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About NES REPORT and New Economic School - Georgia (NES):

NES REPORT is e-newsletter issued as an official publication of New Economic School - Georgia in order to inform international public about vision, work and activities of NES.

"New Economic School - Georgia" is a society for dissemination of economic knowledge, ideas of liberty, peace and commerce.

Organizing group of the NGO was created in August of 2001.

Mission of the society is facilitation of changes toward individual emancipation from mental slavery and economic freedom by educating people via public lectures, conferences, publications, policy advocacy and consultancy.

The society regularly works with students, scientists, journalists, experts, businessmen, politicians, state officials around Georgia.

NES-G is first pure free market organization in whole Southern Caucasus and leads integration process of free minded representatives of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan.

The society is initiator of Southern Caucasian regional network of Economic Freedom of the World.

NES-G cooperates with more than 70 free market organizations worldwide and regularly participates in European, Asian and American Recourse Bank meetings.

Work of NES was recognized by Atlas Foundation (USA) with Templeton Freedom Award for Student Outreach and Templeton Freedom Prize for Institute Excellency in 2005.

In this issue:

NES REPORT informs about international seminar "Approaches to Development and Poverty Elimination - Perspectives of Southern Caucasian Countries" with Dr. Tibor Machan, that was organized by NES in cooperation with FNF from July 11 to July 15, 2006 in Bakuriani, Georgia.

International Seminar: "Approaches to Development and Poverty Elimination - Perspectives of Southern Caucasian Countries" with Dr. Tibor Machan

July 11 - 15, 2006, Bakuriani, Georgia

From July 11 to July 15, 2006 at Bakuriani, a mountain resort in middle of Georgia, in the hotel "VERA-PALACE," the International Seminar "Approaches to Development and Poverty Elimination - Perspectives of Southern Caucasian Countries" was held, with lectures by Dr. Tibor R. Machan (Hoover Institute research fellow, Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, Auburn University, Alabama, and holds the R. C. Hoiles Endowed Chair in Business Ethics and Free Enterprise at the Argyros School of Business and Economics, Chapman University), Mr. Paata Sheshelidze (President of New Economic School - Georgia) and Mr. Gia Jandieri (Vice-President of New Economic School - Georgia).

The seminar was organized by the New Economic School of Georgia, with support of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (Dr. Wolfgang John, Head of Project of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation in the Southern Caucasus). 25 young representatives of classical liberal oriented political parties--including economists, philosophers, journalists, students and activists of various NGOs from Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia--participated in this Seminar.



Participants of the seminar

The Seminar was organized so as to discuss classical liberal ideas, libertarian political philosophy, Objectivism, business ethics, and an individualistic approach to political and intellectual changes toward a free market based society in countries of Southern Caucasus. Those are all relatively new ideas for representatives of Southern Caucasus.

The seminar was organized as a continuation of the South Caucasian dialogue by free market oriented youth--initiated by New Economic School of Georgia some years ago--

in order to promote individual liberty, private property, and the free market, as well as the emancipation from post-communist dependence on government and ideological slavery.

Dr. Machan delivered six scholarly lectures on:

"Individual rights in Today's Political Philosophical Climate"; "Classical Liberalism as Theoretical Ground for Liberal Society"; "Political Economy of Transition"; "Approaches to Development and Poverty Elimination"; "Business Ethics, True and False "; "Objectivity: Can We Know Reality as it really is?" His talked received significant attention, interest and respect from the audience.



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International Seminar with Dr. Tibor Machan in Bakuriani, Georgia

Dr. Machan called the attention of the participants to the history and recent developments of ideas of the philosophy of liberty; he explained basics of several political and philosophical theories and differences between them. All the relevant Issues were vigorously discussed and debated and most participants learned that the ideas presented in the lectures could help them to find solutions for numerous political and economic problems in the region.

During the lectures and workshops, moderated by Paata Sheshelidze, the attention of participants was focused on both theories and practical policies leading toward a system of liberty and the role in this process of transition of individual actors.

Workshop moderated by Gia Jandieri showed that most participants were centrist at beginning of the seminar but by the end of the event many of them began to eagerly debate libertarian solutions of such topics as poverty resolution in Southern Caucasus. They showed great interest in subscribing to NES-NEWS as well as to different free market web sites suggested to them by the organizers.

The Seminar was so successful and efficient that Dr. Machan, the author and editor of more than 30 books, including "Capitalism and Individualism" and "The virtue of Liberty", and journals, as well as several hundreds of articles and other scientific papers, decided to undertake to write a book based on his Georgian lectures, with plans to develop the lectures using, in part, some examples learned from his own Southern Caucasian experience. The book will be translated into Georgian and other Southern Caucasian languages and will be available for friends of liberty in the region.



Lecture of Dr. Tibor Machan

For the end of the seminar, during evaluation session, all participants remarked that the defining and justifying of the philosophical grounds of political actions are crucial because this helps the motivation and development of the viewpoint of actors. They mentioned that further discussion of classical liberal and libertarian theories will be extremely welcome so as to discover the best path to liberty and prosperity. Weekly press-info of Georgian Investment Bank, leading representative of which attended the seminar, informed its 3700 subscribers that "Dr. Tibor Machan visit in the Caucasus region is a very important issue and we want to thank the New Economic School of Georgia and Friedrich Naumann Foundation for that possibility on behalf of every participant".

Future international events of New Economic School in Georgia

- September 20, Presentation of the Economic Freedom of the World 2006 in cooperation with Fraser Institute and Friedrich Naumann Foundation
- October 23-25, "Defense of Global Capitalism" with Johan Norberg in cooperation with Friedrich Naumann Foundation
- October 25-27, "Southern Caucasus - region of Freedom, Commerce and Peace" in cooperation with State Minister of Georgia Mr. Bendukidze, CATO Institute, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Atlas Foundation, CIPE
- November (dates are discussed), "Free Man, Free Mind, Free Market - III South Caucasian Summit" in cooperation with Foundation for Economic Education



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