The Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES) is pleased to invite you to a film screening and discussion of

Absence of Will
A documentary film on the Georgia-Abkhazia conflict and the South Ossetian war

with

Filmmaker Mamuka Kuparadze
“Studio Re,” Tbilisi, Georgia

In the summer of 2008, Vakho and Teo, twenty-something university graduates from Tbilisi, set out to try to understand for themselves what caused the war in Abkhazia, and why after fifteen years of peace talks the sides are still no nearer to resolving their differences. Halfway through filming, fighting broke out again over South Ossetia. For a few brief days in August, war suddenly became a reality for Vakho and Teo. This film is the story of their journey into Georgia’s recent past, and of the tough questions and painful truths they faced in their search for the way to a better future. The film features interviews with several key figures associated with the 1993-1994 war in Abkhazia, including former Georgian president Eduard Shevardnadze, people affected by the violence in 1993-94 and 2008, and those engaged in conflict resolution activities.

“Studio Re,” founded in 1992, promotes the establishment of democratic statehood and development of civil society in the Republic of Georgia. “Studio Re” creates television programs and video documentaries, conducts seminars and discussions, collects sociological research, and monitors social and political issues. The activities of “Studio Re” are supported by grants and/or ordered by NGOs and international organizations.

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