

Round Table on Georgia's Presidential Elections



Time: Friday, November 8, 14:00-16:00

Venue: Gamla Torget 3, 3rd floor, UCRS Library,

Language: English

Speakers include:

- Tina Lundh – long-term observer at Georgia's Presidential Elections
- Christofer Berglund – Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Uppsala University
- Nino Kemoklidze – Swedish Institute Fellow, UCRS/ Ph.D. Candidate, CREES, University of Birmingham

On October 27th sixth presidential elections took place in Georgia since the country's restoration of independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. The elections follow the landmark Parliamentary elections of October 2012 which saw the transfer of power in Georgia through free and fair elections when Georgian Dream Democratic Georgia – coalition of opposition political parties founded by billionaire Bidzina Ivanishvili defeated the incumbent President Mikheil Saakashvili's United National Movement. This year's Presidential elections were important in many respects as well. It marks the end of Mikheil Saakashvili's two terms of Presidency and 10 years in power. However, more importantly, after the elections, a series of constitutional changes will enter into force that significantly reduce the president's powers in favour of the Prime Minister and envisage turning Georgia into a Parliamentary democracy.