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## NTG Update

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### Key NTG Accomplishments January – May 2024

#### **January 2024**

- Ilia State University (ISU) and the U.S. Embassy announced the 2024 TUTA International Writer-in-Residence program in Tbilisi, Georgia. This exciting initiative, part of ISU's The Memory Project (2023-2025), is being hosted by the National Trust of Georgia and supported by PEN Georgia and the U.S. Embassy.
- PEN Georgia & the TUTA-Residency of the National Trust of Georgia in Tbilisi Announces Writer's Residency Competition with a Call for International and Georgian Writers-in-Residence in Tbilisi



## March 2024

- The presentation of the book "From Elbrus to Ararat" by Richard Baerug was held at the office of the National Foundation of Georgia with the support of the Embassy of Norway and the organization of the National Foundation of Georgia.



- As part of the Tuta writers-in-Residence programme, on March 29, the Lado Darakhvelidze exhibition was opened at the National Trust of Georgia and the presentation of the citizen's newspaper - Mindia's struggle with Devi-Loper was held.

Pen Georgia and the Tuta-Residency of the National Trust of Georgia are pleased to present the exhibition and Citizen's Newspaper **Mindia's flight with Devi-loperi** by Lado Darakhvelidze.

Exhibition: March 29 – April 8, 2024  
 Opening: March 29 18:00 – 21:00 with a Ballad by Mikey Georgeson  
 Address: The National Trust of Georgia  
 Mefe Solomon Brdzeni 33, Tbilisi

The Citizen's Newspaper features the Rioni Valley movement. The main character in this graphic novel is Mindia, who faces the modern-day Devi Devi-loperi.

The Tuta Writers-in-Residence programme supports living literature in the Georgian capital Tbilisi and is funded by the U.S. Embassy and Ilia State University. Darakhvelidze is the first resident of the Tuta residency.

## April 2024

- The National Trust of Georgia together with the Association of Georgian Landscape Architecture and Ecology (AGLAE) held a discussion meeting on the topic "European Landscape Convention and Georgia". The purpose of the meeting was to increase awareness of the convention, share knowledge and experience, and plan ways of future cooperation.



## May 2024

- Natalia Svanidze became the resident of Tuta writers in residence at the National Trust of Georgia in May 2024. She is a doctor of philology and an associate professor at Sulkhani-Saba Orbeliani University.
- Eva Stuetzenberger joined the National Trust of Georgia (NTG) for a 3-month secondment from the National Trust in the UK, to use her experience of working for Europe's largest conservation charity, to support the NTG in developing a sustainable strategic direction to maximise the NTG's reach and impact on heritage conservation across Georgia.
- The Tuta Writers in Residence of the National Trust of Georgia, in partnership with the Pen Georgia, presents a reading by researcher and writer Natalia Svanidze on the victims of Stalinist repression.
- **The project of the National Trust of Georgia - Eco-Towerism in Akhieli: Community rehabilitation of a missile-struck tower in Georgia - won the Europa Nostra award**
- We are especially pleased with this honor since the project faced many challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine and a major landslide. Against all odds, the Tsiskarauli Tower carries a new, positive layer of history, marked by European collaboration. For more read the press release or watch [This short film](#) (5 minutes) which shows the project coming to fruition.

