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## ■ Brief History of the Institute

The South Caucasus Institute of Regional Security (SCIRS) was created in April 2002 as a result of a joint initiative of the Georgian National Committee of the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, supported by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Armenia and Azerbaijan as well as the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

SCIRS is a non-profit international organization that understands itself as a 'think tank' with a network structure. The Institute conducts interdisciplinary academic research and preparing young experts.

## ■ Mission of the Institute

SCIRS unites experts and analysts working on the problems of the countries of the South Caucasus as well as its neighbors, through academic, governmental, societal and international organizations. In the name of the well-being of the inhabitants of the South Caucasus, the Institute promotes the development of a culture of regional self-management and the establishment of a regional security system in the South Caucasus.

## ■ Activity Levels

The South Caucasus Institute of Regional Security conducts its activity on local, national, regional and international levels.

## ■ Primary Goal

SCIRS aims at the sustainable development of the region as a whole, while caring about the mental, physical and material well-being of the inhabitants of the South Caucasus. It also aims to establish a clear definition of its specific role in affairs of international stability and global security.

## ■ Main Objectives

- 1 Creating conditions for strengthening of a regional identification
- 2 Promoting the formation of a common security system on a regional level
- 3 Promoting the regulation and prevention of conflicts in the region
- 4 Deepening the level of democratic transformation in all regions of the South Caucasus
- 5 Developing multilateral cooperation with other regions of the world
- 6 Developing trans-border cooperation between neighboring countries using international experience
- 7 Promoting the formation of a regional economy
- 8 Supporting the establishment of a common system of ecological security
- 9 Creating a common informational space
- 10 Supporting the process of integration of the countries of the South Caucasus into the European Union

## ■ Work Method

- Establishing a network of experts on the South Caucasus
- Preventing conflicts by means of media monitoring and field visits
- Organizing regular round tables, focus groups, scientific conferences
- Creating an upper-level educational institute for applied conflictology for young experts in order to raise their academic qualifications
- Publishing books and a special newsletter; website [www.scirs.org](http://www.scirs.org) and other productions

## ■ Services Offered

- Information service and consultation
- Conducting special expert research
- Independent expertise with projects focusing on legal acts, the negotiation process, and political actions
- Preparing recommendations for governments and international organizations
- Hall for conducting round tables, seminars, press-conferences
- Library (more than 7000 printed and electronic titles)
- Assistance and resources for organizing conferences and seminars in our Tbilisi and Telavi locales



## ■ Donor Organizations

- Georgian National Committee of the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly
- Friedrich Ebert Foundation
- Conflict Studies Research Center of the United Kingdom's Defense Academy
- Interchurch Peace Council (IKV)
- Interchurch Cooperation Development Organization (ICCO)
- European Commission delegation in Georgia and Armenia
- Danish Refugee Council

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