

WORKING EXPERIENCE

01/11/2025 – TO PRESENT

HEAD, DEPARTMENT FOR ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY

01/05/2025 – TO PRESENT

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SOCIOLOGY, ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Teaching undergraduate courses:

- *Theories of Development*
- *Introduction to Modern Thought*
- *Introduction to Critical Theory*
- *Introduction to Ideology and Discourse analysis: Theory and Method*
- *Politics, Ethics and Power: Realism or Normativism?*

07/10/2019 – 30/04/2025

INVITED LECTURER, ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Teaching undergraduate courses:

- *Theories of Development*
- *Introduction to Modern Thought*
- *Introduction to Critical Theory*
- *Politics, Ethics and Power: Realism or Normativism?*

01/06/2022-31/12/2022

RESEARCHER THE CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES, ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY

01/06/2021 – 01/11/2021

RESEARCHER, KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG

Project: Raising awareness on socio-political and economic challenges among the party politicians

15/09/2016–25/06/2017

INVITED LECTURER, ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Teaching assistant for an undergraduate courses *Introduction to Modern Thought*

15/01/2017–25/06/2017

CURRICULUM SPECIALIST, ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION

01/10/2019 – 14/01/2025

JOINT PH.D. PROGRAMME "DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELIGION", ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY (GEORGIA) AND MÜNSTER UNIVERSITY (GERMANY)

Dissertation topic: *Liberal Realism Politics of Difference beyond Universalist-Contextualist Debate*

Supervisors: Dr. Professor Giga Zedania (Ilia State University); Dr. Professor Thomas Gutmann (The University of Münster)

Grade: Summa Cum Laude

28/08/2017–03/06/2019

MSC IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES, LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

Master thesis: Discursive (re)articulations of development policy in the light of Sustainable development goals: The case of Georgia

Supervisor: Associate Professor Christopher Swader

31/08/2015–17/01/2016

SOCIOLOGY (BACHELOR EXCHANGE STUDENT), LUND UNIVERSITY, SWEDEN

01/09/2012–25/07/2016

BA IN SOCIOLOGY, ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY, GEORGIA

Bachelor thesis: Mythologization of political discourse: The case of Georgia

Supervisor: Dr. Professor Ghia Nodia

CONFERENCES

15-16/06/2023

13TH BRAGA MEETINGS ON ETHICS AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Panel: (Re-)Configuring The Left: Theoretical Approaches To Left-Wing Populism And Radical Democracy)

University of Minho, Braga, Portugal

Title: *The need of normativity in the theory of hegemony and its relevance for populist politics*

2-3/06/2023

THE DUTCH RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY (OZSW) 2023 CONFERENCE

The Dutch Research School of Philosophy, Leiden, Netherlands

Title: *Autonomy of the politics and realist normativity*

29-30/05/2023

THE FOURTH ANNUAL AMSTERDAM GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN POLITICAL THEORY

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Title: *Particularist principles and realist normativity*

16-17/02/2023

IV GENEVA GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Université de Genève, Geneva, Switzerland

Title: *Realist Normativity: Back to Methodological Moralism?*

15/11/2019

CONFERENCE “VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE RELIGION”, ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY, GEORGIA

Title: *Georgian Orthodox Church and Development Politics*

11/07/2016

CONFERENCE FOR UNEDGRADUATE STUDENTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE, ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY, GEORGIA

Title: Mythologization of political discourse: The case of Georgia

PUBLIC LECTURES AND INTERVIEWS

13/04/2023

PUBLIC DISCUSSION “ANATOMY of POPULISM”

Center for Advanced Studies, Ilia State University

20/05/2022

ILIAUNI’S GUIDE TO DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION WITH PROFESSOR GIGA ZEDANIA

Topic: Development

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXyMyejnJ-Q&t=451s>

20/04/2021

INTERVIEW WITH ISET STUDENT CLUB

Topic: *Developmental State*

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/ISETStudentClub/videos/465084178050321>

PUBLICATIONS

Liberal Realism: Politics of Difference beyond Universalist-Contextualist Debate

Lomidze, Ivane. 2025. Berlin: De Gruyter.

Pluralization of pluralism: agonistic democracy and deliberative democracy in a critical dialogue

Lomidze, Ivane. 2024. Deutsch-Georgische Jahrbücher, Brill/Mentis.

MONOGRAPH ILIAUNI’S GUIDE TO DEVELOPMENT

Lomidze, Ivane. 2021. *Development*. Tbilisi: Ilia State University.

ARTICLE IN “VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE RELIGION”

Lomidze, Ivane. 2021. *Georgian Orthodox Church and Development Politics*. Tbilisi. Ilia State University

Policy and Analytical Publications

Georgia’s Shifting Strategic Outlook and Its Limits

Gvalia, Giorgi, and Ivane Lomidze. 2026. *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*

GRANTS AND AWARDS

01/10/2019 – 01/10/2024

Volkswagen Foundation scholarship for a joint PhD programme “Democracy, Human Rights and Religion”;

28/08/2017–03/06/2019

Swedish Institute (SI) Scholarship for MSc in Development Studies (120 ECTS) at Lund University, Lund, Sweden;

31/08/2015–17/01/2016

Erasmus Mundus scholarship for one semester exchange studies (30 ECTS) at the department of sociology, Lund University, Lund, Sweden;

LANGUAGES

Georgian (Native);

English (Fluent);