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### Professional Experience

- 10/2017 - **University of Bremen, Bremen (Germany)**  
*Research Associate, Lecturer*
- International Political Economy
  - Post-Soviet Transformation
  - European Integration and EU Foreign Policy
- 09/2017 - **Ilia State University, Tbilisi (Georgia)**  
*Associate Professor (non-resident)*
- European Integration and EU Foreign Policy
  - International Relations and Security Studies
- 09/2016 - 09/2017 **Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Freiburg (Germany)**  
*Research Associate, Lecturer*
- European Integration and EU Foreign Policy
  - International Relations
  - Research Methods in Political Science
- 03/2016 – **Georgian Institute of Politics, Tbilisi (Georgia)**  
*Research Fellow*
- Eastern Partnership, EU and Russia
  - Security and Democracy in the ENP countries
  - Domestic processes in the ENP countries
  - Human Security and Security Sector Reform
- 05/2014 – 06/2016 **FP7 Project MAXCAP, Berlin (Germany)**  
Free University Berlin  
*Research Fellow*
- Political modes of European Integration
  - External relations of the EU
  - Eastern Partnership and ENP
  - Diffusion of European norms
  - Fight against corruption in the Balkans and the EaP
- 10/2014 – 10/2016 **Academic Swiss Caucasus Net, Fribourg (Switzerland)**  
Research Project “Europeanization on a rocky ground: Russia and the EU in the South Caucasus”  
*Senior Researcher*
- Overall supervision of the research process
- 09/2013 – **The Kolleg-Forschergruppe "The Transformative Power of Europe", Berlin (Germany)**  
Free University Berlin,  
*Associated Fellow*
- International organizations
  - Regionalism and diffusion of ideas
  - European integration
  - EU and its neighborhood regions
- 09/2011 – 09/2012 **Academic Swiss Caucasus Net, Fribourg (Switzerland)**  
Research Project “Political Elites, Ideas and Foreign Policy”

*Senior Researcher*

- Overall supervision of the research process

01/2008 – 04/2011

**Konrad Adenauer Foundation**, Tbilisi (Georgia)  
Regional Program Political Dialogue South Caucasus  
*Project Coordinator, Scientific Officer*

- European integration in the South Caucasus
- Regional cooperation in the South Caucasus
- Cooperation with political parties in the South Caucasus
- Scientific and policy analysis of the EU, Russia and regional developments

03/2007 – 07/2007

**Parliament of Germany**, Berlin (Germany)  
Committee of Foreign Affairs  
*Intern*

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## Teaching experience

10/2017 –

**University of Bremen**, Bremen (Germany)  
MA, BA Political Science, Social Science  
*Lecturer*

- International Political Economy
- Foreign Policy of the European Union
- International Relations
- Georgia's "triple transition": How societies succeed and fail
- Qualitative Methods in Social Science Research

09/2017 –

**Ilia State University**, Tbilisi (Georgia)  
PhD, MA, BA Political Science, International Relations  
*Associate Professor (currently non-resident)*

- EU external relations
- Democratization

09/2016 – 09/2017

**Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg**, Freiburg (Germany)  
MA, BA Political Science, Social Science  
*Lecturer*

- The role of the European Union in a multipolar world
- Foreign Policy of the European Union
- International Relations in 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Theory and Practice
- International Politics
- Research Colloquium

03/2016 – 08/2016

**Berlin School of Economics and Law**, Berlin (Germany)  
MA Political Economy of European Integration  
*Lecturer*

- The role of the European Union in a multipolar world

04/2016 –

**Georgian-European High School**, Tbilisi (Georgia)  
BA International Relations  
*Head of faculty, Lecturer*

- Sociology of International Relations
- European Neighborhood Policy
- Autocratic and democratic regimes
- Political ideologies
- Comparative analysis of Eurasian and European Integration projects

01/2009 – 04/2011

**Ilia State University**, Tbilisi (Georgia)  
Faculty of Science and Art,  
*Visiting Lecturer*

- Political system of Germany
  - Introduction into political science
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## Education

04/2011 – 02/2016 **Freie Universität Berlin**, Berlin (Germany)  
Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies  
*Ph.D. Political Science*

09/2005 – 08/2007 **Tbilisi State University**, Tbilisi (Georgia)  
*M.A. International Relations*

03/2007 – 08/2007 **Freie Universität Berlin**, Berlin (Germany)  
*Exchange student*

03/2007 – 08/2007 **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**, Berlin (Germany)  
*Exchange student*

09/2001 – 08/2005 **Ilia State University**, Tbilisi (Georgia)  
*B.A. International Relations*

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### Scholarships and Awards

10/2014 – 10/2016 **Academic Swiss Caucasus Net**, Fribourg (Switzerland)  
*ASCN Scholarship*

04/2011 – 02/2015 **Konrad Adenauer Foundation**, Berlin (Germany)  
*PhD Scholarship*

09/2011 – 09/2012 **Academic Swiss Caucasus Net**, Fribourg (Switzerland)  
*ASCN Scholarship*

03/2007 – 07/2007 **Parliament of Germany**, Berlin (Germany)  
*International Parliamentary Scholarship*

01/2007 – 07/2007 **Centre for Strategic Studies**, Tbilisi (Georgia)  
*Masters Scholarship*

07/2004 – 08/2004 **German Academic Exchange Service**, Bremen (Germany)  
*European Studies Scholarship*

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<b>Languages</b>	<i>Georgian:</i>	Native
	<i>German:</i>	Proficient User, <i>DSH Certificate, Deutsches Sprachdiplom</i>
	<i>English:</i>	Proficient User, <i>TOEFL Certificate</i>
	<i>Russian:</i>	Proficient User

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### References

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#### **Prof. Dr. Diana Panke**

Professur für Governance in Mehrebenensystemen  
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## List of relevant publications

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### Monographs

(2012) 'Political Elites, Ideas and Foreign Policy: Explaining and Understanding the International Behavior of Small States in the Former Soviet Union'. Co-authored with G. Gvalia and Z. Iashvili. Tbilisi: Ilia State University Press.

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### Refereed articles and book chapters

(Forthcoming) 'The transformative power of Europe' beyond enlargement: the EU's performance in promoting democracy in its neighbourhood.' In 'The European Union and Central and Eastern Europe: Assessing Performance', edited by Papadimitriou, Dimitris, Dorina Baltag, and Neculai-Cristian Surubaru Routledge. Co-authored with Tanja Börzel.

(2017) 'Informal Governance & Electorate Perceptions in Hybrid Regimes: The 2016 Parliamentary Elections in Georgia.' *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization* 25 (1): 529–549. Co-authored with Kornely Kakachia.

(2017) 'Cohesiveness, Coherence, and Consistency in the ENP', In 'The Routledge Handbook on the European Neighbourhood Policy', edited by Thomas Demmelhuber, Andreas Marchetti and Tobias Schumacher, Routledge. Co-authored with Tanja Börzel.

(2017) 'The transformative power of Europe' beyond enlargement: the EU's performance in promoting democracy in its neighbourhood.' *East European Politics* 33 (1): 17–35. Co-authored with Tanja Börzel.

(2016) 'Civil society and party politics in Georgia - transformational crisis', in 'Unfinished Project: Achievements and Failures of Georgia's Transformation', edited by David Aprasidze, Tbilisi, Konrad Adenauer Foundation. Co-authored with Kornely Kakachia.

(2016) 'Building a Security Community in the EU's Neighbourhood? Experiences from Georgia', In 'External governance as security community building – The limits and potential of the European Neighbourhood Policy', edited by Pernille Rieker, Houndmills: Palgrave. Co-authored with Ketil Bolkvadze. 79-105

(2015) 'European Neighbourhood Policy at the Cross-Roads: Evaluating the Past to Shape the Future.' MAXCAP Working Paper No. 12, "Maximizing the integration capacity of the European Union: Lessons of and prospects for enlargement and beyond" (MAXCAP), Berlin: Freie Universität Berlin. Co-authored with Tanja Börzel.

(2014) 'What Makes Authoritarian Regimes Sweat? Linkage, Leverage and Democratization in post-Soviet South Caucasus', *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 14(2): 199-218

(2013) 'Thinking Outside the Bloc: Explaining the Foreign Policies of Small States', *Security Studies*, 22(1): 98-131. Co-authored with G. Gvalia, D. Siroky and Z. Iashvili.

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### Policy briefs, policy papers and op-eds

(2018) 'Making Georgia's democracy work: Western political conditionality and domestic agendas of Georgian political parties', Policy Brief No. 10, Georgian Institute of Politics.

(2017) 'Life Without EU Membership: The Case for a Multi-Speed EaP', Policy Memo No. 24, Georgian Institute of Politics.

- (2017) 'Between Trust and Cooperation: developing confidence building in Georgia's protracted conflict zones.' Paper prepared for the OSCE workshop "Confidence-Building Measures in the OSCE Economic and Environmental Dimension." University of Birmingham, UK.
- (2017) 'Georgia's European Integration: What comes after the Eastern Partnership?.' Policy Paper No. 3. Georgian Institute of Politics.
- (2017) 'Human Security and Security Sector Reform in Georgia: A critical reflection.' Paper prepared for the OSCE Network Project "Human security and security sector reform in Eastern Europe". Kyiv, Ukraine.
- (2017) 'Surviving Apocalypto: A case for GD's pragmatic foreign policy.' Commentary No. 4. Georgian Institute of Politics.
- (2017) 'Who should elect the president? Myths about the parliamentary system.' Commentary No. 3. Georgian Institute of Politics.
- (2017) '100 days of new Georgian Government: Reality Check.' Country Report 2017. Georgian Institute of Politics.
- (2016) 'Single Party Rule Returns to Georgia.' Commentary No. 3, Georgian Institute of Politics. Co-authored with Joseph Larsen.
- (2016) 'Georgia's democratic dilemma.' Commentary No. 1, Georgian Institute of Politics.
- (2016) 'Economic engagement and its spillover effect on conflict management.' Paper prepared for the OSCE Network Workshop on Innovative Approaches to Protracted Conflicts. Vienna, Austria.
- (2016) 'Democracy under Stress: Western Fatigue, Russian Resurgence, and Their Implications for Democratic Processes in Georgia,' Policy Brief No. 2, Georgian Institute of Politics.
- (2016) 'Constructing a framework of external democratization and autocratization in the EaP countries and beyond.' Paper prepared for the workshop "Democratic Advances and Authoritarian Persistence in the European Neighbourhood", 6-7 October 2016, Maastricht University - Brussels Campus. Brussels, Belgium.
- (2015) 'Russia and the authoritarian diffusion in the post-Soviet world: A complicated relationship.' Paper prepared for the workshop on Eurasian Integration and Authoritarian Diffusion. Leiden, Netherlands.
- (2015) 'What went wrong in EU's Eastern Neighborhood: Explaining the failure of the European Neighborhood Policy in the post-Soviet area,' Paper prepared for MAXCAP Midterm Conference.' Sabanci University. April 22-24 2015. Istanbul, Turkey.
- (2014) '10 Years of the ENP - The Way Forward with the EaP,' MAXCAP Policy Brief No. 1, August 2015, "Maximizing the integration capacity of the European Union: Lessons of and prospects for enlargement and beyond" (MAXCAP).
- (2012) 'The Discrete Charm of Authoritarianism in the post-Soviet Space.' Paper prepared for the workshop "Transnational Dimensions of Global Governance." Hertie School of Governance. 18-19 October, 2012. Berlin, Germany.
- (2012) 'Östliche Partnerschaft anstatt NATO? Reaktivierung der europäischen Außenpolitik in Osteuropa.' Working Paper Series, Center for Strategic Studies.
- (2009) 'Georgia as a New Challenge for the EU'. Konrad Adenauer Foundation Country Reports. Co-authored with Katja Christina Plate.