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KORNELI KEKELIDZE GEORGIAN NATIONAL CENTRE OF MANUSCRIPTS



4th International Spring School

**"Abkhazia (Georgia): From the Ancient times to the Present
(Historical-Culturological Aspects)"**

22-28 May, 2025

Tbilisi, Georgia

We are pleased to inform you that the **4th International Spring School "Abkhazia (Georgia): From Ancient Times to the Present (Historical-Culturological Aspects)"**, will be held from May 22 to 28, 2025.

Korneli Kekelidze Georgian National Centre of Manuscripts welcomes foreign and Georgian researchers and students (MA, PhD) interested in Georgian history and culture, whose scientific interests correspond to the main scientific-research directions of the National Centre of Manuscripts (classical and/or ancient Georgian philology, source studies, archival studies, manuscript and book culture, restoration, digitalization, etc.).

For the 4th time, this project is being implemented in collaboration with Sokhumi State University, with financial support from the Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation within the framework of the "A Grant Competition 2024 Supporting Georgian Occupied Territories Studying National Research Projects and International Scientific Events." The main goal of the project is to comprehend the history of the occupied territory of Georgia and its integral part, the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia, based on contemporary scientific criteria.

We aim to discuss existing topics, determine prospective research perspectives, develop collaborative relations, and involve young scientists in the research of the issues related to Abkhazia.

The spring school program is dynamic and includes six learning modules. 1. Understanding the terms "Abkhazia" and "Abkhazian." 2. Abkhazia: From Ancient Times to the Present. 3. Abkhazia: From the "Kingdom of Abkhazia" to the occupied territory. 4. Existence in Abkhazia:

An ethnological excursion. 5. Abkhazia: Cultural Heritage. 6. Abkhazia in the Collections of the National Centre of Manuscripts.

In addition to lectures and workshops, we have planned round table and panel discussions, as well as field trips to visit historical monuments related to the topics. Distinguished Georgian scientists and international researchers will share their research results and methodology with Georgian and foreign participants.

- ❖ The working languages of the school are Georgian and English. Lectures and other activities will be conducted with the support of simultaneous translation. Applicants will be selected through a competitive process.
- ❖ The National Centre of Manuscripts will cover participants' expenses, including accommodation and food; individuals **are responsible for their travel costs to and from Tbilisi, Georgia.**

Please, fill out the **Application Form** no later than the 10th of March, 2025.

- Application Form: <https://forms.gle/iYor4MLLuyqSQ6eq7>

Selected candidates will be notified by the 15th of March 2025.

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