

<p>The Role of Identity, Norms and Beliefs in Foreign Policy of Armenia and Georgia</p>	<p>Countries involved: Armenia and Georgia</p>
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<p>Short Description:</p> <p>The project explores the influence of identity of Armenia and Georgia on their respective foreign policies. The research tries to uncover the structure of the national identity in the two countries. It looks into four dimensions of the identity: value systems of political elites, attitudes of the public, discourse, and actual foreign policy behaviour. The project is an attempt to understand to what extent these four branches that feed into the national identity are in congruence with each other. What is of no less significance, however, is to identify which of these four aspects of national identity in Armenia and Georgia has greater impact on the foreign policy-making. These issues are explored with a mixture of qualitative (in-depth interviews with members of political elites, discourse analysis) and quantitative (nationwide surveys in the two countries) methods.</p>	
<p>Main Objectives:</p> <p>The project aims to accomplish two main goals. The first objective is to understand if foreign policy in Armenia and Georgia is elite-driven or more considerate with regard of public opinion. The second objective is to understand whether discursive foreign policy goals in the two countries and actual political behaviour are in line with each other. Further, the project intends to explore similarities and differences between Armenia and Georgia in this regard.</p>	
<p>Expected Outputs:</p> <p>The targeted output of the project is an edited volume and two academic articles submitted to peer-reviewed academic journals.</p>	
<p>Duration: 24 months (1 March 2014 - 29 February 2016)</p>	<p>Value: 99'300 CHF</p>