**European Integration Research Center**

**Regulation**

**Article 1. General Provisions**

1. European Integration Research Center (hereafter referred to as the center) is a Georgian National University SEU (hereafter referred to as the university) scientific-research structural unit.
2. The Center conducts its activities in accordance with the regulations approved by the Rector of the University.
3. Changes and additions to the regulations of the Center are made by the University in compliance with the rules established by the statute.
4. The European Integration Research Center brings together the university professors of Law, Business Administration, Humanities and Social Sciences who practice sectoral interdisciplinary or comparative studies on European issues.

**Article 2. Objectives of the Research Center**

The objectives of the European Integration Research Center are as follows:

1. Scientific study of European integration as a legal, economic, social and historical event;
2. Interdisciplinary perspective-based research on European issues;
3. Scientific research of European matters, practice problems and current issues in the society;
4. Generalization of research results and elaboration of proposals intended to improve the Georgian legislation;
5. Promoting the development of European integration in the country.

**Article 3. Directions of the Research Center**

The main activities of the European Integration Research Center are as follows:

1. Involvement of young researchers in interdisciplinary and field research projects with experienced researchers;
2. Availability of research results for university students;
3. Reflection and introduction of research results in educational disciplines.

**Article 4. Areas of activity of the Research Center**

To achieve the objectives set out in Article 2 of the Regulation of the European Integration Research Center:

1. Cooperates with state bodies, non-governmental organizations and research institutions;
2. Cooperates with foreign educational-research institutions;
3. Participates in national and international projects, or implements them on its own. Periodically conducts international and national conferences, seminars and workshops, which serve to present the results of the Institute's research’
4. The Center conducts research within the framework of a thematic research project.

**Article 5. Structure of the Center**

1. The Center consists of the head (director), coordinator, heads of field research groups and its members.
2. The activities of the Center are managed by the Director of the Center.
3. Sectoral research groups may be established in the Center, headed by the Head of the Field Working Group.
4. The scientific activities of the Center are managed by the Scientific Council of the Center.

**Article 6. Head of the Center (Director)**

The head of the center exercises his/her authority for a period of 5 years. His/her re-appointment to the same position is possible, only 2 times in a row. The director of the Center:

1. Organizes the activities of the Center; together with the Scientific Council of the Center, the director also directs the scientific activities of the Center;
2. Submits to the Scientific Council for approval the main scientific directions defined by the Council;
3. Organizes the financing of scientific projects, material and technical support;
4. Promotes the development of the Center's scientific contacts with Georgian and foreign scientific-educational institutions and other organizations;
5. Organizes the publication of scientific research;
6. The Center, in agreement with the Academic Council, prepares the staff list of the Center and submits it to the Rector of the University.
7. Represents the Institute in various organizations or institutions.

**Article 7. Head of the Field Research Group of the Center**

1. The center may have a head of a field research group in different fields.

2. Head of the field research group:

1. Leads the work of a group of researchers in the relevant field.
2. Develops new research initiatives and submits them to the Head of the Center and the Scientific Council of the Center for consideration.
3. Delivers the opinion of a field research group in the case of interdisciplinary work.
4. Takes care of the involvement of new scientific staff in the research conducted within the Center.

**Article 8. Scientific Staff of the Center**

The Center's academic staff consists of the University's academic staff as well as researchers who do not hold an academic position at the University.

**Article 9. Scientific Council of the Center**

1. The director of the Center and the heads of the field research groups of the Center form the Scientific Council of the Center.

2. The Board is authorized to elect an academic staff or researcher working in another scientific-educational institution as a member of the Board by a simple majority of votes.

3. The activities of the Scientific Council of the Center are managed by the Head of the Center.

4. The Scientific Council reviews and decides on the issues of scientific management and development of the Center, in particular:

* 1. Reviews and approves scientific-research work plans;
	2. Discusses issues of cooperation with other scientific institutions and various organizations;
	3. Hears and reviews reports on the activities of individual researchers;
	4. discusses the issues of international scientific cooperation of the Institute, the Implementation of joint projects with foreign scientific institutions;
	5. Hears and reviews the reports of the staff of the Institute on scientific trips abroad;
	6. Identifies issues of expediency of integrating research results into the learning process.
	7. Is authorized for all issues related to the scientific activity and activities of the Center.

5. The meetings of the Scientific Council of the Center are chaired by the Head of the Center.

6. The Scientific Council of the Center is authorized if it is attended by a majority of the members of the Council. The decision of the Board is considered adopted if it is voted by more than half of the members of the Board present at the meeting. The Board shall decide on the matter by open ballot, unless a decision has been made by secret ballot.

7. A relevant protocol shall be drawn up on the progress of the meeting of the Scientific Council, which shall be signed by the chairperson and the secretary of the meeting.

8. The Secretary of the Scientific Council is the Coordinator of the Center.

**Article 10. Researcher of the Center**

The researcher of the Center participates in the implementation of the project (projects) envisaged by the plan of the Center. The Center researcher has academic and scientific freedom. He/she has the right to:

1. Independently determine the content, methods and means of scientific research;
2. Participate in funding competitions and other events;
3. Conduct any kind of activity that will be related to the fulfillment of the tasks set by the Center.

**Article 11. Coordinator of the Center**

1. The coordinator of the Center is a person who:

1. Coordinates the work done by the Center, provides organizational and technical support for projects implemented by the Center or with its participation;
2. Finds the necessary information for the initiation of a new project and its implementation, its processing and submission to the Center.

2. Is accountable to the director of the Center.

3. The Coordinator of the Center is appointed and dismissed by the Rector on the recommendation of the Head of the Center.

**Article 11. Procedure for Holding a Position**

1. The head of the Center is appointed and dismissed by the Rector of the University.

2. The head of the Center, as well as other staff of the center may be remunerated. The amount and terms of remuneration are determined by a separate contract.

**Article 12. Termination of the Center**

1. The activities of the Center may be terminated at any time by a reasoned decision of the Scientific Council or the Rector of the University.

2. After the liquidation of the Center (cessation of activities), its property remains with the University, unless otherwise agreed by the Center and its sponsors, or the relevant project.

**Appendix**

**Structure of the European Integration Research Center**

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**Director of the Center**

**Coordinator**

**Scientific Council of the Center**

 **Field research groups**

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