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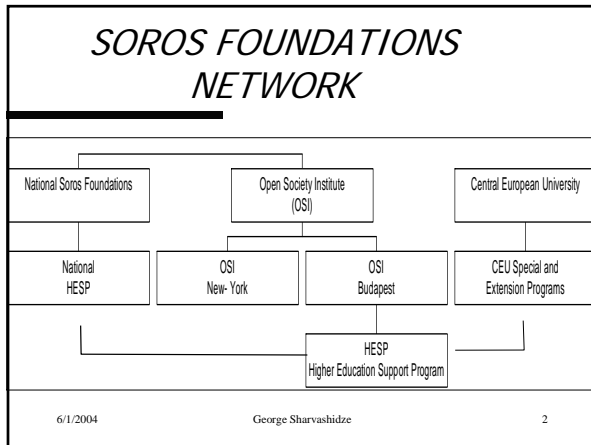
Please find attached the presentation by Mr. George Sharvashidze, Senior Programme Manager, HESP, Open Society Institute (OSI), delivered to Session C 3 of the 12th OSCE Economic Forum, Prague, 31 May – 4 June 2004.



**ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM**
(HESP, OSI)

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Academic Fellowship Program
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- **Field-** Social Sciences and Humanities
- **Area-** Central and Southeast Europe, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia and Moldova, Caucasus, Central Asia and Mongolia
- **Goals-** Promote retention & professional development of the next generation of academics along with reform of departments; increasingly target countries in greater need, model institutions and reform-minded departments at state HEI-s;

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- *Returning Scholars*-Academic career track fellows;
- *RS Alumni*- Systematic professional development of junior faculty;outreach;academic networking;
- *International Scholars* ; resource fellows to address specific needs of departments and to support the efforts of the *RSs*;
- *SCOUT* ; Support for Community Outreach and University Teaching . US Dep. Of State ECA,OSI

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- Focus on course development, teaching methodology and research augmentation;
- Team teaching and joint research/development activities among *RSs*, *RSAs*, *SCOUTs* and local faculty
- Integration of research in the teaching process

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- To aid systematically key departments helping them to become platforms for innovation and reform;
- To promote the return, retention & professional development of the program fellows to such departments in order to ensure sustainability of departmental and Integration of research in the teaching process/ individual reform;

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- Concentrating program activities at model institutions that are already cooperating with HESP and identifying key departments in the state sector;
- Providing flexibility of fellowship duration for successful fellows;
- Raising the qualification level of foreign and local fellows through improving recruitment / placement;
- Strongly encouraging further education opportunities for fellows;
- Establishing AAC staffed with local and foreign academics to build an international scholarly arena

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- Provide increased opportunities for the integration of the professional intellectual resources OSI, CEU and other partners are developing through the many scholarship and professional development opportunities;
- Impact the academic environment in such a way that teaching and learning are more effective and the next generation of academics are able to install themselves in systems and departments that are willing to take advantage of the opportunity;
- Promote the development of social sciences and humanities through holistic approach to teaching, learning and research;

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- Promote accumulation of knowledge, skills and experience;
- Encourage/facilitate positive systemic changes and innovation in the higher education systems of the target countries;
- Provide modern approaches to teaching, research and professional ethics;
- Support inclusive networks of social science academics in the region and facilitate their cooperation with their colleagues internationally;

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