



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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Iveri Shainidze

Iveri is the 4th-year student of International Relations (ENG) at the International Black Sea University. In the current semester he is studying at the Faculty of Political Sciences at the Free University of Berlin through "Copernicus Berlin" scholarship program. In addition to studying at the university, this program allows to do an internship at receiving organization:

“I am doing an internship in the same organization and along with formal education, I am also learning informal education methods. We have already implemented one project in Spain, and in the future we plan to conduct similar activities in Germany as well as in other EU countries. Of course, it was not easy to win this program, but studying at IBSU gave me the confidence and motivation to face such difficulties. I should especially mention the experience of studying my program that is instructed in English. This is the main criteria, with the help of which I easily adapted to the new environment. Thanks to IBSU and the entire academic staff for that. ”

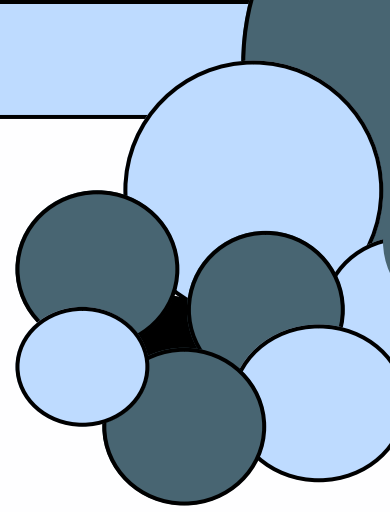


Gvantsa Ichkiti

Gvantsa has been awarded with the Lithuanian state scholarship for short-term studies at Vilnius University and she shares her experience with us:

“My favourite part of the exchange program is that I have an opportunity to meet people from the different countries and have interactions with them. Moreover, being an exchange student gives me a wide range of opportunities to explore different places and learn more about other cultures. I strongly believe that the experience which I will be gaining during the exchange, will significantly contribute to my future career growth. ”





Luka Khutsishvili

Luka is taking part in Deusto exchange program that is held online for the semester. He shares his experience with us:

"Even though it is virtual it still gives full productiveness and enables students to be engaged in the courses. The program brings together students from around the world and enables them to be engaged in courses from different countries, therefore the groups are very diverse. My course mates are very helpful, we are having group worked activities almost every week and we meet up and work together on different interesting topics and deepen our knowledge with each others' help. The courses I am taking this semester for example "Introduction to United States Law" are very helpful in real life and helps me in daily situations. "



Mikheil Pruidze

Mikheil Pruidze shared his favorite picture from his exchange year:

"I am doing my exchange semester at the University of Łódź, in Łódź, Poland. The picture attached shows the beauty of the "Umbrella Yard" off the main city center road called "Piotrkowska". I'd say the most enjoyable part of the whole exchange experience is the opportunity to work with people from various nations - I have already formed friendships with people from Portugal, Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Kazakhstan."



Kocha Changelia

Kocha is participating in the Global UGRAD program and is studying political science at Millikin University the fall semester of 2022. This international educational and cultural exchange program brings future leaders to the United States to experience the U.S. educational system, enhance their knowledge, and explore U.S. culture and values.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Hamdhaan Abdul Ghani

“Hi I am Hamdhaan Abdul Ghani from Maldives. I am studying for a Master's in Management. I chose IBSU because of the quality & experience level of the lecturers. I enjoy gaining new knowledge and challenging myself to new things.”

Karishma Krishna

“I'm Karishma Krishna from Fiji Islands. I had pursued a Diploma in Management Studies in Fiji and once this BA in Management at IBSU was announced I was excited about this wonderful opportunity. I chose IBSU as I love the spirit of European traditions and hopefully would love to travel more on the magical continents of Europe...”



Students from 34 countries



■ Angola	■ Azerbaijan	■ Cameroon	■ Canada	■ China	■ Czech Republic
■ Egypt	■ Fiji	■ Georgia	■ Germany	■ Greece	■ India
■ Iran	■ Israel	■ Italy	■ Japan	■ Jordan	■ Kazakhstan
■ kyrgyzstan	■ Lebanon	■ Lithuania	■ Maldives	■ Nigeria	■ Pakistan
■ Philippines	■ Russia	■ South Africa	■ Sri-Lanka	■ Sudan	■ Syria
■ Tajikistan	■ Turkey	■ UAE	■ Ukraine	■ USA	■ Vanuatu
■ Yemen					

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES



A free Georgian language course for foreign students is organized by the IBSU Academy and International Relations Office. The main goal of the course is to introduce foreign students to Georgian society and culture. The course is led by Natia Maghalashvili- International Relations Officer of IBSU.



The "SPINNAKER" project has been organized under the Marketing program of the International Black Sea University based on the initiative of Professor Tornike Khoshtaria. Within the framework of the project IBSU students visited Siedlce University in Poland.



With the help of the US Embassy to Georgia, International Black Sea University hosted Heather Tatton-Harris, English Language specialist from Washington DC, USA. Heather is a curriculum and assessment manager at the Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School in Washington DC. She met the students from the English Philology Program and delivered a workshop on the topic of Creating the Space for Taking Risks in the ELT Classroom. The workshop was interactive. The students were able to ask questions and express their thoughts.



International students of IBSU had an opportunity to participate in the activities of Lingo Quest language club. Students and members of the administration had the opportunity to get acquainted with the cultural and linguistic features of such foreign countries as Fiji, Egypt, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan at an exhibition-type multicultural event. Moreover, the members of the club awarded the participating students with Georgian, traditional, themed New Year's souvenirs.

STAFF MOBILITY and ACTIVITY



Representatives of International Black Sea University - Dean of the Faculty of Social, Humanitarian and Educational Sciences, head of the American studies program, professor, Dr. Tamar Shioshvili and professors of international relations and law of IBSU attended the reception dedicated to the Day of Georgian Diplomacy, which was held in the administration of the President of Georgia.



Dr. Miriam Akkermann, Professor of Empirical Musicology at TU Dresden visited International Black Sea University and held a public lecture on “Composing with computers and developments in music and technology”. The event was interactive, Students had the opportunity to ask any kind of questions and get comprehensive information on issues which they were interested in.



At International Black Sea University, a 3-day lecture course : "How does the EU work?" was held. The course was led by Roman Strasser, a former official of the European Parliament and honorary doctor at International Black Sea University. The course contained 3 sessions about the genesis and development of the European Union from the 50ties until today, the European Institutions and bodies, the challenges the EU has to face and Georgia in the EU and the EU in Georgia: a win and mutual benefit situation.



Researchers from the University of Berlin and Rome visited International Black Sea University and had a meeting with rector, Dr. Saffet Bayraktutan, Dean of the School of Law and Public Administration Ketevan Kokrashvili and Deputy Dean Nona Zubitashvili. Issues of further cooperation within the framework of internationalization were discussed at the meeting.

STAFF MOBILITY and ACTIVITY



Khatia Butikashvili, head of the IBSU library was in Germany at the West Saxon University of Applied Sciences in Zwickau on a DAAD scholarship. In order to refine and improve the services of the library, she met with representatives of the university and students, the head of the library, where experience was shared and a common vision was formed.



Melik Alkan, Head of the International relations Office represented IBSU at the 11th Multidisciplinary Forum. The forum was organized by IBSU partners from Italy and European Scientific Institute Grigol Robakidze in Batumi on September 1-2. IBSU discussed cooperation with several universities that participated in the conference.



Within the doctoral program of Sciences American professor, Judith Elliott held a seminar. The topic of the seminar was “Reflections on the Process and Procedures for Conducting Doctoral research”. Judith Elliott is an Ed.D. in Cognitive Development and Social Studies Education. Academic and administrative personals of International Black Sea University were attended seminar.



IBSU International Relations Program Coordinator Baia Ivaneishvili and International Relations officer Natia Maghalashvili, as part of the Erasmus + Staff program from the 10th to 15th of October, were on a working visit to WSPA University in Lublin, Poland, where they attended the official opening ceremony of the 2022-2023 academic year, met with the Dean of International Relations and Vice-rector. Both parties shared the vision and goals of the university.

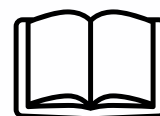
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES and MEETINGS



International Black Sea University hosted the 17th International "Silk Road" conference. More than 100 scientists from 7 different nations attended the meeting. The conference was divided into 11 parts, including politics, economics, social sciences, law, business, and technology, where engaging conversations and speaker reports were heard.



The International Relations office invited Mr. Andy Poole from Coursera. He introduced the new Campus Coursera for integration of education into Coursera and its tools to IBSU academic and administrative staff.



The "Implementation of European Standards in the Legal Professions – News, Challenges and Perspectives" legal professions development forum, was held on September 23 with assistance from the Swedish Embassy in Georgia, financial support from the Swedish Institute, and coordination from the Swedish alumni network. The meeting's goal was to examine the present state and potential outcomes of recent, ongoing, and planned changes in the field.



The 13th Annual International Research Conference was opened by the United States Ambassador to Georgia Kelly Degnan. The conference was dedicated to the 30th Anniversary of the United States - Georgia Diplomatic Relation. The opening part of the conference ended with the performance of the Tbilisi City Hall Big Band. The American Studies Annual International Research Conference was organized by the faculty of Social Sciences, Humanities and Education.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES and MEETINGS



The Faculty of Law of the International Black Sea University, in cooperation with the Faculty of Business Technologies of the Technical University of Georgia hosted the international symposium “Economic Crime in the European Union and Georgia” at the IBSU campus. Within the framework of the symposium, reports were presented by both German and Georgian researchers and practicing lawyers in terms of economic crime research and investigation.



The project "Raising Research Capacity of Georgian HEIs through Developing R&D Units/HERD aims to respond to major objectives of Georgian R&D strategy defined by the government’s four-point development plan including education reform and creation of knowledge-based society, to the strategic development plans on quality enhancement of education, capacity building on tech-transfer via strengthening university-industry relations, and internationalization; and to new standards of National Center for Education Quality Enhancement.



Dr. Marina Razmadze, Head of Research Projects and Innovation Office at the International Black Sea University was on a business visit to Zwickau, Germany. Within the visit Marina met with the representatives of the IDEA partner countries where all necessary materials and regulations for the international accreditation package were developed by all five partner countries.



Rector of International Black Sea University Dr. Saffet Bayraktutan, the head of the journalism undergraduate program Dr. Magda Memanishvili and our students participated in the conference "Constructive News" that was held within the framework of the visit of Ulrik Haagerup - the founder of the Danish Constructive Institute.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES and MEETINGS



As part of the "Georgian Media Education Program" of the US Embassy, the final meeting and reception was held with the participants of the Chicago exchange program. On behalf of BSU, the reception held on behalf of the embassy was attended by rector Saffet Bayraktutan and the participants of the Chicago exchange program, the head of the "Digital Media and Communication Master's Program" Prof. Dali Osepashvili and lecturer of digital media production and design courses Alexander Keshelashvili.



Richelle Rogers, head of the Master's Program in Digital Media at Loyola University in Chicago, visited International Black Sea University. Richelle Rogers met with the Rector of the Black Sea University, Dr. Saffet Bayraktutan, head of the master's program - Dali Osepashvili. At the meeting, he held a master class on such topics as disinformation.



The International Relations Office organized orientation meetings with international students. Rector, Dr. Saffet Bayraktutan congratulated foreign students on the start of their studies. IR office head Mr. Melik introduced Georgia to the students, it's beautiful sightseeing, a brief history of the university, and various available services and projects that are implemented for foreign students at the university.



Representatives of the international company "Devexpert " visited International Black Sea University. Issues of future cooperation were discussed at the meeting. Commercial goals will retrain stuff in Georgia, which cooperates with various universities.

INTERNATIONAL FAIRS and WEBINARS

SPEAKERS:



DONALD CHUNGU
is the Director Quality Assurance at Cavendish University Zambia. Previously, he was the Director for Distance Education and Open



MELIK ALKAN
is the head of the International Relations office at the International Black Sea University in Tbilisi, Georgia, where he also teaches



DALILA SUHONJIC
is an international education specialist with 20 years of experience in international education and student services with experience in over 30

Melik Alkan - The head of the International Relations office at the International Black Sea University in Tbilisi, Georgia, was invited speaker international webinar to talk about International Culture, Education in Georgia. For universities, an international student body is an excellent way to develop culturally aware students and to prepare them for the global labor market. The webinar emphasized on the critical questions - How do educational institutions attract students from abroad? What makes an offer attractive to international students? What kind of infrastructure needs to be put in place? And importantly, how to ensure the recognition of credentials so that graduates can secure jobs back in their home countries?

American Days



IBSU participated in the American Days festival dedicated to the 30th anniversary of Georgia-US diplomatic relations. Within the framework of the festival, IBSU marketing students and students of the undergraduate program of American studies took part in various sports and cultural activities.

Thanksgiving



IBSU hosted thanksgiving celebration that was joined by the coordinator of the Exchange Programs at the U.S. Embassy - Irakli Malania and the American Fulbright researchers in Georgia. The students and staff members presented historical oversights of thanksgiving as well as performing American songs which gave the event American cultural character.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

GEORGIAN CULTURAL NIGHT



International Black Sea University organized the Georgian Culture Festival, which was attended by representatives of 10 leading European countries. During the event, foreign guests had the opportunity to get to know the Georgian culture, customs, and taste the outstanding dishes of Georgian cuisine. IBSU always takes care to promote our country internationally

KOREAN CULTURE FESTIVAL



Korean Language and Culture Student Club organized a Korean culture festival at International Black Sea University. The event was attended by South Korean Ambassador to Georgia Kim Tong Ob and representatives of the GKB- Georgian-Korean Bridge. The festival was opened by the rector of the Black Sea International University Saffet Bayraktutan. As the Rector noted, the University is pleased to host His Excellency the Ambassador and the Korean Culture Festival, where IBSU students and school students had the opportunity to get to know Korean culture more closely. The festival participants enjoyed K-Pop performances and tasted the traditional Korean dish - Kimbab.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ISIC IBSU



On November 5th International Student Integration club called all of our IBSU students to compete in the "Cultural Trivia"! They tested their knowledge in the categories: Religion, Art, History, and Culture and the winners got some prizes.

STUDENT INTERNATIONAL DAY



IBSU student self-government organized event dedicated to the "International Student Day". The event was full of wonderful performances and activities where students were involved in genuinely.



IBSU STUDENTS



Junior students of International Relations program implemented a project through FLEX Emergency Grant Program and consulted Ukrainian refugees who left Ukraine after the war and had to come down in Georgia. The project included psychological and administrative consultations from invited guests and speakers.

CLUB FAIR



The exhibition of student unions was held in #IBSU. Student self-government, student clubs, business alphabet, marketers introduced themselves with different tasks and students had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the activities of each union and, if they wish, to participate in their activities.



**Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year
2023**



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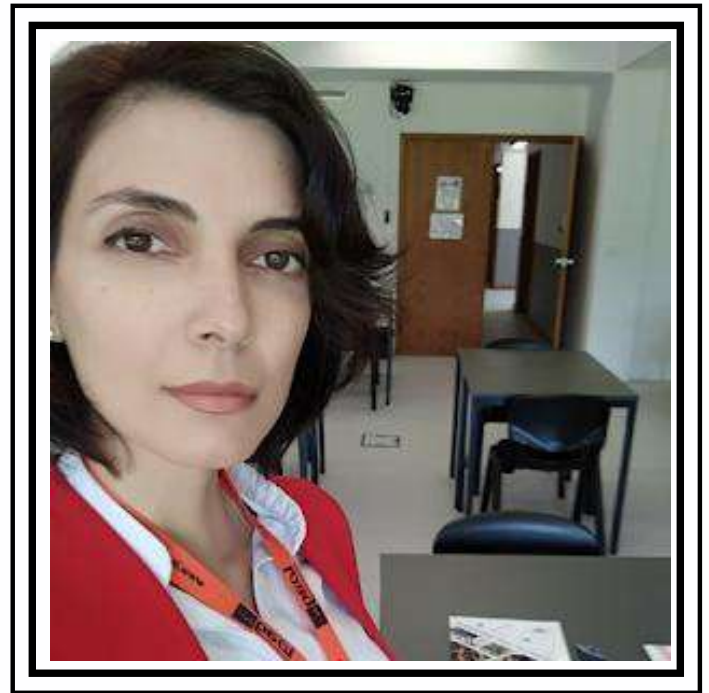
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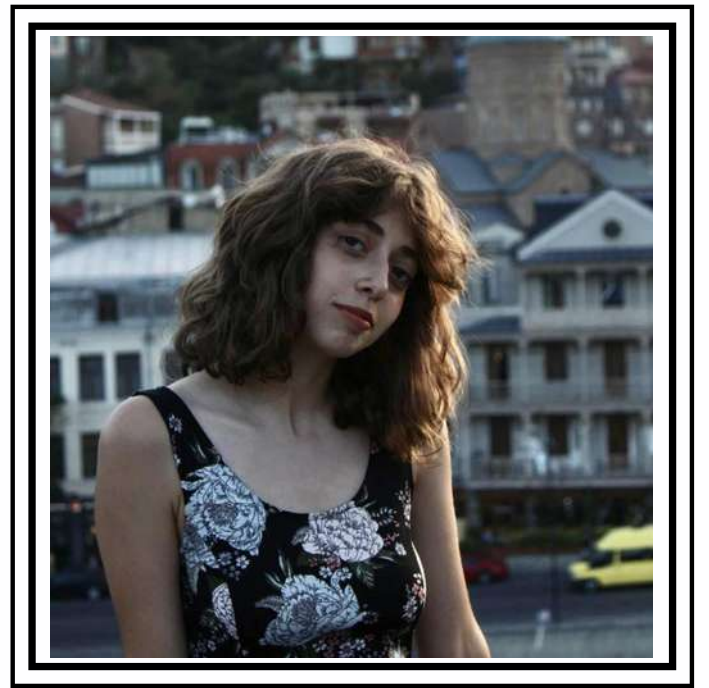
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