

**Irina Demetradze-Renz**  
***Curriculum Vitae***

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2014<br>Ph.D. in Archaeology                   | School of Engineering, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia<br>Dissertation thesis: “Cultural Landscapes of Iberia: Mtskheta Area Settlement Patterns in the 1 <sup>st</sup> century BC - 3 <sup>rd</sup> century AD”<br>(Summa Cum Laude) |
| 2010                                           | The Network Scholarship Programs Pre-Academic Summer Program<br>Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey                                                                                                                                             |
| 1987<br>B.A. in History and<br>Society Studies | Department of History, Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia<br>Bachelor’s thesis in Archaeology: “Early Settlements in Mesopotamia: Stages of Development” (Diploma with Honours)                                         |

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

|                 |                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 2010 to present | Assistant Professor, School of Arts and Sciences<br>Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia                                                          |
| 2007-08         | Cultural Heritage Advisor, AGT (Azerbaijan Georgia Turkey) Pipelines Project,<br>BP Exploration (Caspian Sea) Ltd. – Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia       |
| 2003-07         | Cultural Heritage Field Monitor, AGT (Azerbaijan Georgia Turkey) Pipelines Project,<br>BP Exploration (Caspian Sea) Ltd. – Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia |
| 1997-2003       | Secretary, Archaeological Service Department, Centre for Archaeological Studies,<br>Georgian Academy of Sciences, Tbilisi, Georgia                   |

**FELLOWSHIPS/AWARDS**

|         |                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 2021    | Civil Society Scholar at the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies<br>St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, UK<br>Open Society Foundations Fellowship               |
| 2017-18 | Academic Visitor at the School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies<br>St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, UK<br>Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation Fellowship |
| 2015-16 | Fulbright Scholar at the Department of Classics, University of California, Berkeley, USA<br>William Fulbright Fellowship                                                    |
| 2015    | Weiser Visiting Scholar at the Kelsey Museum, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA<br>Weiser Professional Developments Fellowship                                         |
| 2013    | Visiting Professor at the Department of Archaeology, University of Bologna, Italy<br>Erasmus Mundus Academic Staff Exchange Award                                           |

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**PUBLICATIONS**

- Book  
2022 “Iberian Cities in Roman Imperial Period and Late Antiquity”  
Tbilisi: Ilia State University Press (*in Georgian*)
- Ph.D. Dissertation  
2014 “Cultural Landscapes of Iberia: Mtskheta Area Settlement Patterns  
in the 1<sup>st</sup> century BC - 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD”  
iliauni.edu.ge online publication (*in Georgian, abstract in English*)  
[http://www.iliauni.edu.ge/index.php?lang\\_id=GEO&sec\\_id=965](http://www.iliauni.edu.ge/index.php?lang_id=GEO&sec_id=965)
- Articles  
2022 “Defining Urban Space: Archaeology and Topography of Mtskheta”  
in Connecting the Ancient West and East, J. Boardman, J. Hargrave, A. Avram and  
A. Podossinov (eds.), Studies Presented to Prof. Gocha R. Tsetskhladze,  
Peeters of Louvain (*in English*)
- 2021 “Roman Urbanism in Caucasian Iberia: A New Look at the City of Armazi”  
*Ancient West & East*, Volume 20, Peeters of Louvain (*in English*)
- 2012 “Cultural Landscapes of Seusamora in Eastern Georgia”,  
Landscape Archaeology between Art and Science  
Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press (*in English*)
- 2010 “Cultural Continuity at Samshvilde”, *Kadmosi* No 2, Ilia State University Press  
(*in Georgian and English*)
- 2010 “Pipeline Archaeology in Georgia”, *Antiquity, Project Gallery*, online publication,  
Volume 84, Issue 325 (*in English*)
- 2009 “Greek Pottery Wares from Atsquri”, *Iberia-Colchis* No 5, Otar Lordkipanidze Centre  
of Archaeology, Georgian National Museum (*in Georgian, abstract in English*)
- 2006 “The BTC Project and Pipeline Archaeology in Georgia”, *Eirene* (XLII),  
Institute for Classical Studies of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic  
(*in English*)
- 2002 “The Bronze Finger-Rings from Atsquri”, in *Ancient West & East*,  
Volume 1, No 2, Leiden, Boston: Brill (*in English*)

**TECHNICAL REPORT EDITING**

- 2007 Comprehensive Technical Report on the Archaeological Investigations at Site IV-209  
Samshvilde, KP 77+60, Tetrtskaro District, Kvemo Kartli Region
- 2007 Comprehensive Technical Report on the Archaeological Investigations at Site IV-260 Skhalta,  
KP 80, Tetrtsqaro District, Kvemo Kartli Region
- 2007 Comprehensive Technical Report on the Archaeological Investigations at Site IV-156  
Saphar-Kharaba, KP 120, Tsalka District, Kvemo Kartli Region

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**TALKS/PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES/SEMINAR ORGANIZATION**

“Writing, Writing Tools and Literacy in Roman Iberia”

Seventh International Congress on Black Sea Antiquities

The International Hellenic University, Thessaloniki, Greece (September 2022)

“Neolithization of the Caucasus”

“Roman Empire and the Caucasus”

Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala University, Sweden (April-May 2022)

“Nationalistic Trends in Georgian Archaeology”

Audiences and Storytelling in Georgian Heritage

REES (Russian and East European Studies) Georgian Programme Seminar

Oxford School of Global and Area Studies, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, UK

(Michaelmas term, November 2021)

“Processes of Neolithization in the Caucasus”

“Roman-Iberian Interactions”

“Iberian Social History through Artefacts”

School of Humanities, University of Glasgow, UK (October 2019)

“Roman Material Culture in Georgia”

“Processes of Urbanization in the Caucasus”

Faculty of Philosophy, Arts and Letters, UC Louvain, Louvain-la Neuve, Belgium (March 2019)

History, Heritage, and Perception

REES (Russian and East European Studies) Georgian Studies Programme Seminar Series

St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, UK (Michaelmas term, November-December 2017)

“Defining Urban Space: Archaeology and Topography of Mtskheta”

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, University of Oxford, UK

(Michaelmas term, November 2017)

“Rome in the Caucasus: New Light on the Roman Impact on Iberian Society”

St Antony’s College, University of Oxford, UK (Hilary term, February 2017)

“Roman Culture in the Caucasus: What the Romans Brought to Iberia”

Department of Classics, UC Berkeley, USA (November 2015)

“The City of Armazi: A Pattern of Roman Urbanisation?”

Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA (March 2015)

“Roman Settlement Patterns in Eastern Georgia”

SAA (Society for American Archaeology) 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA (April 2013)

**EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER**

2018

Journal of Social Sciences, International Black Sea University,  
Tbilisi, Georgia

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**MEMBERSHIP**

|         |                                           |
|---------|-------------------------------------------|
| 2017-24 | (BGS) British Georgian Society            |
| 2015-16 | (AIA) Archaeological Institute of America |
| 2011-13 | (SAA) Society for American Archaeology    |

**LANGUAGES**

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| Georgian | Native |
| English  | Fluent |
| Russian  | Fluent |
| Spanish  | Basic  |