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EDUCATION

- The Caucasus University** **Tbilisi, Georgia**
PhD in Economics *2021 – Present*
- The University of Chicago** **Chicago, IL, USA**
PhD (ABD) in Economics *2012 – 2015*
 - Fields: International Trade, Monetary Economics, Industrial Organization, Public Policy.
 - Research Interests: International Trade Policy, Public Policy, Political Economy.
 - Working Paper: Trade Policy in the Presence of Lobbying and Heterogeneously Ignorant Voters.
- MA in Economics *2009 – 2012*
 - The University of Chicago Scholarship for Graduate Studies, 2009-2014.
 - Development and Reforms Fund of Georgia Scholarship, 2009-2011.
- International School of Economics (ISET)** **Tbilisi, Georgia**
MA in Economics *2006 – 2008*
 - Class Salutatorian; MA Thesis: Reputation and Product Quality in Time.
- Tbilisi State University** **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Bachelor of Management Information Technologies
Department of Applied Mathematics and Computer Sciences *1999 – 2003*
 - Class Valedictorian.
- Bachelor of Law from the Department of Humanitarian Sciences *2000 – 2003*
- Olney Central College** **Olney, IL, USA**
Business Administration and Computer Sciences *2000 – 2001*
 - US Department of State – Undergraduate Exchange Program (UGRAD) Scholarship.
 - Cisco Certified Network Associate.

WORKING EXPERIENCE

- International School of Economics Policy Institute (ISET-PI)** **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Lead Economist, Private Sector Development Policy Practice Lead *Feb 2020 – Present*
 - Managing a team of full-time researchers and part-time consultants.
 - Monitoring relevant sectors of the economy, in Georgia and neighboring countries, including changes in legal and regulatory frameworks.
 - Delivering policy research, developing and publishing indices and economic forecasts.
 - Communicating research-informed views on policy through policy documents, blog articles, newspaper columns, press conferences, public seminars, and other media.
 - Engaging government institutions, private sector, NGOs, international organizations, and donors as well as other social partners through public-private dialogues and joint policy advocacy campaigns.

Policy Management and Consulting Group (PMCG) **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Consultant, Economic Policy, Governance and Public Finance Management *May 2019 – Feb 2020*

- Led content development and ensured quality of proposals and project methodologies related to Economic policy, EG and PFM.
- Directly engaged in the implementation of projects related to Economic policy, EG and PFM.
- Negotiated with Global Partners, Clients, and other stakeholders to scope common agreements.
- Represented PMCG in local and global gatherings, conferences, networks and associations.

Ilia State University Business School **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Head of Quality Assurance *Apr 2017 – Feb 2019*

- Studied the students' employment challenges in Georgia.
- Coordinated the business advisory council of the University.
- Managed a team of eight – three curriculum experts and five student liaisons.
- Managed the accreditation of BA, MA and PhD programs.
- Attracted new academic staff, including ones with Western education.
- Implemented several international projects ranging from flipped classroom to dual-degree Master's program.

Associate Professor of Economics *Jul 2017 – Present*

- Teach Principles of Economics – BBA, Managerial Economics – MBA.
- Developed and implemented flipped classroom course in Principles of Economics.
- Graduate teaching fellowship from CERGE-EI (Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute), a joint workplace of Charles University and the Economics Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

The University of Chicago **Chicago, USA**
Teaching and Research Assistant: *2010 – 2015*

- Research assistant to Samuel Kortum – estimating US import and export elasticities.
- Teaching assistant for courses in Public Policy Analysis, Law and Economics, and Behavioral Economics (James Leitzel), International Economics (Samuel Kortum), Economics for Public Policy (Sabina Shaikh), Introduction to Finance (Ryan Hughes).

Georgia Development Foundation **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Head of Economic Policy Team *Jan 2016 – Aug 2016*

- Analyzed the state of Georgian economy, past and current reforms.
- Worked on Georgia's Economic Development Plan.
- Represented the Foundation in public policy discussions.

National Bank of Georgia **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Specialist, Division of Macroeconomic Research *2008 – 2009*

- Conducted research to assess Georgia's macroeconomic standing and supported the management in setting country's monetary policy.
- Contributed to National Bank's publications (Inflation, Financial Stability and Annual Reports).

Nogaideli Consulting (Kala Capital Group) **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Real Estate Analyst, Consultant *2008*

- Conducted research of real estate market in Tbilisi to support the Arsenal City Development Project.

Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Economic Consultant *2007*

- Contributed to the creation and implementation of a new legislation in the forest management.

CONSULTING AND POLICY RESEARCH PROJECTS

PMCG, USAID Senior International Expert - <i>Jordan Economic Reform Activity: The Prioritization of Economic Reform Initiatives</i> - <i>Quantifying the Cost of Prohibited and Restricted Foreign Investments Sectors</i>	Amman, Jordan <i>Jun 2023 – Mar 2024</i>
ISET-PI, ADB Development/Policy Specialist <i>Georgia Country Partnership Strategy 2024-2028 preparation</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Jun 2023 – Dec 2023</i>
ISET-PI, OECD Local Consultant <i>Supporting OECD study to identify policy gaps and reform priorities to realize the trade potential of the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route, the so-called “Middle Corridor”</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Mar 2023 – Jun 2023</i>
Health Security Partners (HSP) Local Consultant <i>Supporting HSP study of the biopharmaceutical industries in Georgia, Turkey and Azerbaijan</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Feb 2023 – Dec 2023</i>
GIZ Local Consultant <i>Methodological guidance for the Enterprise Georgia (EG) to conduct impact assessments for its SME support programs in the directions of SME development, export promotion and investment attraction</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Feb 2023 – Jun 2023</i>
ISET-PI, Helvetas, WINS Global Team Leader <i>Conducting Political Economic Analysis (PEA) of the Local Economic Development in Georgia</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Jan 2023 – May 2023</i>
ISET-PI, OECD Team Leader <i>Supporting OECD and the Government of Georgia in the development of the SME Policy Index: Eastern Partner Countries 2024 report</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Sep 2022 – Jan 2024</i>
ISET-PI, USAID Information Integrity Program Team Leader <i>Assessing the risks associated with Russian ownership of capital in Georgia and developing policy recommendations/mechanisms to counter/mitigate these risks</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Dec 2022 – Aug 2023</i>
World Bank Short-term Consultant <i>Assisting Georgia’s Revenue service in improving tax compliance through insights from behavioral science and experimental and analytical methods</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Sep 2022 – Jun 2024</i>
ISET-PI, Landis Analytics Lead Economist <i>Developing Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Model for Georgia</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Apr 2020 – Ongoing</i>
ISET-PI, USAID Georgia Economic Governance Program Project Lead <i>Assessment of the Estonian Corporate Income Tax (CIT) Reform in Georgia</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Jul 2022 – Apr 2023</i>

<p>ISET-PI, USAID Georgia Economic Governance Program Project Manager <i>Implementing Georgian Reform Tracking System “ReforMeter”</i></p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia Apr 2021 – Apr 2025</p>
<p>ISET-PI, USAID Georgia Economic Governance Program Project Manager <i>Supporting Media Capacity Building Platform on Economic Reforms</i></p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia Jul 2021 – Apr 2023</p>
<p>Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia Local Expert <i>Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Public Policy Development under the EU and Konrad Adenauer-Stiftung funded project ‘Civil Society STAR Initiative’</i></p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia Jul 2022 – Nov 2023</p>
<p>ISET-PI, Sustainable Development Centre – Remissia, UNEP Finance Expert <i>Technical guidance and support to conduct a sectoral technology needs assessment by developing a financial mobilization strategy for the climate mitigation and adaptation sectors.</i></p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia Feb 2022 – Jul 2023</p>
<p>GIZ Local Consultant <i>Development of the Impact Assessment Framework of Enterprise Georgia (EG)</i></p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia Jul 2020 – May 2022</p>
<p>ISET-PI, PMCG, USAID Georgia Economic Security Program Lead Economist <i>Conducting Quarterly Sector and Value Chain Analytics</i></p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia Sep 2020 – May 2022</p>
<p>ISET-PI, IRI, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Head of Academic Team <i>Developing Election Compass for 2020 Parliamentary Elections in Georgia; Conducting data analysis in Stata; preparing policy briefs and reports based on election compass responses.</i></p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia Jun 2020 – Feb 2021</p>
<p>National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) Senior Consultant <i>Developing 2021 Action Plan for the Sector Economy and Economic Policy Committee of the Parliament of Georgia.</i></p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia Jan 2021 – Feb 2021</p>
<p>ISET-PI, International Republican Institute (IRI) Consultant <i>Expert consultations for political parties on economic issues; analyzing party economic platforms.</i></p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia May – Oct 2020</p>
<p>ISET-PI, The Forum for Research on Eastern Europe and Emerging Economies (FREE Network) Lead Economist <i>Policy Paper - Gender Gap Widens During COVID-19: The Case of Georgia</i></p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia April 2022</p>
<p>ISET-PI, CARE International Caucasus Lead Economist <i>Policy Paper - Challenges and Prospects for SMEs, Particularly Women-led Businesses, during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic.</i></p>	<p>Tbilisi, Georgia Nov – Dec 2020</p>

ISET-PI, GPIH Lead Economist <i>Review of the Construction and Transport Industries of Georgia</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Oct – Nov 2020</i>
ISET-PI, GIZ Lead Economist <i>Survey on the impact of COVID-19 in the ICT sector and its readiness for the development of dual vocational education.</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Jul – Aug 2020</i>
ISET-PI, International Labour Organization (ILO) Team Leader <i>Assessing the type of barriers facing youth in entrepreneurship and how these can be overcome by proposing national interventions that could be led by relevant actors in Georgia.</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Jul – Nov 2020</i>
ISET-PI, OECD Team Leader <i>Assisting the OECD in developing an assessment of the country water policy framework in Georgia.</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>May – Dec 2020</i>
ISET-PI, USAID Georgia Economic Security Program Team Leader <i>Developing Indirect Impact Assessment Methodology and Economic Multipliers for Georgian Economy, including multipliers for job creation, revenue generation and investments.</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Feb – Jun 2020</i>
PMCG, Ecorys National Evaluator – External Evaluation of the IMF/Netherlands Constituency Partnership Program (NCP) <i>Developing Case Study for Georgia evaluating IMF/NCP capacity development programs.</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Jan – May 2020</i>
PMCG, Tetra Tech Consultant – USAID Good Governance Initiative (GGI) Project <i>Supported the Sectoral Economy and Economic Policy Committee of the Parliament of Georgia by building capacity in legislative oversight functions; conducted an impact evaluation of the Law of Georgia “On Public Private Partnerships”.</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Oct 2019 – Jan 2020</i>
PMCG, USAID Georgia Economic Security Program, DAI Senior Consultant <i>Supporting the DAI team in sector prioritization and value chain assessments. 1.5</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>May– Sep 2019</i>
PMC Research Center and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Reviewer for <i>Economic Analysis of Georgia’s Free Trade Agreements with EU and China</i> <i>Armenia-Georgia Trade: Getting Close or Distant?</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Feb – Jul 2020</i> <i>Mar – Sep 2016</i>
Urban Research Education and Development Foundation (RED) Consultant 1 <i>Supporting local municipality of Telavi with the development of General City Planning Guidelines.</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Apr – Aug 2018</i>
PMCG 2 Team Leader, Consultant <i>Supporting Ministry of Science and Education in implementing the Project “Study in Georgia”</i>	Tbilisi, Georgia <i>Aug 2017 – Jan 2018</i>

CARE International Caucasus, ENPARD 1 **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Consultant *Jul – Dec 2017*
Evaluated different alternatives for setting up a revolving fund for agricultural cooperatives.

International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Senior Researcher 1 *Nov 2016 – Mar 2017*
Conducted quantitative and qualitative research on international students' economic impact in Georgia.

USAID Governing for Growth (G4G) **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Lead Researcher 0.5 *Oct – Dec 2016*
Conducted a focus group study for Georgia's pension reform communication strategy development.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Skhirtladze, Sophiko, Zurab Abramishvili, Giorgi Papava, and Irakli Barbakadze. "Impact Assessment of the State Support Program for Micro and Small Enterprises in Georgia." *Economics Bulletin* 40, no. 2 (2020): 1075-1082.

Skhirtladze, Sophiko, Zurab Abramishvili, Irakli Barbakadze, and Giorgi Papava. "Impact of public subsidies on micro and small business development in Georgia." *Journal of Eastern European and Central Asian Research (JEECAR)* 9, no. 6 (2022): 1083-1094.

RECENT TEACHING AND TRAINING

Ilia State University, Associate Professor **Tbilisi, Georgia**
MBA Course in Managerial Economics; BBA Courses in Principles of Economics *Apr 2017 – Present*

ISSET, Lecturer **Tbilisi, Georgia**
BA Courses in (1) Law and Economics and (2) Industrial Organization *Sep 2018 – Present*

CERGE-EI Foundation Teaching Development Program
Instructor of Pedagogical course at Higher School of Economics (Saint Petersburg, Russia) *Aug 2019*
Instructor of Pedagogical course at CERGE-EI (Prague, Czechia) *Aug 2020, Aug 2021*
Instructor for Training of Trainers program to implement CERGE-EI Foundation
Teaching Fellowship program in Kosovo *Mar 2022*

Society and Banks **Tbilisi, Georgia**
Trainer at Economic Media School *Oct 2018*

CERTIFICATIONS

- Stanford University, Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) and EPRC
The Leadership Academy for Development *Nov 2019*
- World Bank Group – The Open Learning Campus
Infrastructure, Public-Private Partnerships, and Fiscal Management *Nov 2019*
- UNDP and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
Training of Trainers on Gender Responsive Budgeting. *Sep 2019*
- CERGE-EI
Career Integration Fellows Teaching Principles and Practices for Economics *Aug 2019*
- J-PAL Europe

- J-PAL Executive Education Course in Evaluating Social Programs.
- Deutsche Bundesbank
Modeling and Forecasting

May 2019

Mar 2009

LANGUAGES

Georgian (native); English (fluent); Russian (good)