners and Losers of Modernization
December 22 nd 18:00	Room 214, 1st block	Russia - the Modernizing Empire

Working language – English.

Admission is free!

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Lectures:

1. The Rise of the West, A.D. 1500–2020

In the medieval globalization (which once gave Georgia its David the Builder) western Europe was only one of several centers in the Afro-Eurasian world. But in the last four centuries the West topped the world hierarchy of technology, wealth, military power, and prestige. Explaining this first modernization has been the Holy Grail of social science since the times of Adam Smith, Karl Marx, and Max Weber. What do we know, in the early 21st century? Can the Western modernity be emulated? Is it forever?

2. Rules for Followers: Winners and Losers of Modernization

Long before 'Reform' became the catchword in Georgia, it had been the obsession of rulers in the states adjacent to the West or directly influenced by the West. Poland-Lithuania and Ottoman Turkey were once the biggest land powers in Europe but eventually they lost. Germany and Japan started from the margins — and won. Can we deduce any logic from these famous examples?

3. Russia, the Modernizing Empire

Since 1500 Russia has managed to become an important world power in three periods, each associated with an utterly despotic modernizer: Ivan the Terrible, Peter I, Stalin. What was then Gorbachev's perestroika, where was it really going? Why did the communist China succeed where the more advanced Soviet Union had failed? And finally, where does this leave the ex-Soviet republics now, from Georgia to Russia and to Estonia?

About Professor George Derlugyan

George Derlugyan studied African languages and history at Moscow State University. In Mozambique during the 1980s he saw his first civil war. Moving to America in 1990, he taught at various universities including Cornell, Michigan, and Northwestern and studied the evolution of human societies while also practicing expeditionary fieldwork mainly in the Caucasus. George Derlugyan is the author of «Why Adjara is not Abkhazia, and Tatarstan is not Chechnya» (1994), «CheGuevaras in Turbans» (1999), «Bourdieu's Secret Admirer in the Caucasus» (2005), «the Way This World Works» (Moscow, 2012), and «What Communism Was» in the volume «Does Capitalism Have a Future?» (Oxford, 2013) co-written with Immanuel Wallerstein, Randall Collins, Michael Mann, and Craig Calhoun which is currently translated into 17 world languages. Since 2011 Prof. Derlugyan works at New York University Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.