

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

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## INTERNATIONALIZATION POLICY

The English language has been the instruction language since the beginning. Therefore, internationalization, as the university's name suggests, has been an integral part of IBSU's activities. There has been a great number of invited scholars who visited IBSU for teaching. IBSU is committed to improving the level of internationalization in the Following areas:

- 1-Curriculum development
- 2-Research
- 3-Student and staff exchange
- 4-Study abroad programs.

This strategic planning document is designed to serve as a framework and guide for these processes over the next seven years (2018-2025). The university continues to develop international cooperation in terms of student and staff exchange, adding new programs in English (including joint programs), working with international partners to apply to international organizations to develop research activities. IBSU has bilateral agreements with many universities in the world. The number of students taking part in exchange programs have been growing. On the other hand, the number of incoming international students is gradually increasing as well. The scientific events are generally held in foreign language(s) at an international and/or regional level.

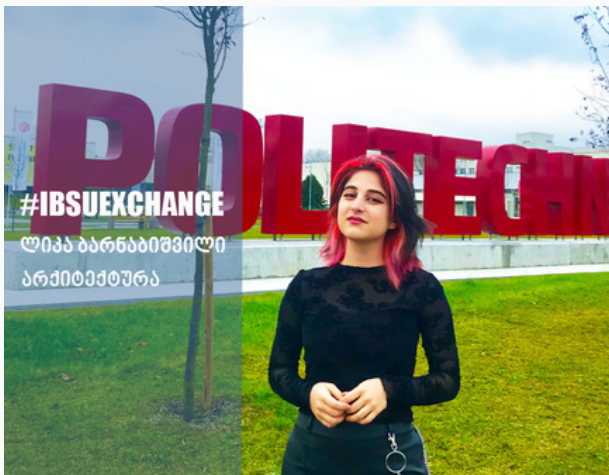
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# EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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## Likuna Barnabishvili

Likuna Barnabishvili is a third-year student on the faculty of architecture at International Black Sea University. This year she was able to experience an exchange year in Poland, at the University of Technologies and Life Sciences in Bydgoszcz.



## Iago Chafidze

Iago Chafidze is a Master's student of Business and Technologies program at IBSU. This year he got the Vilnius national scholarship and he's continuing his studies there.



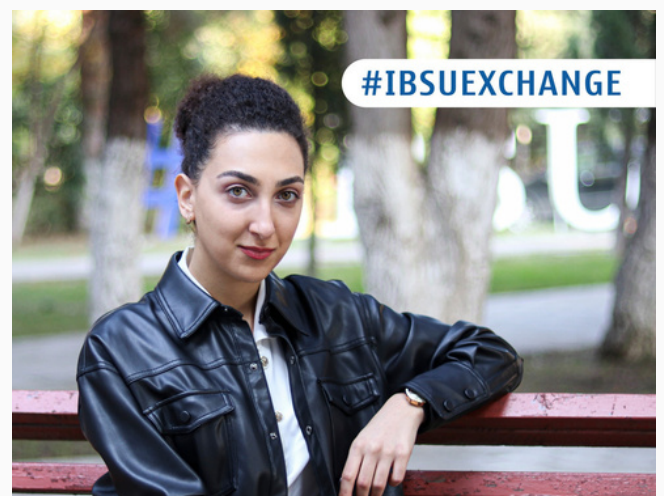
## Nisan Iosebashvili

Nisan Iosebashvili is a sophomore of IBSU's Computer Sciences Master's program. He got his bachelor's degree in Britain and now he's continuing his studies in Dresden at the HTW university.



## Mariam Banetishvili

Mariam Banetishvili is an International Relations student at IBSU. Last year, she received a chance to take part in an exchange program in a Spanish university. Delighted by her experience, she tried her luck again and this year will be attending a French university in Paris and will study International Management.



## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

### Ilona Chukhua

Ilona Chokhua is a graduate of International Relations from IBSU who is taking a part in the volunteer program of Europe's solidarity corp. named "Shuman Volunteers". Now she is in Warsaw, Poland as a volunteer teacher.



### Dimitri Zarqua

Dimitri is a Master's student at IBSU, studying Business and Technologies. He's previous experience of being an exchange student in Beijing, China inspired him to look for more opportunities. He's now in Vilnius, Lithuania.



### Students from Angola

IBSU's first Students From Angola. We wish them success and many academic achievements at IBSU and in Georgia.

### Mziko Kvikinidze

Mziko Kvikinidze studies Public Administration and Governance at IBSU. She is taking a part in the Europe's Solidarity Corp.'s volunteer project and is visiting Ankara, Turkey to present to natives Georgian culture and history.





## Tamar Chigovadze

Tamar Chigovadze is a graduate of International Relations from IBSU. Her passion led her to seek more opportunities abroad. With the help of Europe's Solidarity Corp. She's now in Kielce, Poland as a volunteer. She is taking part in different educational activities.

## Lizi Qatamadze

IBSU's student are frequently taking part in Europe's volunteering programs, so today we want to present to you Lizi:

"Hello, I'm Lizi Qatamadze, a sophomore of the Public Administration and Governance program at IBSU. I became a volunteer of the Europe's solidarity corpus and I will spend the next three months in Europe's one of the most colorful and interesting islands – Cyprus."



### INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP



## Lento Baliashvili

Lento Baliashvili is a bachelor of international relations at International Black Sea University. Now he's an Erasmus+ exchange student, studying in Vilnius, Lithuania at Mykolas Romeris University. At the same time, he's an intern at the Vilniaus arkivyskupijos Caritas organisation and is working with different social groups on foreigners integration.

### CONTEST FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



In May of 2021, International Relations Office organized the Photo contest under the name of "Georgia: The Way I See It". This photo contest was held for international students, not only for IBSU but for also all International Students of Georgia. The winners are:

- 1st Award Winner- Zharaspay Amantay
- 2nd Award Winner - Yanal Al Halabi
- 3rd Award Winner- Viktoria Khulelidze

# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



International Black Sea University hosted Brazilian Professor Marcus Vinicius de Freitas. During the visit, he had a meeting with the academic and administrative staff of the university and delivered a lecture for the International Relations program students. The topic of the lecture was “New World Order with Chinese Characteristics”.



IBSU looked into the opportunity to work with studyportal for international student recruitment.



International Black Sea University hosted a delegation from **Zwicaku University**, Germany . Professors Christian Brauweiler of the University of Zwickau (Germany) and Stafen Hellbach, Rector of IBSU, academic and administrative staff.



IBSU International Relations Program hosted a seminar on “Energy and Climate Diplomacy, Energy Efficiency and Energy Management”, organized by the **Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute**. The project is supported by the United Nations and the Development Fund of Bulgaria.



Students of the IBSU, Faculty of Law were awarded certificates of law under the Kozminski University Summer School. The law students studied 4 subjects during the summer school such as **EU Insurance Law, Multiculturalism, Multilingualism and Comparative Law, New Challenges for IP Law, Human Rights in Europe**. Studies in English, online, lasted for a month. Passed subjects were credited to the students.



IBSU has joined the Memorandum of Cooperation on Environmental Issues. Within the Plastic **Free Week framework**, with the support of the Swedish Institute and the **Swedish Embassy**, a network of Swedish alumni was hosted in Georgia. Along with various organizations and educational institutions. The event was also attended by environmental NGOs, trade unions, and organizations with high social responsibility. A symbolic memorandum was signed during the event to cooperate in environmental issues.

## IBSU HAS SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BRITISH TEACHING UNIVERSITY

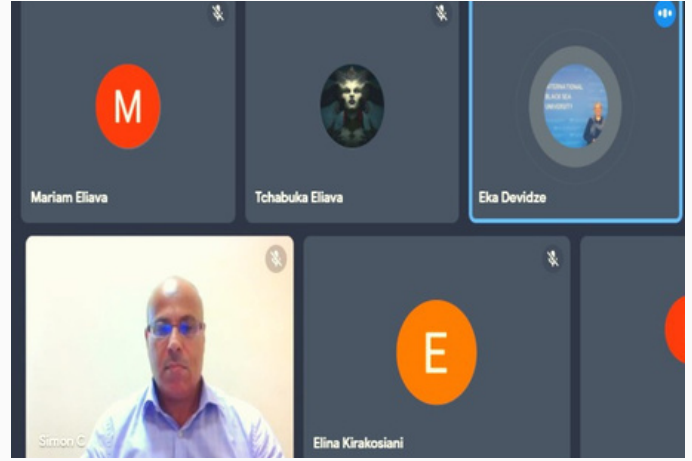
A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the International Black Sea University and the British Teaching University. Bilateral cooperation will promote professional and career development, joint programs, projects and research will be planned. The International Black Sea University is the first Georgian educational institution with which the agreement was signed.





**TWO-WEEK WORKSHOP “DEVELOPMENT OF REMOTE CONTROL ROBOT”**

The joint project of the **Dresden University of Applied Sciences (HTW)** and the International Black Sea University – a two-week workshop “Development of a remote control robot” has been completed. During the first week of the workshop participants worked online while during the second week, a German professor Mario Niegebauer conducted a master class for Georgian students at the IBSU campus. The project was conducted for fourth-year undergraduate and M.A. students of IBSU and HTW Computer Science programs.



**PROFESSOR SIMON CARUANA CONDUCTED A WORKSHOP FOR IBSU STUDENTS**

On September 27, director of the **Malta Institute of Tourism**, Professor Simon Caruana conducted a workshop entitled “**The Impact of Covid 19 on the Entertainment Industry**” within a framework of International Tourism Day, organized by the IBSU Tourism Program. During the meeting, the presenter spoke about the Covid-19 effects in the tourism sector, challenges faced by the sector, specifically – the entertainment industry. Simon Caruana has also elaborated on the new trends of global tourism in the context of pandemics.

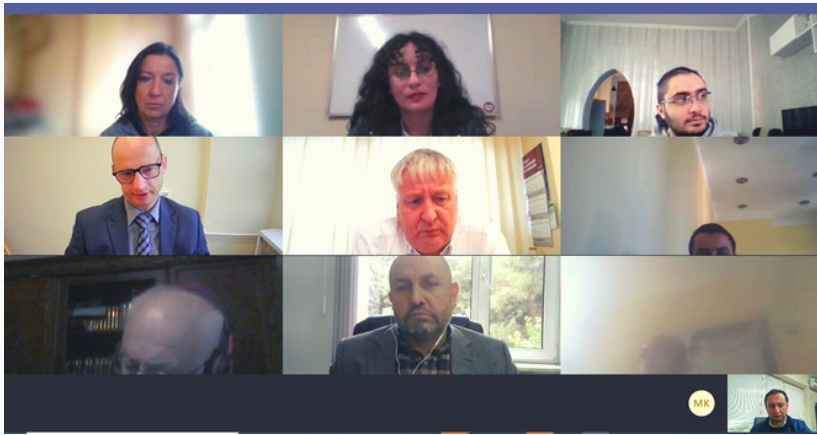


Cultural Tour for the visiting professor IBSU Tourism Program student – Liza Jokhadze in the role of a Guide

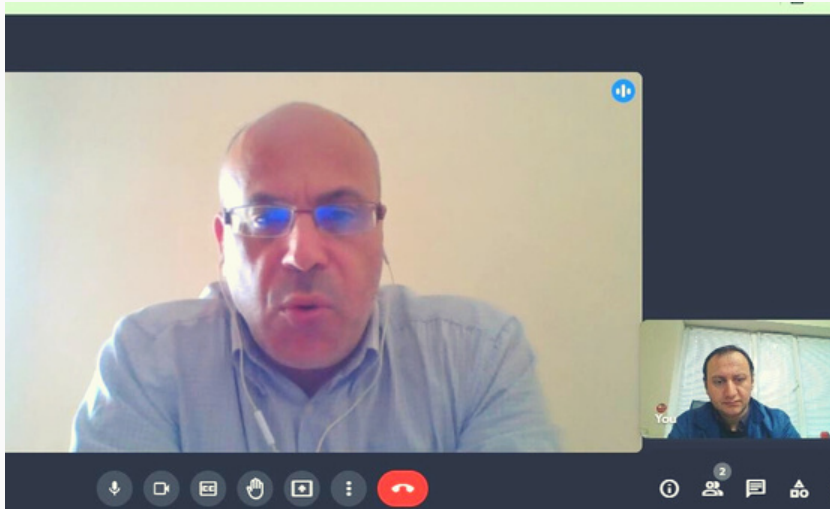


Dr. Jolanta Tkaczyk visited IBSU in the framework of Erasmus exchange staff mobility. Dr. Tkaczyk delivered 8 hour lecture to marketing BA students Dr. Tkaczyk met with the faculty members for different windows of opportunity to collaborate.

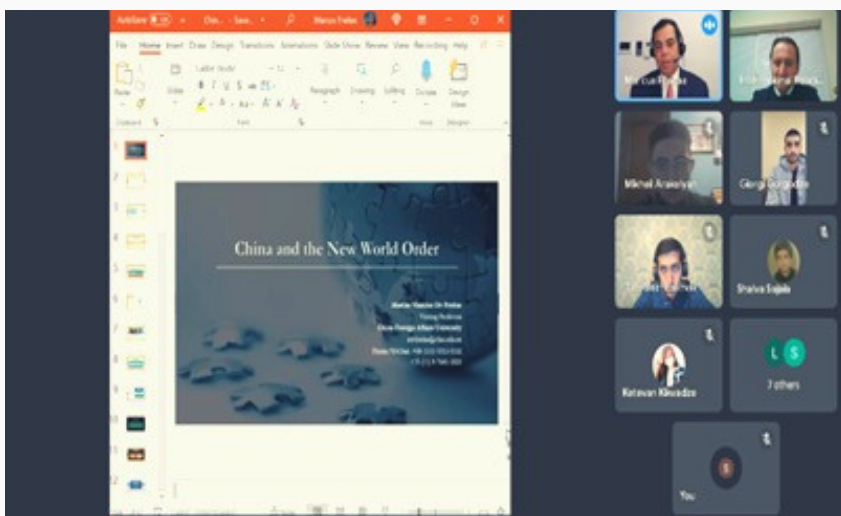




IBSU Graduate school meet with **University of Technology and Science**, UTP graduate school on doctoral students cooperation between Computer Science programs.



Meeting with **Institute of Tourism Studies** with Eka Devadze. we explored many scope of agreements from International Internship to Exchange to winery research between Georgia and Malta.



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## GERMAN PROFESSORS CONDUCTING WORKSHOP FOR IBSU STUDENTS MET WITH THE UNIVERSITY RECTOR

Mario Neugebauer, HTW Professor at the *University of Applied Sciences in Dresden*, who conducts a workshop for IBSU students, met with the Rector of the University, Saffet Bayraktutan. The meeting was attended by the Vice Rector of the University Tea Kbiltsetskhlishvili, Director of Graduated School Ilyas Ustunyer, Head of the International Relations Office Abdulmelik Alkan and Project Coordinator Mariam Razmadze.





# EDUCATIONAL FAIRS AND WEBINARS

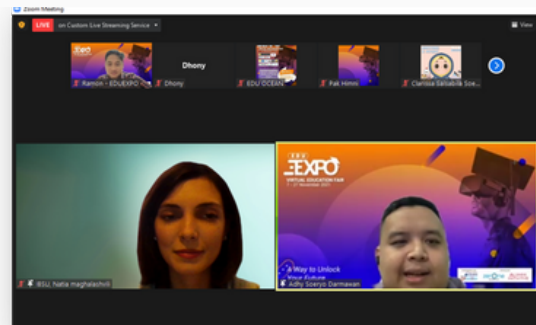
IBSU with its 120 students participated in a worldwide virtual event named "**Global Town Hall**". The international Black Sea University is considered as one of the many partners of this project.



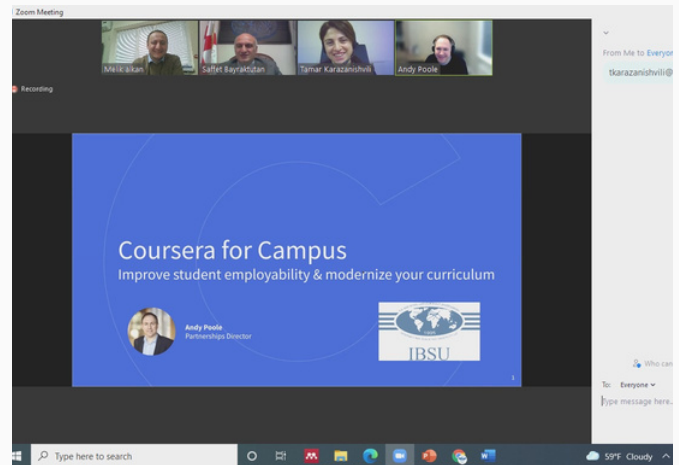
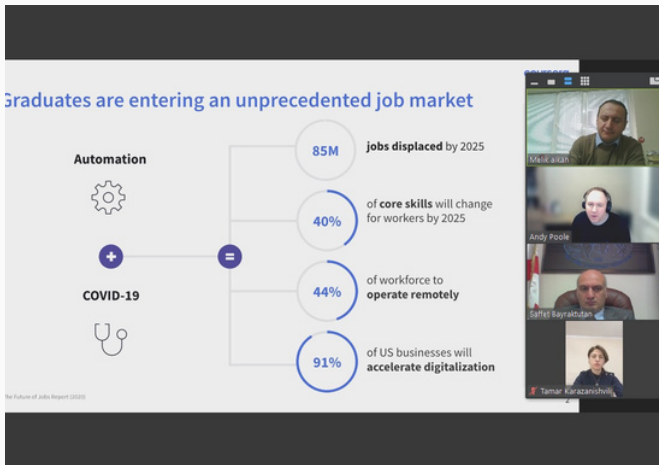
16th International Silk Road Conference was organized by the International Black Sea University. The conference, which was held online, was **attended by 109 scientists from 20 countries**. It was divided into 11 sections where 72 papers have been presented and discussions were held. The participants of the conference were welcomed at the opening ceremony by the Rector of the International Black Sea University, Prof. Saffet Bayraktutan, Rector of Akaki Tsereteli State University, Prof. Roland Kopaliani, Rector of Kutaisi University, Prof. Gocha Tutberidze, and Vice-Rector of the Georgian National University, Prof. Ana Pirtskhalashvili.



International Black Sea University participated in an Online Education Fair organized by **Nova Education in two countries, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan**. Mrs. Natia Maghalashvili, the representative of the international relations office, introduced Educational programs to prospective students in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.



International relations office's member, Natia Maghalashvili attended at **Indonesian Educational Fair EDUEXPO** on 25th November 2021.



IBSU held series of meetings with **Coursera** for Campus in order to looked for opportunity to cooperate.



The head of International Relations Office, Malik Alkan participated in education conference organised by University 195, under the patronage of the ministry of education in Bahrain.

International Black Sea University participated in BRNO International Week.



International Black Sea University was one of the supporters of the webinar entitled “The Role of Universities in Society” organized by the Magna Charta Universitatum. The webinar was organized solely for professors, university administrators.

# STAFF EXCHANGE

## PROFESSORS OF BYDGOSZCS UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY VISITED IBSU

The International Black Sea University hosted the professors from the **Faculty of Telecommunications and Computer Science of Bydgoszcs University of Science and Technology (Poland)**. Associate Professor Beata Anna Marciniak and Professor Tomasz Marciniak, from the Faculty of Telecommunications and Computer Science, Bydgoszcs University of Science and Technology are visiting Tbilisi as part of the Erasmus + Staff Mobility Project.



We are happy to tell you that IBSU's affiliated professor and the head of the Master's program in "Digital Media and Communication" "Dali Osefashvili is in Poland at the Wroclaw University with a two-month long visit.



Giorgi Tsanatskenishvili, Associate Professor, Head of the English Bachelor Program in Architecture of the International Black Sea University visited the **Polytechnical University of Bydgoszcz (PB - Politechnika Bydgoska), Poland**, within the framework of the Erasmus + exchange program.

# VISIT TO WEST ATTICA UNIVERSITY IN GREECE



Dr. Eka Devidze, Program coordinator of Tourism paid a 5 days visit to **West Attica University in Greece, partner university in Greece**. She delivered lectures and met with academic and administrative staff at the host university. D. Devidze conducted a visit as part of Erasmus+ staff mobility program between IBSU and West Attica University.



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## Professor Magda Mamanishvili visited Poland

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# INTERNATIONAL BLACK SEA UNIVERSITY IS A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

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Francophone University Agency



Central and East European Management  
Development Association



Magna Charta Universitatum



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# NEW PARTNER UNIVERSITIES DURING THE PANDEMIC

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