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Research Interests

Informalities, Networks, Migration and Mobilities, Everyday peace.

Education

PHD | 2018 | ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY. TBILISI, GEORGIA.

- Field of Sociology
- Research title: “Meskhetians economic and cultural practices in every day life: Case of village Nasakirali”

MA | 2008 | CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY. BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.

- Field of Political Science
- Research title: “Transition of Georgian State Television into the Public Broadcaster”

BA | 2006 | ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY. TBILISI, GEORGIA.

- Field of Political Science

AUDITED | 2003 | CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA. MARYLAND, UNITED STATES.

- Field of Philosophy and Political Science.

Work Experience

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN SOCIO-CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY | ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY | 2018 – UNTIL TODAY

- Reading lectures (Economic Anthropology; Informality Studies; Migration and Mobilities; Security Studies); participated in developing the PhD program in socio-cultural anthropology and now developing MA in anthropology; supervising students; developing and participating in scientific projects.

LECTURER | ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY | 2008 - 2018

Reading lectures; working on PhD research project and participating in projects.

HEAD OF ORGANIZATION | LIBERTA | 2007-2024

Writing and conducting social projects, organizing summer and winter schools for vulnerable youth and supporting their social inclusion.

CHIEF SPECIALIST | MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION, GEORGIA | 2011 - 2013

- Planning and organizing Tbilisi+35, planning environmental education activities, collaborating with peace corp volunteers.

PROJECT MANAGER | BCG-RESEARCH | 2008 – 2010

Developing research proposals, conducting research, writing research reports.

Scientific Projects

- Local Peace in Central Eurasia: Studying Peace Formation in Customary and Patronal Contexts, freelance employee Georgia (2023 - 2025), <https://ifsh.de/en/research/european-security/local-peace-in-central-eurasia>
- "Crossing borders, building walls. Towards ethnography of Russian war mobilization" (2023-2024), Researcher. <http://iaepan.edu.pl/crossing-borders-building-walls-towards-ethnography-of-russian-war-mobilisation-2/>
- "Development of Georgian legal culture through increasing the practical skills of future lawyers" (2022-2024) with financial support from USAID and EWMI's Rule of Law Program (ROLP).
- "Death in Migration: Perspectives from the Post Soviet Space" (2021-2022), Researcher.
- "Surrogacy as a Networked Phenomenon: Examining Key actors and their Interdependence" (2019-2022), Researcher. Financed by Shota Rustaveli Georgian National Scientific Foundation.
- "Infrastructure and Narratives: Black Sea Connectivity" (2019-2020), Researcher. Financed by Ilia State University.
- "Religion in Georgian Youth" (2015-2018), Researcher. Financed by Shota Rustaveli Georgian National Scientific Foundation.

Conferences

- "Postsocialist Diasporic Encounters: Migration and Domestic Space across the Global East", 56th ASEES Annual Convention, Marriott Boston Copley Place November 21 – 24, 2024. Presentation title: Homemaking Practices of Anti-War Russian Migrants in Georgia
- GEORGIA'S RIVERS AND WATERWAYS, PAST AND PRESENT: LEGACIES, POTENTIAL, CHANGE, Kutaisi State University, June 2-4, 2024. Presentation title: "Entanglement of Environmental and Human: Waterslides and the Everyday in Aragvi Valley Villages"
- "(In)visible Russian (Anti-)war migration", Warsaw University Library, March 13-15, 2023. Presentation title: Homemaking Practices of Anti-War Russian Migrants in Georgia
- "Approaching the Exodus: Tensions and Cooperation in Emerging Communities in the South Caucasus After the Russian Full-Scale Invasion of Ukraine" 12-13 November 2023 at Ilia State University, co-organizer, and participant, <https://anthro.iliauni.edu.ge/en/international-seminar-on-monitoring-mass-migration-tension-and-cooperation-among-newly-formed-communities-in-the-south-caucasus-after-full-scale-military-aggression-has-been-held/>
- EASA '22 Panel P024 - Reproductive Hopes, Travels & Self-Management of Care, 28 July. Presentation title: Entanglement of the Formal and Informal in Everyday Surrogacy Negotiations: The Case of Georgia.
- The Working Group on Lived Religion in Eastern Europe and Eurasia Annual Conference, 2022 (Tbilisi), presentation title: Reading the Ruins of Tao-Klarjeti
- DGSKA international online conference (27 September - 1 October 2021), Panel: "Beyond the Anthropocene: Rethinking Central Asia and Caucasus Studies through 'New Materialism'", presentation title: "Assemblage of Formal and Informal, Human and Non-Human: Everyday negotiations in Transnational Surrogacy", <https://pheedloop.com/dgska2021/site/sessions/?id=SES11DDGMTHTVE2PN>
- West Caspian University online international conference (18 September, 2020), Conference title: "Review of Historical and Ethnographic issues of the Middle East and the Caucasus region in the XII-XV centuries", My presentation title: "Muslim Meskhetians' Economic and Cultural Practices in Everyday Life: Case of Village Nasakirali"
- ESCAS-CESS joint international conference (29 June – 2 July, Kirgistan, Bishkek), my presentation title: "Religiosity and Capital: Religious Practices Among Young Georgians from Nasakirali"
- ASN-Vytautas Magnus University international Conference (29 June-2 July, Lietuva, Kaunas), my presentation title: "Informal Economic Practices and Their Applications: Muslim Meskhetians from Nasakirali"
- CRCEES 5th research forum, Scotland, Glasgow (17-18 May, 2012), my presentation title: "Identity Construction: Case of Repatriated Meskhetians"

- International Political Science Association conference (17-19 June, 2011), Turkey, Ankara, my presentation title: "Narratives on August War"

Trainings and Research Visits

- Research visit, Scotland, Glasgow, (12-27 May, 2012), Tempus and Ilia State University project.
- Research visit, Switzerland, Fribourg (April-June, 2011), ASCN and Ilia State University joint project.
- ECPR Summer School, Slovenia, Ljubljana (14 July – 9 August, 2011), "SOCIAL SCIENCE METHODS: BETWEEN UNITY, DIVERSITY, AND COMPLEMENTARITY"
- ASCN training participant, "QUALITATIVE DATA ANALYSIS", 2011, Ilia State University
- ASCN training participant, "SURVEY DESIGN", 2010, Ilia State University
- ASCN training participant "RESEARCH DESIGN", 2010, Ilia State University

Publications

- 2023 - Economic and Legislative Transformations: Land Practices and Moralities in villages of Dusheti, Constitutional Law Review, Ilia State University
- 2023 - Co-authored with Elene Gavashelishvili. "Entanglement of the Formal and Informal in Everyday Surrogacy Negotiations: The Case of Georgia." Studies of Transition States and Societies 15, no. 1.
- 2023 - Co-authored with Gurchiani, Ketevan. "'Nested Liminalities': Death, Migration and Pandemic among Georgians in Russia." Revue européenne des migrations internationales: 27-51.
- 2021 - Informal Networks in the Black Sea Region: The Case of Georgian Muslim Boarding Houses. Journal of Religion in Europe 14, no. 3-4 (2021): 297-322.
- 2018 - "Seasonal migration and symbolic power: the case of Muslim Meskhetians from Nasakirali." Nationalities Papers 46, no. 5 (2018): 861-876.
- 2018 – "Religiosity and Capital: Religious Practices of Meskhetians from Nasakirali" in "Religion in Everyday Life" edited by Ketevan Gurchiani, Tbilisi: Ilia State University, 151-206.