

CASCADE

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External partners:

Led by the Fondation Maison des sciences de l’Homme, **CASCADE** brings together 8 research centres and institutes from across the EU, Russia and the Caucasus:

Fondation Maison des sciences de l’Homme (France), Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham (United Kingdom), Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI, Sweden), Friedrich Schiller University Jena (Germany), Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences (Russian Federation), Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS, Georgia), International Centre for Human Development (ICHD, Armenia).

Abstract

CASCADE is a European EU-funded research project led by the Fondation Maison des sciences de l’Homme (scientific coordinator: Dr. Laure Delcour). **CASCADE** was selected under the EU FP7 call for proposal “Security and democracy in the neighbourhood: The case of the Caucasus”. The project de-compartmentalises research on the Caucasus by exploring linkages between societal challenges, political developments and conflicts and investigating the interactions between the North and South Caucasus, as well as between the Caucasus and its wider neighbourhood. On the basis of a strong comparative and interdisciplinary approach, **CASCADE** seeks to provide a more accurate understanding of how democracy and security are perceived, understood, experienced and exploited as political and social resources by Caucasus actors and other actors involved in the region. Drawing upon extensive fieldwork in the North and South Caucasus, including in the conflict areas and de facto States, **CASCADE** generates a wealth of empirical data as well as new and important insights into security and democracy in the Caucasus. The project’s outcomes will also be largely policy-driven and **CASCADE**’s impact will be considerable in terms of shaping EU policy toward the Caucasus. The project will act as a knowledge hub to spur debate and bring together academic and policy communities from Europe and the Caucasus.

The final academic conference will take place at the ULB 20 and 21 October 2016. See: <http://www.cascade-caucasus.eu/912>

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