Georgia After Presidential Elections: 
Is a Consolidated Democracy in Reach?
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with

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Georgia’s October 27 presidential election ushers in a new era of political life framed by substantive constitutional change devised three years ago to shift power to parliament this fall. President Mikheil Saakashvili will step down from office after 10 years in power, and Prime Minister Bidzina Ivanishvili plans to abide by his campaign promise and soon step down from his post, paving the way for a fractious, but democratic, parliamentary political system. How much democratic progress has been made in Georgia over the last year? What will be the impact of Georgia’s constitutional changes on relations between the new president, ruling cabinet, and parliament? Is a consolidated democracy in Georgia within reach? Please join panelists for this discussion of Georgia's post-election politics.

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