

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. Personal Information

Name, Last name: Nikoloz Tsikaridze

Citizenship: Georgian

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2. Education

BA: “Arts in Humanities”, specialty: Archaeology. Tbilisi State University, 2006.

MA: “Quaternary and Prehistory”, Erasmus mundus, University of Ferrara (Italy), mob: IPH (France), 2009.

Ph.D.: in Earth Sciences, University of Florence (Italy) 2015.



3. Knowledge of languages

English

Russian

French

Italian

4. Work Experience

Georgian National Museum - Volunteer - 2003 -2005;

Georgian National Museum - Intern - 2005 – 2007;

Georgian National Museum - Assistant -2007 – 2008;

Georgian National Museum - Assistant Curator - 2008 -2011;

Georgian National Museum - Researcher - 2011 - 2016;

Georgian National Museum - Senior Researcher - 2016 - 2020;

Georgian National Museum - Chief Researcher - 2020 - 2022;

The Caucasus Scientific-Research Institute – Chief Researcher, Chairman of the Research Council - 2022 – To Date

The Green Policy Scientific-Research Platform – Chairman – 2017 – To Date

The Science, Education and Culture Workers' Union of Georgia – Chairman – 2022 – To Date

5. Fieldwork Experience

Archaeological excavations at open-air sites

- 2003 – To Date - Dmanisi (Georgia)** – Research team member – Supervisor of the excavation area – Lower Paleolithic, Medieval Period.
- 2007 – Gadachrili Gora (Georgia)** – Participant - Neolithic
- 2007 – Aruchlos Gora (Georgia)** - Participant - Neolithic
- 2008 – Isernia La Pineta (Italy)** – Participant – Lower Paleolithic
- 2012 – Abulmugi Valley (Georgia)** - Supervisor of the excavation area – Middle Paleolithic
- 2012 – Ananauri Kurgans (Georgia)** - Participant – Bronze Age
- 2015 – Narli Dara (Georgia)** - Research team member – Middle Paleolithic
- 2015 – Orchosani (Georgia)** - Research team member – Supervisor of the excavation area – Chalcolithic, Bronze Age, Medieval Period.
- 2011, 2019 – The Georgian Archaeological Mission in Kuwait** - Research team member – Supervisor of the excavation area – Bronze Age
- 2017 – Gldani/Norio** - Research team member – Supervisor of the excavation area -
- 2018 – Sazano** - Research team member – Supervisor of the excavation area – Middle Paleolithic
- 2021 – To Date - Orozmani (Georgia)** – Research team member – Lower Paleolithic

Archaeological excavation at the Caves

- 2005 – Pinillia (Spain)**- Invited Student – Participant – Middle Paleolithic
- 2007 – Atapuerca (Spain)**- Invited Student – Participant – Lower and Middle Paleolithic
- 2017 – Atapuerca (Spain)**- Invited researcher – Participant - Lower and Middle Paleolithic
- 2018 – Archaeological Surveys of Kharagauli and Sagvardjile (Georgia)** – Research team member - Middle Paleolithic
- 2018 – To Date - Archaeological Surveys of Tskaltsitela River Valley (Georgia)** - Principal investigator – Middle and Upper Paleolithic
- 2016-2022 – To Date - Tsutskhvati Cave Complex (Georgia)** - Principal investigator and head of the excavation – Middle and Upper Paleolithic, Chalcolithic, Bronze Age, Medieval Period
- 2018-2022 – To Date - Sakazhia Cave (Georgia)** - Principal investigator and head of the excavation – Middle and Upper Paleolithic
- 2020 - To Date – Archaeological Surveys of Tsopi Paleolithic sites** - Principal investigator and head of the excavation – Middle Paleolithic

Paleontological excavations

2005-2006 – Kvabebi (Georgia) - Research team member

2005-2006 – Udabno-Mravaltskaro (Georgia) - Research team member

2005-2006 – Kaspi-kavtiskhevi (Georgia) - Research team member

2007 – Dzedzvtakhevi (Georgia) - Research team member

2010 – Tchachuna-Vashlovani(Georgia) - Research team member

6. Conferences, Symposiums and workshops

2007 – Seminar – Short Course in Geology – Prof, Read Ferring (University of North Texas, USA)
– Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

2008 – Course in **“Geometric morphometrics analysis and virtual reconstruction”**. – Christoph Zollikofer Zurich, University of Irchel

2013 - Presentation: **“Pleistocene mammal community dispersals as paleoecological scenario for the first expansion of *Homo erectus* species out of Africa into Eurasia”**. XIII Congress of Association of Italian Paleontologists (CAIP), University of Perugia, Italy

2013 - Presentation: **“*Homo erectus* Dispersal Patterns for the Out – of – Africa 1 Model”**. "The role of the Southern Caucasus on early human evolution and expansion – refuge, hub or source area?", Georgian National Museum, Tbilisi, Georgia

2014 - Presentation: **“*Homo erectus* dispersal patterns for “Out of Africa 1””**. XIII Congress of Association of Italian Paleontologists (CAIP), University of Bari, Italy

2016 - Poster: **“Biogeographic patterns of *Homo erectus*”**, International Senckenberg Conference, 100+25 years of *Homo erectus*: Dmanisi and beyond, Georgian National Museum, Tbilisi, Georgia

2016 - Presentation: **„The biogeography of *Homo erectus* dispersal out of Africa“**. conference dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the archaeologist Iulon Gagoshidze. Georgian National Museum, Tbilisi, Georgia

2016 - Presentation: **„The Ecology of the *Homo erectus* dispersal”**, conference dedicated to the 85th anniversary of the archaeologist Irina Shatilova – “Reconstruction of the oldest landscapes”. Georgian National Museum, Tbilisi, Georgia

2016 - Workshop: **“What Drives Human Cognitive Evolution?”**. John Templeton Foundation Grant, Georgian National Museum, Tbilisi, Georgia.

2017 - Presentation: **“The Short history of Genus *Homo*”**. Course of lectures “Georgia and World Civilizations”

2019 – Presentation: **“The new data from Tsutskhvati cave complex”** "Middle/Upper Paleolithic transition, example from South Caucasus and the Black Sea Region". Georgian National Museum, Tbilisi, Georgia

2018 - Presentation: **“A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out in the Bronze Cave and Double Cave at Tsutskhvati cave complex”** , Conference on Archaeological Excavation Reports, Georgia, Tbilisi, National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia

2018 - Presentation: **“A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out at Sakazhia Cave”** , Conference on Archaeological Excavation Reports, Georgia, Tbilisi, National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia

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2020 - Presentation: **“A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out in the Bronze Cave and Double Cave at Tsutskhvati cave complex”** , Conference on Archaeological Excavation Reports, Georgia, Tbilisi, National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia

2021 - Presentation: **“A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out in the Bronze Cave and Double Cave at Tsutskhvati cave complex”** , Conference on Archaeological Excavation Reports, Georgia, Tbilisi, National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia

2021 - Presentation: **“A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out at Sakazhia Cave”** , Conference on Archaeological Excavation Reports, Georgia, Tbilisi, National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation of Georgia

2022 - Presentation: **“A Report of the Field Work Carried Out at Tsutskhvati cave complex and Sakazhia Cave”** , Conference on Archaeological Excavation Reports 2019-2021, Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgian National Museum.

7. Research Projects

2004–2007 – **“Research of the Earliest Hominids in Eurasia and Reconstruction of their Environment”**. Georgian National Science Foundation Grant (SRNSF). Support personnel

2007 – **Research of Venta Micena bone** collections under supervision of prof. Bienvenido Martinez – Navarro and prof. Abesalom Vekua, Orce, Spain. Scholarship holder, student.

2004–2007 – **“Late pliocene and Early pleistocene human and large mammals dispersal into Europe: The examples of Georgia and Spain”**. Georgian National Science Foundation Grant (SRNSF). Support personnel

2007–2008 – “Proboscidae and Cervidae remains from Georgian paleontological sites general review”, The scientific cooperation between Spain and Georgia, Fundacion Duques de Soria. Scholarship holder, student.

2017-2022 - "Neanderthals in the South Caucasus"(Investigation of Tsutskhvati Cave Complex) (№217620). Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia Fundamental Research State Grant (SRNSF).Principal Investigator

2018-2022 – „Neanderthals in Western Georgia“ (№ YS-18-2771) - Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia Fundamental Research State Grant (SRNSF). Principal Investigator

2018-2022 – “Last Neanderthal and first Anatomically Modern Human settlements in Georgia” (№ 04101) - International Program for Scientific Cooperation. SRNSF (Georgia) and CNRS (France). Key Personnel

2021 – “Archaeology for Everyone” (№ SPG-21-420). Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia Science Popularization Grant (SRNSF). Principal Investigator

2022 – Ongoing Project – “Investigations of the Middle-Upper Paleolithic transition at Bronze Cave, Tsutskhvati, Georgia” (ID 41813) – Leakey Foundation Grant. Principal Investigator

2022 – Ongoing Project – “Multidisciplinary investigations of the Middle-Upper Paleolithic transition at Ortvala Cave: environmental and cultural context” (FR-21-17740) – Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia Fundamental Research State Grant. Coordinator

2022 – Ongoing Project – “Interdisciplinary research of Tsopi (Georgia, South Caucasus) Middle Paleolithic archaeological site” (AZ 60/V/21) – Gerda Henkel Foundation. Principal Investigator

2022 – Ongoing Project – “South Caucasus in the Upper Pleistocene: environmental and cultural context” (1CS-I-22-321) - Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia Caucasiology Research State Grant. Principal Investigator

2022 – Ongoing Project – “Flint sources in the Kvirila river basin and their exploitation by humans in the Paleolithic period (Imereti, West Georgia)” (NFR-21-17285) - Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia Fundamental Research State Grant. Support Personnel

2022 – Ongoing Project – “The interdisciplinary research of Abulmuki, Sazano, and Narli Dara open-air Middle Paleolithic sites” (MR – 21 -368) - Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia MA Research Grant. Advisor

2022 – Ongoing Project – “International Research Project (INP) - WESTGEO : Settlements dynamics and palaeoenvironments in Western Georgia over the last 100,000 years” - CNRS, France. Key Participant.

8. Exhibitions

2009 – “Gezicht van onze evolutie – Verdwaalde voorouder?”. “The Face of Human Evolution – A Misplaced Ancestor?”. Curator: John de Vos. Netherlands, Leiden, Naturalis. Participant

2011 - „*Homo sapiens. La grande storia della diversità umana*“. “*Homo sapiens. The great history of human diversity*”. Curators: Luigi Luca Cavalli Sforza and Telmo Pievani. Italy, Rome, Palazzo delle Esposizioni. Participant

2016 - “Stone Age Georgia”. Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgian National Museum. Curator of exhibition's human evolutionary part.

2019 – „*Neanderthals in the South Caucasus – Tsutskhvati Cave Complex, old and new discoveries*”. Curators: Nikoloz Tsikaridze, Tamar Aghapishvili, Ana Mgeladze, Nikoloz Vanishvili, Eliso Kvavadze. Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgian National Museum.

9. Research Articles

2016 - Francesco Carotenuto, Nikoloz Tsikaridze, Lorenzo Rook, David Lordkipanidze, Silvana Condemi, Pasquale Raia. 2016. **Venturing out safely: The biogeography of Homo erectus dispersal out of Africa**. Journal of Human Evolution, Volume 95, Pages 1–12.

(<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0047248416000294>)

2018 - Tsikaridze, N. 2018. **A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out in the Bronze Age Cave and Double Cave at Tsutskhvati cave complex (2017)**. Compilation of Research Reports (CRR). National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation Georgia (NACPG). Vol. 1. 327-332.

2019 - Tsikaridze, N. **Neanderthals in South Caucasus**. Culture Plus. 14. 44-51.

2019 - Tsikaridze, N.. 2019. **A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out in the Bronze Age Cave and Double Cave at Tsutskhvati cave complex (2018)**. Compilation of Research Reports (CRR). National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation Georgia (NACPG). Vol. 2, 418-424.

2019 - Tsikaridze, N. 2019 **A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out in the Sakazhia Cave. (2018)**. Compilation of Research Reports (CRR). National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation Georgia (NACPG). Vol 2. 425-430.

2020 - Nikoloz Tskvitinidze, Nikoloz Tsikaridze, Eliso Kvavadze, David Lordkipanidze. 2020. **Chalcolithic Settlement at Bronze Cave, Tsutskhvati Cave Complex (Republic of Georgia, Imereti)**. BULLETIN OF THE GEORGIAN NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES vol. 14, no. 2 (<http://science.org.ge/bnas/vol-14-2.html>)

2020 - Tsikaridze, N. 2020. **A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out in the Bronze Age Cave and Double Cave at Tsutskhvati cave complex (2019)**. Compilation of Research Reports (CRR). National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation Georgia (NACPG). Vol 3.

2020 - Tsikaridze, N. 2020. **A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out in the Sakazhia Cave. (2019).** Compilation of Research Reports (CRR). National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation Georgia (NACPG). Vol 3

2021 - Tsikaridze, N. 2021. **A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out in the Bronze Age Cave and Double Cave at Tsutskhvati cave complex (2020).** Compilation of Research Reports (CRR). National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation Georgia (NACPG). Vol 4. 239-246

2021 - Tsikaridze, N. 2021. **A Short Report of the Field Work Carried Out in the Sakazhia Cave. (2020).** Compilation of Research Reports (CRR). National Agency for Cultural Heritage Preservation Georgia (NACPG). Vol 4. 234-238

2022 - Saverio Bartolini, Omar Cirilli, Luca Pandolfi, Raymond Bernor, Maia Bukhsianidze, David Lordkipanidze, Nikoloz Tsikaridze, Lorenzo Rook. 2022. **Zoogeographic significance of Dmanisi large mammal assemblage.** Journal of Human Evolution 163, 103125. Elsevier (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0047248421001779>).

2022 - Ann Margvelashvili, Martha Tappen, G. Philip Rightmire, Nikoloz Tsikaridze, David Lordkipanidze. 2022. **An ancient cranium from Dmanisi: Evidence for interpersonal violence, disease, and possible predation by carnivores on Early Pleistocene *Homo*.** Journal of Human Evolution 166, 103180. Elsevier (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0047248422000409>)

10. Other Scientific skills

Morphologica

JMP

Amira

Formit

R Cran

Acquisition/processing data with GPS and Total Station

Arc Map

Adobe Premiere Pro