

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2010-2018: Ilia State University, faculty of Arts and Sciences, PhD (defence date: 22.05.2018)*.
- 2009 (17-26 August) – Summer School on Religion, Culture and Society in Europe (1750-), KU Leuven, Belgium.
- 2007-2009: Ilia State University, faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences, MA.
- 2002-2006: Ilia State University, faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences, BA.

Employment History

- September 2022 – up to date - instructor of the course “Postmodernism – Concept and Theories” for BA students at Ilia State University.
- March 2020 – July 2022 - instructor of the course “The Social History of the Public Sphere” for BA students at Ilia State University.
- March 2019 – February 2020 - instructor of the course “Contemporary Sociological Theories” for BA students at Ilia State University.
- March 2016 up to date – instructor of the course “Modernization and Georgia” for BA students at Ilia State University.
- March 2010 up to date – instructor of the course “Introduction to the Modern Thought”, with first-year students at Ilia State University.
- June 2014-October 2018 – assistant of the Dean of the “Faculty of Arts and Sciences” at Ilia State University.
- April-July 2014 – Columnist for the newspaper “Weekend” (edition of the paper “24 Hours”).
- February 2010-May 2014 – assistant head of administration, Ilia State University.
- October 2008-January 2009 – instructor of the course “sociology” for BA students at Ilia State University.
- March 2008-January 2010 – senior consultant at the Development office of Ilia State University.
- January 2006-November 2007 – Columnist for the magazine “Solidarity”.
- September-December 2005 – teacher of “Social Studies” for high-school students, 21st school of Tbilisi.
- 2004-2005 – Interviewer for the Institute of Social Research (ISR).
- 2003-2004 – Interviewer for the Analysis and Consulting team (ACT).
- 2003 – Interviewer for the Caucasus Research Resource Centre (CRRC) Georgia.

List of Publications

* The eight-year duration includes a maternity leave in 2013, and another annual academic leave afterwards.

- 1) Tatia Kekelia, 2018. From Soviet to Contemporary Transparency: Social Changes in Georgia, *European Journal of Transformation Studies*, Vol. 6, N. 1.
- 2) Kekelia, T. 2015. Building Georgian National Identity. In A. Agadjanian, A. Jodicke and E. van der Zweerde, (eds.), *Religion, Nation and Democracy in the South Caucasus*. London and New York: Routledge, 120-134.
- 3) Kekelia, T. [კეკელია, თ.], Gavashelishvili, E. [გავაშელიშვილი, ე.], Ladaria, K. [ლადარია, კ.], Sulkhaniashvili, I. [სულხანიშვილი, ი.], 2013. *The role of the Orthodox Church in the formation of Georgian national identity [მართლმადიდებელი ეკლესიის როლი ქართული ნაციონალური იდენტობის ჩამოყალიბებაში]*. Tbilisi: Ilia State University Press [თბილისი: ილიას სახელმწიფო უნივერსიტეტი].
- 4) Kekelia, T. 2012. Modernization and Secularization: Georgian Case Study. *Identity Studies*, 4.
- 5) Kekelia, T. [კეკელია, თ.], Gavashelishvili, E. [გავაშელიშვილი, ე.], Bregvadze, T. [ბრეგვაძე, თ.], 2012. Sexuality in Georgia: Quantitative Survey Results [სექსუალობა საქართველოში: რაოდენობრივი კვლევის შედეგები]. In G. Zedania [გ. ზედანია] (ed.), *Sexuality in Contemporary Georgia: Discourse and Behaviour [სექსუალობა თანამედროვე საქართველოში: დისკურსი და ქცევა]*. Tbilisi: Ilia State University Press [თბილისი: ილიას სახელმწიფო უნივერსიტეტი], 7-136.
- 6) Kekelia, T. [კეკელია, თ.], Gavashelishvili, E. [გავაშელიშვილი, ე.], 2012. Sexuality in Georgia: Qualitative Survey Results [სექსუალობა საქართველოში: თვისობრივი კვლევის შედეგები]. In G. Zedania [გ. ზედანია] (ed.), *Sexuality in Contemporary Georgia: Discourse and Behaviour [სექსუალობა თანამედროვე საქართველოში: დისკურსი და ქცევა]*. Tbilisi: Ilia State University Press [თბილისი: ილიას სახელმწიფო უნივერსიტეტი], 137-155.

Participation in Conferences

5-6 June 2023, Tbilisi – International Conference “Technology and Social Responsibility: The Challenges of New/Old Reality”; Presentation title: “Synopticon: The Impact of Social Networks on the Public Sphere”.

18 May 2023, Tbilisi – “The Polish and Georgian Independence Movement in the 19th Century”. Presentation title: “Georgian National Identity Project in the 2nd half of the 19th century”.

24-25 October 2017, Tbilisi – Chavchavadze - 180 International Conference; giving a presentation on the persistent issues facing Georgia from Ilia to today.

15-16 December 2016, Paris – 101th IASTEM International Conference; presenting research findings on the deprivatization of religion in modern Georgia.

24-27 August 2011, Reykjavik – 6th ECPR General Conference; presenting research findings on "The Orthodox Church and the Reframing of Georgian National Identity: A New Hegemony?"

24-25 June 2011, Bazaleti – 1st ASCN Annual Conference “Political Transformation and Social Change in the South Caucasus: The Case of Georgia”. Presenting interim research findings on “The role of the Orthodox Church in the Formation of Georgian National Identity”.

Participation in Scientific Research Projects

Years	Role in the Project	Name of the Project	Donor Organization
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1	December 2022-up to date	Researcher	Gender bias in the Court	Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation
2	2018-March 2020	Editor	Editing the Translation of “Le bouc émissaire” by René Girard from French to Georgian	Savle Tsereteli Institute of Philosophy, Ilia State University
3	2018-2019	Translator	Translating Michel Foucault’s “Histoire de la folie à l’âge classique” from French to Georgian (published April 2021).	Savle Tsereteli Institute of Philosophy, Ilia State University
4	October 2016-March 2017	PhD research grant holder	The shock of publicity – conflicting public and private spheres in Georgian society	Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation
5	November 2016-December 2016	National sociology/ political expert (data collection, expert interviews, and analysis)	Strengthening political pluralism in Georgia	Democracy Reporting International
6	July 2011-July 2014	Researcher (qualitative research)	Religion, Democracy, and Nation in the Southern Caucasus. A Comparative Analysis of Key Concepts in Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan	University of Fribourg, Switzerland. Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN)
7	2010-2012	Research leader (data collection, in-depth interviews, case studies, and analysis)	The Role of the Orthodox Church in the Formation of Georgian National Identity	Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN)
8	2010-2012	Translator	2 chapters from Raymond Aron’s <i>Les étapes de la pensée sociologique</i> from French to Georgian	Ilia State University
9	24 May 2010	Article writer	Sexual revolution	Magazine “Tabula”
10	2009-December 2011	Researcher (research design, quantitative analysis using SPSS, qualitative data collection and analysis)	The Study of sexual behavior in Georgia	Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation
11	2007	Sociologist (writing questionnaires and research analysis)	Education for democratic citizenship	Open Society - Georgia Foundation (OSGF)
12	2005 (April-May)	Research collaborator	SGP (Small Grant Program)	Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, The World Bank.
13	2005	Interviewer	Survey on the ethnical integration in Georgian schools	Institute of Social Research (ISR)

14	2005	Article co-writer	Religion in Public Schools	Magazine "Liberty", Liberty Institute (Making Democracy Work)
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Language Competences

Georgian	Native
French	Very good
English	Very good
Russian	Average