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Nationality: Georgian

### WORK EXPERIENCE

[ Mar 2021 – Current ]

#### Associate Professor of Political Science

*Ilia State University*

City: Tbilisi

Country: Georgia

- Teaching bachelor's and master's students
- Supervising doctoral students
- Doing research

[ 29 Sep 2023 – 22 Nov 2023 ]

#### Visiting Professor

*Weiser Center, Institute of Social Research, Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan*

City: Ann Arbor

Country: United States

- Working on book project - "Research Design in Political Science."

[ 1 Oct 2022 – 31 Mar 2023 ]

#### Professor of Politics

*Business and Technology University*

City: Tbilisi

Country: Georgia

- Teaching doctoral students
- Designing study programs

[ 1 Mar 2022 – 30 Apr 2022 ]

#### Country Expert (for Georgia)

*"Democracy under Threat: How Education can Save It" (DEMED)*

- Data coding

[ 1 Mar 2022 – 30 Apr 2022 ]

#### Reviewer/Reader

*Journal of Identity Study, Ilia State University*

City: Tbilisi

Country: Georgia

- Reviewing scientific articles

[ 1 Dec 2021 – Current ]

#### Country Expert (for Georgia and Ukraine)

*The V-Dem Project*

City: Tbilisi

Country: Georgia

- Expert coding for elections (national & subnational), political parties & electoral systems, the executive, the legislature, regimes, judiciary, civil liberty, civil society, political equality and post-survey questionnaire.

[ 1 Sep 2021 – Current ]

#### Member of the Faculty Board at the Faculty of Arts and Science

*Ilia State University*

City: Tbilisi

Country: Georgia

- Reviewing and voting administrative and educational issues at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

[ 5 Mar 2021 – Current ]

**Secretary General, Founder**

*Georgian Association for Public Opinion Research*

**City:** Tbilisi

**Country:** Georgia

- Reviews membership applications and recruits new members
- Takes decision on the acceptance of members and their withdrawal.
- Being responsible for arranging the administrative affairs of the President, Vice President, Executive Council, Councilors At-Large, and the Standing and Ad Hoc Committees of the Association;
- Creates and administers the archival materials of the Association.

[ 10 Jun 2021 – 15 Jun 2023 ]

**A principal investigator of political equality index**

*Georgian Young Lawyers' Association, the USAID Georgia funded project*

**City:** Tbilisi

**Country:** Georgia

- Developing a codebook
- Collecting, coding and analyzing data
- Writing and publishing report

[ 2 Apr 2023 – 31 May 2023 ]

**Political Expert for the Election Monitoring Methodology**

*Georgian Young Lawyers' Association, the Council of Europe funded project*

**City:** Tbilisi

**Country:** Georgia

- Evaluating the political landscape of Georgia
- Reviewing the electoral legislation
- Aiding the international experts in drafting methodology handbook

[ 1 May 2020 – 1 Mar 2021 ]

**Researcher & Lecturer**

*Iliia State University*

**City:** Tbilisi

**Country:** Georgia

- Designing and conducting research
- Teaching

[ 29 Aug 2019 – 5 Mar 2020 ]

**Fulbright Visiting Scholar**

*IERES, Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University*

**City:** Washington DC

**Country:** United States

- Working on book project - Great power competition and the path to democracy, the case of Georgia, 1991-2020, Rochester University Press, 2022

[ 2 Oct 2018 – 28 Aug 2019 ]

**Scientific researcher and lecturer**

*Iliia State University*

**City:** Tbilisi

**Country:** Georgia

- Teaching and doing research

[ 10 Sep 2018 – 30 Dec 2020 ]

**Lecturer**

*Peace Studies Center, Sokhumi State University*

**City:** Tbilisi

**Country:** Georgia

- Teaching
- Coaching students on proposal writing

[ 1 Oct 2017 – 31 Jul 2018 ]

**Mandated Instructor**

*University of Zurich*

**City:** Zurich

**Country:** Switzerland

- Delivering lectures for the course: "Democratization and Transition in Post-Soviet States."

[ 3 May 2013 – 30 Jun 2013 ]

**Visiting Research Fellow (Tempus Program)**

*University of Glasgow*

**City:** Glasgow

**Country:** United Kingdom

- Conducting research

- Presenting at the "Sixth CRCEES Annual Research Forum and Fifth Assessing Accession Research Symposium."

[ 30 Aug 2012 – 30 Sep 2012 ]

**Visiting Research Fellow**

*University of Fribourg*

**City:** Fribourg

**Country:** Switzerland

- Conducting research

[ 26 Nov 2007 – 31 Jul 2014 ]

**Paralegal, Translator-Interpreter**

*Ministry of Justice of Georgia, Office of the Chief Prosecutor*

**City:** Tbilisi

**Country:** Georgia

- Translating legal documents

- Interpreting at the court hearings

- Participating in the investigative actions

- Liaising with diplomatic representatives

[ 1 Sep 2007 – 20 Dec 2007 ]

**Volunteer**

*Information Center on NATO*

**City:** Tbilisi

**Country:** Georgia

- Aiding in awareness raising campaigns

- Assisting in the implementation of projects

[ 1 Sep 2007 – 28 Nov 2007 ]

**Intern**

*Human Rights Center*

**City:** Tbilisi

**Country:** Georgia

- Translating news and newspapers for the HRC webpage

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

[ 3 Sep 2014 – 29 Aug 2018 ]

**PhD in Political Science - Democracy Studies**

*University of Zurich* <https://www.uzh.ch/en.html>

**City:** Zurich

**Country:** Switzerland

[ 1 Sep 2008 – 30 Jun 2010 ]

**M.A. in International Relations - Concentration Security Studies**

*Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA)* <https://gipa.ge/>

**City:** Tbilisi

**Country:** Georgia

- [ 1 Sep 2004 – 30 Jun 2008 ] **B.A. in Linguistics (Translator and Interpreter of English and German languages)**  
**Iliia State University** <https://iliauni.edu.ge/en/>  
**City:** Tbilisi  
**Country:** Georgia
- [ 10 Jul 2017 – 20 Aug 2017 ] **The Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology**  
**University of Zurich**  
**City:** Zurich  
**Country:** Switzerland
- [ 1 Jun 2017 – 8 Jun 2017 ] **Summer School: Democratization in a globalized and mediatized world**  
**University of St. Gallen** <https://www.unisg.ch/en/>  
**City:** St. Gallen  
**Country:** Switzerland
- [ 8 Jun 2016 – 10 Aug 2016 ] **ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Process Tracing Methodology I, Foundations and Design, Process Tracing Methodology II, Evidence and Empirical Testing in Practice**  
**Central European University**  
**City:** Budapest  
**Country:** Hungary
- [ 5 Jun 2015 – 28 Jun 2015 ] **GSERM Summer School in Regression Analysis**  
**University of St. Gallen** <https://www.unisg.ch/en/>  
**City:** St. Gallen  
**Country:** Switzerland
- [ 10 Jul 2015 – 14 Aug 2015 ] **ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Mixed Methods Design**  
**University of Ljubljana** <https://www.uni-lj.si/university/>  
**City:** Ljubljana  
**Country:** Slovenia
- [ 1 Feb 2013 – 27 Feb 2013 ] **CELTA (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)**  
**Cambridge University, International House**  
**City:** Tbilisi  
**Country:** Georgia

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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**Mother tongue(s):** Georgian

**Other language(s):**

### English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

### Russian

LISTENING B2 READING B2 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

### German

LISTENING A1 READING A1 WRITING A1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A1 SPOKEN INTERACTION A1

*Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user*

## DIGITAL SKILLS

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Microsoft Office package: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access | Google meet, Microsoft powerpoint | Video Conferencing (Zoom, Teams, Skype, Webex) - Advanced | R, R Studio, R Markdown | IBM Statistical package for Sciences (SPSS)

## PUBLICATIONS

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[ 2022 ]

**["Great Power Competition and the Path to Democracy: The Case of Georgia, 1991-2020."](#)**  
**[Rochester University Press](#)**

**Reference:** Burkadze, Zarina.

A close examination of the competing influences of the West and Russia over the fate of democracy in Georgia and other former Soviet bloc nations.

[ 2022 ]

**["Georgia's Illiberal Forces: Political Polarization against Democracy." Journal of Illiberalism Studies 3, no. 1 \(2022\): 31-45.](#)**

**Reference:** Burkadze, Zarina.

This article explores how illiberal forces are structuring in Georgia and what this evolution reveals about the weakness of Georgia's democratic institutions and liberal values.

[ 2021 ]

**["How Covid Is Shaping Georgian Democracy," In One Year with Covid-19 edited by Christian Ewert and Lea Heyne](#)**

**Reference:** Burkadze, Zarina.

Democracy Net, 2021: 135-141.

[ 2020 ] **The Code of Professional Ethics and Practices**

**Reference:** Burkadze, Zarina et al.

Georgian Association for Public Opinion Research

[ 2022 ] **["How Russia's War Against Ukraine Affects Georgia."](#)**

**Reference:** Burkadze, Zarina

This analysis explores how Georgia, 20% of whose territory is occupied by neighboring Russia, has assessed its security risks in light of the war in Ukraine.

[ 2023 ] **[Political Equality Index in Georgia](#)**

**Reference:** Burkadze, Zarina et al.

Measuring and assessing the political equality in Georgia

[ 2023 ]

**[Book Review Great Power Competition and the Path to Democracy: The Case of Georgia, 1991-2020 by Zarina Burkadze. Rochester, NY, University of Rochester Press, 2022. 202 pp.](#)**

**Reference:** Lincoln A. Mitchell

Book review published in the Political Science Quarterly, Volume 138, Issue 3, 455-456.

[ 2023 ] **Guide to Comparative Politics**

**Reference:** Burkadze, Zarina.

Iliia State University Press

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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[ 17 Nov 2023 – 18 Nov 2023 ]

**How Euro-Atlantic Integration Shapes Popular Attitudes Toward Democracy**

Chicago, IL, USA

48th Annual Conference of Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research (MAPOR) – Intersections and Opportunities: Exploring the Potentials of Public Opinion Research. Presenter and Moderator for the panel on "State of Affairs: Public Opinion on Political Sanitations and Policies." Co-authored Paper.

- [ 18 May 2022 – 19 May 2022 ] **The Lessons Learned from the Democratization of South Korea** Tbilisi, Georgia  
Conference Historic Parallels – Georgia and South Korea, Presenter & Moderator, Ilia State University,
- [ 8 Apr 2022 – 9 Apr 2022 ] **79th MPSA Conference, Roundtable: Experts Discuss the Russia-Ukraine War**  
Chicago, IL, USA - Tbilisi, Georgia
- [ 6 Apr 2017 – 9 Apr 2017 ] **75th MPSA Conference, Presented the theory and method chapters of dissertation** Chicago, IL, USA
- [ 14 Apr 2016 – 16 Apr 2016 ] **The Impact of International Conditionality on the Formation of Regime Types.**  
New York, NY, USA  
ASN Conference, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
- [ 23 Jun 2016 – 25 Jun 2016 ] **The Impact of International Conditionality on the Formation of Regime Types** Brussels, Belgium  
EPSA Conference - discussant for the panel: International Agreements and Institutions.
- [ 7 Sep 2016 – 10 Sep 2016 ] **Democracy promotion through leverage: the case of Georgia** Prague, Czech Republic  
ECPR General Conference
- [ 4 Sep 2015 – 5 Sep 2015 ] **Influence of External and Domestic Actors on Democratic Consolidation** Tbilisi, Georgia  
ASCN Tbilisi Conference
- [ 23 May 2013 – 25 May 2013 ] **Transition and Democratic Consolidation in Georgia** Glasgow, UK.  
Sixth CRCEES Annual Research Forum and Fifth Assessing Accession Research Symposium.

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- [ 29 Sep 2023 – 22 Nov 2023 ] **Weiser Professional Development Fellowship at the University of Michigan**
- [ 29 Aug 2019 – 5 Mar 2020 ]  
**Fulbright Postdoctoral Visiting Scholar Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Elliot, School of International Affairs, George Washington University**
- [ 3 Sep 2014 – 29 Aug 2018 ] **Swiss Excellence Government Scholarship, University of Zurich**  
Doctoral Scholarship
- [ 2015 – 2017 ] **NCCR and SAGW travel grants for conferences and summer schools**
- [ 2011 – 2014 ] **Georgian Government Scholarship for the Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies Program**  
Doctoral Program at Ilia State University

## BLOGS & PODCASTS

- Democratisers vs autocratisers: Great Power competition and the path to democracy**  
[Great Power competition and the path to democracy - The Loop \(ecpr.eu\)](#)
- Great Power Competition and the Path to Democracy**  
[Great Power Competition and the Path to Democracy - Boydell and Brewer](#)
- Great Power Competition and the Path to Democracy**  
[Podcast | Zarina Burkadze, "Great Power Competition and the Path to..." \(newbooksnetwork.com\)](#)
- გამოიყენებს თუ არა რუსეთი ბირთვულ იარაღს?**  
[ზარინა ბურკაძე | 12 დეკემბერი, 2022 \(crs.ge\)](#)

## MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Member, Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN), 2016-2017.

**Member, European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), 2016-2017**

**Member, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2017-2023.**

**Member, European Political Science Association (EPSA), 2017-2018.**

**Member, World Public Opinion Association (WAPOR) 2021-2023**

**Member, Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research (MAPOR) 2023.**

**Founding Member, Georgian Association for Public Opinion Research (GAPOR) since 2021**

## **ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS**

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### **Impartial Polling for Developing Citizen-Responsive Democratic Governance in Georgia, Public Opinion Polling Discussion Series, July-October 2020, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Organized by Ilia State University, USAID and USAID's Human and Institutional Capacity Development 2020 program (HICD 2020) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiTrGasa0Kg>)

### **A Review of the 2020 Pre-Election and Exit Polls in Georgia**

Supported by USAID and USAID Good Governance Initiative (USAID GGI), December 2020, Tbilisi, Georgia (<https://iliauni.edu.ge/en/siaxleebi-8/gonisdziebebi-346/usa-id-georgia-isu-joint-conference-a-review-of-the-2020-pre-election-and-exit-polls-in-georgia.page>)

### **The Campus Discussion - Conversation with Pollsters**

Supported by USAID and USAID Good Governance Initiative (USAID GGI), December 2020, Tbilisi, Georgia, (<https://iliauni.edu.ge/en/siaxleebi-8/gonisdziebebi-346/usa-id-and-ilia-state-university-joint-campus-lecture-conversation-with-pollsters.page>)

### **GAPOR Winter School on Public Opinion Methods and 2 nd Annual Conference**

Supported by the Center for Advanced Studies, Ilia State University and IRI Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia, November 16-18, 2022.