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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Georgia (Caucasus), Post-Soviet Society, Religion, Everyday Life, Everyday Religion, Urban Anthropology, Anthropology of Migration, Materiality, Mythology.

Current projects

Head of an interdisciplinary three-year project *Tbilisi as an Urban Assemblage* (2020-2023) funded by Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia.
Website of the project: <https://urbanassemblage.iliauni.edu.ge>

Member of the research project **An Anthropology of Gardens “Otherwise and Elsewhere”** funded by The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Canada

Member of the research project **Crossing borders building walls. Towards ethnography of Russian war mobilization** (NAWA project from Polish Academy of Sciences)

Collaboration partner of the project **Conflict and Cooperation in Eastern Europe: The Consequences of the Reconfiguration of Political, Economic, and Social Spaces since the End of the Cold War (KonKoop)**, Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS) Berlin, Germany

Member of the “Challenges and Opportunities for EU Heritage Diplomacy in Ukraine” lead by the KU Leuven, Belgium (Jean Monnet Policy Debate)

Member of the research project *Surrogacy as Networked Phenomenon: the study of key actors and their interrelations* (2020-2023) funded by Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia

Past projects

Head of a three-year project researching *religion in everyday life among young Georgians* (2015-2018) funded by Shota **Rustaveli** National Science **Foundation** of Georgia

Researcher in the interdisciplinary project: **Tbilisi as formal and informal structure**. Urban Studies Group, Ilia State University (2019-2020)

EDUCATION

1999 Kandidats Degree (converted to PhD in 2005), Classics, Tbilisi State University
 1997-1998 Doctoral Student, University of Saarbruecken and University of Freiburg, GE
 1996 Aspirantura, Tbilisi State University
 1990-1995 Diploma in humanities, classics. Department of Classics, Tbilisi State University
 1993-1994 Guest Student in Classics, University of Freiburg, Germany

APPOINTMENTS

2024 Head of Research Center in Anthropology, Ilia State University, Tbilisi
 2020- recent Professor in Anthropology, Ilia State University, Tbilisi
 2019 Fellow at the Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften Bad Homburg, University Frankfurt (The institute for Advanced Studies, Bad Homburg), Germany. LOEWE – Religious Positionings,
 2009-2020 Associate Professor, Ilia State University, Tbilisi
 2014 – recent Member of the Philosophy Institute
 2016 – 2020 Chair of Board, Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development
 2010-2014 Member of Research Institute of Genealogy of Modernity
 2013 Fall-2018 Visiting Scholar, Anthropology Department, New York University (NYU) NYC
 2013, Spring Visiting Scholar, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, NYC, US
 2012, Spring Visiting Scholar, University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA), US
 2012, July Visiting Scholar, University of Erfurt, Germany
 2008 Research Fellow at St. John’s College, Oxford, UK
 2008 – 2022 Higher Education Reform Expert, Tempus, Erasmus+
 2016 – 2022 Head of Higher Education Reform Expert Group, Erasmus+
 2007-2009 Assistant Professor, Cultural Studies, Ilia State University, Tbilisi
 2006 Visiting Researcher at the University of Erlangen, Germany
 1999-2006 Lecturer, Institute of Classics, Byzantine and Hellenistic Studies, Tbilisi State University
 1995-1997 Assistant Researcher, Laboratory of Mediterranean Cultures, Tbilisi State University

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

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- 2023 Wanner, Catherine, Zuzanna Bogumił, Sergei Shtyrkov, and Ketevan Gurchiani. "A Gallery of Ghosts: Death and Burial in Lands Marked by Trauma." *Material Religion* 19, no. 2 (2023): 191-199.
- 2023 Gurchiani, Ketevan; Darchiashvili, Mariam. "Nested Liminalities: death, migration and pandemic among Georgians in Russia", *Revue Européenne des Migrations Internationales*, 2023, 39 (1), pp. 27-51. doi: <https://doi.org/10.4000/remi.21988>
- 2022 Gurchiani, Ketevan. "Rivers between nature, infrastructure, and religion." *Central Asian Survey* (2022): 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02634937.2022.2094892>
- 2022 Gurchiani, Ketevan. Die verborgene Macht der Bäume. Urbaner Widerstand in Tiflis. In: *Verdeckter Widerstand in demokratischen Gesellschaften* Frankfurter Beiträge zur Soziologie und Sozialphilosophie. Editors Ferdinand Sutterlüty, Almut Poppinga. Volume 35, pp. 157-188 Campus Verlag, Frankfurt/New York
- 2021 Gurchiani, Ketevan. "Baptizing into Kin", *Journal of Religion in Europe* 14, 3-4 (2021): 272-296, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/18748929-bja10060>
- 2021 Gurchiani, Ketevan. "Women and the Georgian Orthodox Church." In *Women and Religiosity in Orthodox Christianity*, edited by Ina Merdjanova, 1st ed., 101–28. Fordham University Press, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctv1zm2tjd.8>.
- 2020 Gurchiani, Ketevan. "Religious Education at Schools in Georgia." In *Wiener Forum für Theologie und Religionswissenschaft/Vienna Forum for Theology and the Study of Religions*, (ed. by Martin Jäggle and Martin Rothgangel, Volume 6 (Eastern Europe), Vienna University Press, 2020.
- 2019 Gurchiani, Ketevan. "Sacred Places, Emerging Spaces: Religious Pluralism in the Post-Soviet Caucasus. Ed. Tsypylma Darieva, Florian Mühlfried, and Kevin Tuite. New York: Berghahn Books, 2018. x, 235 pp. Index. Illustrations. Photographs. Maps. Tables. \$120.00, hard bound." *Slavic Review* 78, no. 4 (2019): 1068-1070.
- 2019 К. Гурчіані. Наскільки радянським є релігійне відродження в Грузії: тактики повсякденної релігійності, in: *Антропология религии: порівняльні студії від Прикарпаття до Кавказу*. Edited by К. Ваннер, Ю. Буйських. Дух и литера, 2019.
- 2018 Gurchiani, Ketevan. "Public Schools: Space and Identity" (Georgian: საჯარო სკოლები: სივრცე და იდენტობა) in: *Religion in Everyday Life* (edited by K. Gurchiani). Iliia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia
- 2017 Gurchiani, Ketevan. How Soviet is the Religious Revival in Georgia: Tactics in Everyday Religiosity. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 69(3), 508-531.
- 2017 Gurchiani, Ketevan. Georgia in-between: religion in public schools. *Nationalities Papers* 45 (6), 1100-1117
- 2017 Gurchiani, Ketevan. Greek Tragedy on the Georgian Stage in the Twentieth Century. In: Torlone, Zara Martirosova, Dana LaCourse Munteanu, and Dorota Dutsch, eds. *A Handbook to Classical Reception in Eastern and Central Europe*. John Wiley & Sons, 2017, 548-559.

- 2017 Gurchiani, Ketevan. Classical Reception in Georgia. *A Handbook to Classical Reception in Eastern and Central Europe*. In: Torlone, Zara Martirosova, Dana LaCourse Munteanu, and Dorota Dutsch, eds. *A Handbook to Classical Reception in Eastern and Central Europe*. John Wiley & Sons, 2017, 541-547.
- 2016 Gurchiani, Ketevan. Plagiarism and Attitudes towards it in Georgia. Co-Authored with Bregvadze, Ghlonti, Lortkipanidze, Urushadze, Bakradze, Janashia. Open Society Foundation Georgia, Tbilisi. Available at:
http://www.osgf.ge/files/2017/Publications/Plagiat_-_en_-_2016.pdf
- 2013 Gurchiani, Ketevan. "Odysseus's Journey to Georgia: On Translating Heroism." *KADMOS* 5 (2013): 77-117.
- 2011 Gurchiani, Ketevan. On R. Girard's *Violence and the Sacred*. in: Theories of Modernity, edited by Giga Zedania. Ili State University, Tbilisi, 2011
- 2010 Gurchiani, Ketevan. Sophocles on the Georgian Stage. in: First International Conference. Theatre and Theatre Studies in the 21st Century, Anna Tabaki & Walter Puchner (eds.), Ergo, Athens
- 2008 Gurchiani, Ketevan. evangeliur-luTeruli eklesia sakartveloshi (Evangelical – Lutheran Church in Georgia), in religiebi sakartveloshi *Religions in Georgia*, edited by Zurab Kiknadze. sakhalkho damevelis bibliotheca. Tbilisi
- 2007a Gurchiani, Ketevan. Polyphem und Devi: Geschichten von kannibalistischen Riesen in altgriechischer und kaukasischer Tradition. in: Stefanos, Tribute volume to Walter Puchner, edited by I. Vivilakis, W. Puchner. Ergo Editions, Athens
- 2007b Gurchiani, Ketevan. Georgische Versionen der Polyphemgeschichte, in Phasis : Greek and Roman Studies / Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies; Editor-in-Chief: Rismag Gordeziani. - Tbilisi: Logos, 1999-.Vol. 10
- 2005 History of Ancient Literature. Chapters on Sophocles, Quintilian and Boethius, edited by R. Gordeziani and N. Tonia. Tbilisi: Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies/
- 2004 About Silent Prayer. in Logosi: Celicdeuli. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies ; Editor-in-Chief: Rismag Gordeziani Vol. 2. Tbilisi
- 2003 sakhelebi da epithetebi dzvel berdznul locvashi (in Georgian. Names and Epithets in Greek Prayer), in Logosi: Celicdeuli . Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University,

- Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies; Editor-in-Chief: Rismag Gordeziani Vol. 1. Tbilisi
- 2000 Das Rituelle in *den Troerinnen* von Euripides, in: Phasis : Greek and Roman Studies / Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies; Editor-in-Chief: Rismag Gordeziani. - Tbilisi: Logos, 1999-.Vol._2-3, Tbilisi
- 1999 dionise da menadebi (Dionysos and Maenads) in "ANAOEEIE" edited by Rismag Gordeziani / Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies; Tbilisi: Logos.
- 1998 saikio carmodgenebi dionises kultshi zv. c. V-IV saukuneebshi archeologiuri masalis fonze (Afterlife in the cult of the Dionysus in the V-IV B.C. and the archaeological material). In: mikenidan seferisamde. Tbilisi State University Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies: Logos. Tbilisi
- 1997 evripides bakxi kalebis ritualuri interpretacia (The Ritual Interpretation of the Bacchae of Euripides) in: Akhalgazrda mecnierta shromebi. Tbilisi State University Press. Tbilisi
- 1996 The Bacchae of Euripides and Mysteries of Dionysus. in Materials of the international symposium „The Ancient Greek Literature and the Present“. Tbilisi State University Press. Tbilisi

EDITED BOOKS/VOLUMES

- 2023 Multilayered Tbilisi (მრავალშრიანი თბილისი) (ed. by Ketevan Gurchiani). Ilia State University Press, Tbilisi
- 2018 Religion in Everyday Life (რელიგია ყოველდღიურობაში) (ed. by Ketevan Gurchiani). Ilia State University Press, Tbilisi

TRANSLATED AND EDITED BOOKS

- 2017 Gr. Peradze, *The Roses of Jericho*, Tbilisi, 2017 (Georgian Translation)
- 2011 istoriis shesaxeb (On History). anthologia. Ilia State University Press, Tbilisi
- 2005 *Kunstgeschichte: Eine Einführung*, hrsg. von Hans Belting, Heinrich Dilly, Wolfgang Kemp, Willibald Sauerländer und Martin Warnke, 6., Tbilisi, 2005 (Georgian Translation)
- 2004 Korpus der griechischen Inschriften in Georgien. Tbilisi State University Institute of Classical, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies: Logos. Tbilisi

Study Reports

- 2016 Plagiarism at Georgian Universities: Perception and Practice. Open Society Institute and Erasmus + Office. Available at: http://www.osgf.ge/files/2016/Publications/Plagiat_-_ge_-_2016.pdf
- 2014 Doctoral Education in Georgia and Quality Enhancement. <http://erasmusplus.org.ge/files/publications/PhD%20Quality%20Enhancement%20ge.pdf>

Manuscripts and Reviews

- 2005 Nik'oloz Baratashvili, *Das dichterische Werk*, übersetzt von H.-C. Günther, Würzburg Königshausen und Neumann.
- 2002 R. Gordeziani. *berdznuli literatura (Greek Literature)*. Tbilisi, Tbilisi State University Press.
- 2000 *Der Dichter Galak't'ion T'abidze / [Galak't'ion T'abidze]*. Hrsg., übers. und erkl. von H.-C. Günther. Mit einer Einl. von L. Magarotto. Tbilisi, Logos Press.

Reviewer for

Ethnos
 Politics and Religion
 Europe-Asia Studies
 Nations and Nationalism
 Nationalities Papers
 Religion, State & Society
 Entangled Religions - Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of Religious Contact and Transfer
 The international Journal of Human Rights
 Philosophy & Religion, Palgrave Macmillan
 Sociology and Anthropology, Palgrave Macmillan
 Diversity

Rustaveli National Science Foundation
 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

RECENT INVITED LECTURES AND TALKS

- March 2024 Harvard University, MA, USA "Environmental Protection and Urban Politics in Early Soviet Georgia"
- February 2024 "Everyday Diplomacy and Crossing Boundaries: Case of Georgia" Culture-Borders-Gender/LAB Ethnography Club-CBG/LAB Club for the Study of Borders, Culture, and Diversity-CBG/LAB Greece
- February 2024 Science Po, Dijon, On Russian Migration to Georgia

February 2024	INSTITUT POUR LES TRANSFORMATIONS ENVIRONNEMENTALES, Sciences Po, “On Hidden Power of Trees”
February 2024	Paris, “Buildings as Palimpsests” Sciences Po
April 2022	Tampere University, Tampere, Finland
April 2022	Harvard University, MA, USA
March 2022	Davis Center, Harvard University, MA, USA
October 2022	Tbilisi, Memory and Politics, International Conference of Boell Foundation
February 2022	WiP by ARISC, American Councils and CRRC, Tbilisi
February 2022	Trent University, Canada
December 2021	Frobenius Institut, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
April 2020	Tampere University, Finland
June 2019	Goethe University Frankfurt, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
June 2019	Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Bad Homburg, Goethe University Frankfurt
February 2018	Paris Diderot-Paris 7
February 2018	Science Po, Paris
May 2018	Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich, Germany
May 2018	Jena University, Jena, Germany
November 2017	University of Tampere, Open Seminar
December 2016	Free University Tbilisi, Georgia
November 2015	Free University Tbilisi, Georgia
July 2012	Graduate Colloquium about the Orthodox Christianity, University of Erlangen, Germany
July 2012	Seminar for PhD students, University of Erlangen, Germany
June 2012	Talk in the UCLA Center for Language, Interaction, and Culture (CLIC)

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024:

- **April:**
 - Lüneburg, Germany/online Workshop "Imperial Mirrors". “Buildings and Places as Palimpsests”
 - Tbilisi, ERDAM workshop, “Global Brooklyn as (im)perfect shelter”
 - Online “St. George and Medea”, Tribute to Kevin Tuite (conference)
- **March:**
 - Warsaw, Poland, Invisible Migration: Warsaw Conference. On Russian Migration to Georgia
 - Zois, Berlin, Germany, “Half-Christian, Half-Muslim: Infrastructure of co-living in Tbilisi”

2023:

December:

- SQUARE conference: Third Mission of Universities

November:

- Harvard, HURI conference: Domesticating, Rewilding, Sacralizing: Modes of Engaging Nature in Everyday Life
- ASEES 2023 Book Panel “Soviet and Georgian”
- ASEES 2023 talk on early environmental politics

October:

- Hamburg, Peace Research Institute, workshop on local orderings of peace.
- Social Justice Center. “On Urban Diversity”.
- Boell Foundation. On Memory Politics

September:

- Zois Con Coop Workshop at Ilia State University
- LMU/Ilia State: Tbilisi as an Urban Assemblage

June:

- Tbilisi Animal Sacrifice Workshop. “Animal Sacrifice in Georgia”
- CESS Seminar on Urban Activism (online). Hidden Power of Trees
- Tbilisi, Ilia State University. Ambivalenzen des Sowjetischen. “Tbilisi as an Urban Assemblage”
- Tbilisi, ARISC seminar
- International Closing Conference: Tbilisi as an Urban Assemblage
- Exhibition Tbilisi as an Urban Assemblage

May:

- Davies Center, Harvard/Ilia State University Black Sea Conference „From Garden City to Emperor’s Garden“

April:

- Leiden University, “Moral Economy of Gestational Surrogacy”

March:

- Tbilisi, CoMoDe - Contentious Mobilities: Rethinking Mobility Transitions through a Decolonial Lens
- Berlin, Zois, Urban Peace Practices

2022 and Prior:

- **November 2022:**
 - ASEES Chicago, US
- **July 2022:**
 - Belfast EASA (online)
- **June 2022:**
 - Materiality and Religion, Ilia State University, Tbilisi and Penn State University
- **August 2022:**
 - EUHA Antwerp
 - Boell Foundation. Conference on Memory Politics
- **October 2021:**
 - International Conference on Ethnobotany, Ilia State University and Frobenius Institute, Frankfurt am Main, online

- Death in Migration Conference, online
- **September 2021:**
 - Author's Conference, Institute fuer Sozialforschung, Frankfurt am Main
 - Georgia Glocal, IOS, Regensburg, Germany
- **March 2021:**
 - IUAES2020 Šibenik, Croatia
- **November 2020:**
 - 52nd Annual ASEEES Convention
- **September 2020:**
 - Seminar of the Working Group Urban Anthropology GermanyAG
Stadtethnologie, DGSKA e.V
- **September 2019:**
 - Lviv, International Conference of the Black Sea Network
- **November 2019:**
 - San Francisco, AEEES international convention
 - Tbilisi, Memory and Politics, International Conference of Boell Foundation
 - Tbilisi, Visible and Invisible Religion, Ilia State University and Konrad Adenauer Foundation
- **June 2018:**
 - Everyday Diplomacy: Religious Encounters from the Baltics to the Black Sea, Kyiv, Performing Peace in a multi-ethnic and multi-religious village
- **October 2017:**
 - Comparative Literature, International Conference, Ilia State University
- **May 2017:**
 - ASN Congress, Columbia University, NYC
- **December 2016:**
 - Perceptions of Academic Honesty in Georgian Academia. International Seminar on Ethics at Ilia State University, Tbilisi.
- **October 2016:**
 - Religion in Georgian Public Schools as Thirdspace and methodological challenges. Conference: (Ex)Changes in Methodology of Contemporary Social Sciences in East and West“. Universität Fribourg, Switzerland
- **April 2016:**
 - Georgia In-Between: Creative Presence of Religion in Public Schools. ASN Congress, Columbia University, NYC
- **June 2015:**
 - Cascade Conference “Religions and Secularities in the Caucasus: New Configurations”
- **April 2015:**
 - ASN Congress, Columbia University, NYC

FIELDWORK

2023-2024 Field work in Dzalisi and Mukhrani (Smithsonian Institute)
 2019-current Field work in Tbilisi

2014-2017	Field work in Georgian villages, studying everyday religiosity
2013-2014	Field work among Georgian immigrants in NYC, New York
2013 Summer	Field work among Georgian Christians in West Georgia
2010-2012	Field work among magicians and their clients. Tbilisi, Georgia
2012	Field work on everyday religiosity in Imereti, Kakheti and Samtzkhe, Georgia
2013	Field work and research in New York among Georgian immigrants

RECENT COURSES TAUGHT

Anthropology of Everyday Life (G)
 Cultural Anthropology: Theory and Research (G)
 Anthropology of Religion (G)
 Concept of Hero from antiquity to modern times (G)
 Myth and Ritual (G)
 Ritual: Theory and Research (UG)
 Different Authors in Greek and Latin (G and UG)
 Ancient Theater (UG)
 Gods, monsters and heroes (UG)

BOARDS

2023	Member of the Board, CESS - Central Eurasian Studies Society
2023	Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Frobenius Institute for Anthropological Research, Frankfurt, Germany
2016-2020	Chair of Board of the Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development (CIPDD)
2017 recent	Member of Advisory Group of Higher Education Reform Experts under Erasmus+, representing East Europe
2008-2009	Member of editorial team, journal in Humanities "Kadmos", Ilia State University

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AT ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY

2010-2013	Georgia Coordinator of the EU funded Tempus project: Development of Model Doctoral Schools
2009 – 2010	Vice-Chancellor for Research, Ilia State University
2008-2009	Head of the University Quality Assurance, Ilia State University
2008-2009	Member of EU project Tuning Georgia, Head of History Group

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AT TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY

2007 Head of Graduate Programs, Tbilisi State University

OTHER SERVICES AND APPOINTMENTS

2009 – 2010 Member of Higher Education Accreditation Board of Georgia

2009 -recent Member of Higher Education Reform Experts team funded by EU

2009-2011 Member of Group for National Qualifications Framework

LANGUAGES:

Georgian (native)

German, English, Russian (fluent)