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Classical Languages: Between Tradition and Innovation

Tbilisi – Vani, August 19-22, 2026



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PROGRAMME

August 20, 2026

09.00 – 10.00: Registration of Conference Participants

10.00 – 10.45: Welcome Speeches

10.45 – 11.00: Group Photo

11.00 – 11.45: Christian Laes (Belgium), Why We Need Greek Days?

11.45 – 12.15: Irine Darchia (Georgia), Classical Languages in Secondary and Tertiary Education in the Context of Global Politics

12.15 – 12.45: Giorgi Barnabishvili, Daria Belousova, Beka Gkelasvili, Mariam Nozadze, Mariam Shengelia, Lasha Takashvili (Georgia), Georgia – Homeland of the Golden Fleece, Wine and a Unique Alphabet (presented in Latin and Ancient Greek; an English translation will be provided on the slides)

12.45 – 13.00: Peter Glatz (Austria), Presentation of the CURSOR and EUROCLASSICA Website

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 14.30: Maria Vasiloudi (Germany), Teaching Ancient Greek with Kantharos: Between Tradition and Innovation

14.30 – 15.00: Gabriel Danzig (Israel), Navigating First-Year Greek: Is There a Third Way?

15.00 – 15.30: Florence Turpin (France), Enseigner les langues anciennes par la recherche interdisciplinaire: les «Humanités dans le texte», un projet international initié en France

15.30 – 16.00: Šime Demo (Croatia), Cultural Layers in Early Modern Latin Inscriptions. A Case Study of Istria

16.00 – 16.30: Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.00: Edward Ross (UK), Ethics and Efficacy: Teaching and Learning Ancient Greek and Latin in an AI World (online presentation)

17.00 – 19.00: Tbilisi City Tour

20.00: Networking Dinner

August 21, 2026

10.00 – 10.30: Luigi Miraglia (Accademia Vivarium Novum, Italy), *Linguae immortalitatem adeptae: de peculiari sermonum antiquorum vita*

10.30 – 11.00: Ignacio Armella (Accademia Vivarium Novum, Italy), *Stilus dicendi magister: quomodo scriptorum genera dicendi in scholis tradi possint*

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00: Julien Claeys, Öszéb Á. Tóth, Elías Pérez Trejo (Accademia Vivarium Novum, Italy), Workshop on Ancient Poetry and Metrics, with the participation of students from the TSU Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies/Graduates of the Accademia Vivarium Novum

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 16.00: EUROCLASSICA General Assembly

16.00 – 18.00: Visit to the Simon Janashia Museum of Georgia

Conference Programme at a Glance

August 19: Excursion to Mtskheta, the ancient capital of Georgia

August 20-21: EUROCLASSICA Annual Conference and General Assembly

August 21: Visit to the Simon Janashia Museum of Georgia

August 22: Visit to the Otar Lordkipanidze Vani Archaeological Museum

Conference Organising Committee

- Dr. Irine Darchia – Associate Professor, Deputy Head of TSU Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies (Chair of the Committee)
- Dr. Levan Gigineishvili – Professor, Head of TSU Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies
- Dr. Nino Lordkipanidze – Chief Scientist, Otar Lordkipanidze Institute of Archaeological Studies, Georgian National Museum

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- Giorgi Barnabishvili
- Daria Belousova
- Beka Gkelasvili
- Mariam Kaladze
- Mariam Nozadze
- Mariam Shengelia
- Lasha Takashvili

Conference Venue

1 Ilia Chavchavadze Ave., 0179, Tbilisi, TSU 1st Building, Room No. 107

Coffee Break, Lunch: Underground Foyer

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