“(Dis)placement, State Violence and Women’s Agency: The Case of Georgian Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)”

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Keynote: 6-7:30pm

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Since 1991, over 350,000 people have been displaced from Abkhazia and South Ossetia as a result of separatist conflicts and the 2008 war between Russia and Georgia. This upheaval impacted how women claim their identities and agency in Georgia. This presentation looks at how conflict, state violence and displacement can challenge gender norms but also argues that these changes do not seem to go so far as to restructure the gender order and gender ideologies.