

<p>Georgian National Identity: Conflict and Integration</p>	<p>Countries involved: Georgia</p>
	<p>Institutions involved: Center for Social Sciences (CSS) http://www.css.ge/</p>
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<p>Short Description: Since the late 90s, the transformation of social settings and cultural patterns has become the subject of intensive debate in the democratization process of Georgia. So far, little empirical knowledge has been gained regarding the Georgians' attitudes and perceptions of national identity. Therefore, the proposed research project aims to identify the Georgian national identity in two ways: a) ethnic and civic national identities, as well as how they contribute to the integration of Georgian society, and b) the formation of modernity in contemporary Georgia. Mixed research methodology will be applied to provide quantitative and qualitative outcomes representing the unifying, distinguishing and overlapping traits/values between ethnic and civic national identities leading to internal integration/conflicts. Quantitative data will be obtained through complex statistical analysis of the nationwide surveys: National Identity (2013) and Citizenship (2014), dataset of the International Social Survey Program, both of which were conducted by the CSS in Georgia. In order to provide deeper insight for the quantitative study, the research team will conduct focus groups with Georgian citizens and in-depth interviews with policy makers and scholars working in the relevant fields.</p>	
<p>Main Objectives: The project intends to: (1) identify the traits shaping the Georgian national identity in two directions: ethnic national identity and civic national identity; (2) capture the unifying, distinguishing and overlapping features between ethnic and civic national identities in Georgia; (3) explore whether the unifying features provide an effective environment for the growth of internal social integration [Georgia]; (4) identify which distinguishing features lead to internal social conflicts [Georgia]; and (5) identify the appearance of modernity in Georgia ['Georgian modernity'] based on the defined Georgian national identity.</p>	
<p>Expected Outputs: The final monograph, to be printed in Georgian and English, will be distributed among Georgian Universities, local/international NGOs, and policy institutions (1); The Paper will be submitted to an international conference organized by the Center for Social Sciences (2); The Paper will be published online and submitted to peer-reviewed journals (3); The final project will be shown in a presentation open to scholars, students, NGOs and official representatives (4); Participation in the international conferences (CSS 2014, ASCN 2016) (5).</p>	
<p>Duration: 24 months (1 October 2014 – 30 September 2016)</p>	<p>Value: 48'929 CHF</p>