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### ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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2011 – CURRENT – Kutaisi, Georgia

**HEAD OF THE CENTER FOR AMERICAN STUDIES – AKAKI TSERETELI STATE UNIVERSITY (ATSU)**

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Teaching courses for American Studies MA program: *Geography of the USA; American Family.*

Kutaisi, Georgia

2008 – CURRENT – Tbilisi, Georgia

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY – IVANE JAVAKHISHVILI TBILISI STATE UNIVERSITY (TSU)**

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Teaching courses for Human Geography BA/MA and Demography MA programs: *Human Geography; Geography and Migration; Tourism Geography.*

Tbilisi, Georgia

2000 – CURRENT – Kutaisi, Georgia

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY – DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, AKAKI TSERETELI STATE UNIVERSITY**

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Teaching courses for Geography BA/MA programs: *World Regional Geography; Human Geography of Georgia.*

Kutaisi, Georgia

1987 – 2000

**ASSISTANT LECTURER – KUTAISI STATE PEDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE**

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Kutaisi, Georgia

### ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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1998 – Tbilisi, Georgia

**PHD IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY - THESIS TITLE: THE SOCIAL-GEOGRAPHIC ASPECTS OF KUTAISI POPULATION FORMATION (DIPLOMA #001866) – Tbilisi State University**

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1987 – 1991 – Tbilisi, Georgia

**POST-GRADUATE (ASPIRANTURA), DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY – Tbilisi State University**

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1982 – 1987 – Kutaisi, Georgia

**SCHOOL TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY AND BIOLOGY (DIPLOMA WITH HONORS Г-1 #174297) – Kutaisi State Pedagogical Institute**

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2017 – 2020 – Tbilisi, Georgia

**CERTIFICATE IN "TRANSDISCIPLINARITY FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN THE CAUCASUS REGION (APPEAR CAUCASUST)"** – Austrian Development Agency (APPEAR) with BOKU and KREMS universities, Austria

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2011 – 2017 – Tbilisi and Hague

**CERTIFICATE IN "BUILDING TRAINING AND ANALYTICAL CAPACITIES ON MIGRATION IN MOLDOVA AND GEORGIA (GOVAC); ENHANCING GEORGIA'S MIGRATION MANAGEMENT (ENIGMMA)"** – International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

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10/02/2015 – 04/09/2015 – Rutgers University, New Brunswick (NJ), United States

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION - FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY (USA)** – Department of State

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2008 – 2010 – Missoula (MT)

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION IN AMERICAN STUDIES** – Faculty Development Fellowship Program in American at The University of Montana (USA)

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## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Mother tongue(s): **GEORGIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>RUSSIAN</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

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

## ● NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

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**1995 –Present --- Member of Georgian Geographic Society**

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**2009 and 2018 - Member of the American Association of Geographers**

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## ● ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

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**Organizational skills**

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In 2011 I founded the Summer School in American Studies at ATSU and direct this project up today.

## ● COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

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### Communication and interpersonal skills

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I easily communicate with national and international academic teams (professors and students) teaching and doing research projects together.

## ● JOB-RELATED SKILLS

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### Job-related skills

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I supervise students' MA and PhD theses at TSU.

## ● RESENT PUBLICATIONS

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### Resent Publications

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**Gachechiladze, R., Gogsadze, G., Iashvili, I., Chkhaidze, V.** (2021). Voter Turnout in Parliamentary Elections of Georgia: Dynamics and Geography. *Environment and Society*, Vol. 3 No. 3 (2021): №3 pp. 57-82;

<http://www.es.tsu.ge/index.php/es/article/view/35>

**Iashvili, I.** (ed.). (2021). Textbook *Human Geography of Georgia*. 334 p. Tbilisi, Georgia (in Georgian)

[https://tsu.ge/ka/publishing-house/single/1187?](https://tsu.ge/ka/publishing-house/single/1187?fbclid=IwAR0csKrOoMnqEywZyYigymOyV0Infl5WKrm4_A9kBmBEcgYuCikCsgG6_oY)

[fbclid=IwAR0csKrOoMnqEywZyYigymOyV0Infl5WKrm4\\_A9kBmBEcgYuCikCsgG6\\_oY](https://tsu.ge/ka/publishing-house/single/1187?fbclid=IwAR0csKrOoMnqEywZyYigymOyV0Infl5WKrm4_A9kBmBEcgYuCikCsgG6_oY)

**Iashvili, I., Doghonadze, T.** (2019). *Sustainable Tourism for Contribution to Economic Growth and Social Inclusion of Rural Communities in Post-Soviet Georgia*. Proceedings of the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference of ASECU "Sustainable Development Goals 2030: Challenges for South and East European Countries and the Black Sea Region". University of National and World Economy. pp.271-281. Bulgaria, Sofia.

<http://www.asecu.gr/files/15th-international-asecu-conference-2019-unwe-sofia-proceedings.pdf>

**Iashvili, I., Doghonadze, T.** (2019) *Spa Tourism in Imereti Region: Trends and Prospects*. Proceedings of the conference 'Actual Problems of Geography' dedicated to Prof. Davit Ukleba's 100th anniversary. Tbilisi State University; Institute of Geography. pp.119-122. Tbilisi, Georgia; ISBN 978-9941-13-885-0

**Iashvili, I.** (2019). Theories of Migration and Contemporary Georgian Immigration in the USA: How Precisely We Follow the General Trends and International Practices? *Journal of American Studies*, vol.7. Tbilisi State University. pp. 151-159 (in Georgian);

**Kostadinov Koroutchev, R., Iashvili, I.** (2018). The Analysis of Immigration Trends of Skilled Migrants: Case of Georgia. *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs*. Vol.4, no.1. pp.9-27.

[http://e-jlia.com/papers/12\\_1.pdf](http://e-jlia.com/papers/12_1.pdf)

**Iashvili, I.** (Ed.). (2017). *Geography in Global Context: Challenges and Opportunities (Collected Papers)*. Kutaisi: ATSU (in Georgian);

**Iashvili, I.** (2017). Migration and Human Geography. in V. Vagner (ed.), *Migration Textbook* (pp.190- 255).

Tbilisi-Vienna: ICMPD; <http://pubhtml5.com/cwgv/xweh>

**Iashvili, I., Von Reichert Ch., and Gvenetadze, T.** (2016). „For the Sake of the Family”: Contemporary Georgian Migration in the USA. *International Journal of Arts and Sciences*. 09(02):623-638. <http://www.universitypublications.net/ijas/0902/pdf/V6Z340.pdf>

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**Kostadinov Koroutchev, R., Iashvili, I.** (2015). Skilled Migration in Georgia and its Contribution to the Country's Development. *Researches Review of the Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management*. vol. 44-2, pp.128-145. <http://www.dgt.uns.ac.rs/zbornik/issue44-2.php>

**Iashvili, I., Gvenetadze, T., et.at.** (2014). Split Families and Family Members Left Behind. *Humanities and Social Sciences Review*. 3 (2): 345-356. <http://universitypublications.net/hssr/0302/pdf/SPQ350.pdf>

## ● RECENT PRESENTATIONS

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### Recent Presentations

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**2021** - The Socio-Economic Consequences of the Policy of Restricting Population Mobility for Georgian International Migrants in the Conditions of COVID 19 Pandemic. The public lecture for MA and PhD students of the Faculty of Social Work and Health at Kiel University of Applied Sciences. November 10 (online);

**2019** - Spa Tourism in Imereti Region: Trends and Prospects. The conference '*Actual Problems of Geography*' dedicated to Prof. Davit Ukleba's 100th anniversary. Tbilisi State University; Institute of Geography. November 5-6. Tbilisi, Georgia;

**2019** - Sustainable Tourism for Contribution to Economic Growth and Social Inclusion of Rural Communities in Post-Soviet Georgia. The 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference of ASECU '*Sustainable Development Goals 2030: Challenges for South and East European Countries and the Black Sea Region*'. University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria, Sofia;

**2018** -- Transdisciplinary Research for Pro-Poor Sustainable Tourism Development: Case of Georgia. *The conference of the Association of American Geographers. New Orleans, LA, USA, April 10-14;*

<https://aag.secure-abstracts.com/AAG%20Annual%20Meeting%202018/abstracts-gallery/13309>

**2017** - *How Long to Stay, When to Return? Labor Migration from Georgia*. International Conference "Enhancing Migration Policy in Georgia" by ICMPD. Tbilisi, Georgia. May 10-12 (pp.34-36);

[http://migration.commission.ge/files/international\\_conference\\_reader.pdf](http://migration.commission.ge/files/international_conference_reader.pdf)

**2016** - "*For the Sake of the Family*": *Contemporary Georgian Migration in the USA*. International Conference of Arts and Sciences. Ca-Foscari University, Venice, Italy. June 29-2 July;

**2015** - *The Peculiarities of Spatial Transformation of the Georgian Irregular Labor Migration*. International Conference of Arts and Sciences. Harvard University. Boston, USA. May 26-29;

**2015** - *Split Families and Family Members left behind* (guest lecture). Center for European and Mediterranean Studies. New York University (NY; USA). March 6, New York

<https://gendertransformationeurope.wordpress.com/2015/02/>

**2014** -- *Challenges and opportunities for Tourism Development in Georgia*. Guest lecture for the International Day of Tourism. University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain. September, 25;

## ● GRANTS AND PROJECTS

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### Grants and Projects

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**2022 20/01-17/06** - Latvian State Scholarship by the State Education Development Agency at *Stockholm School of Economics in Riga* with the research project "How Long to Stay When to Return? A comparative Study of Gender-driven International Migration in Post-Soviet Georgia and Latvia";

**2020 24.02-01.03** - Erasmus+ grantee at Alcala University, Spain. Course of lectures in *Tourism Industry in Transitional Georgia* for BA students of Business and Tourism Faculty;

**2019 25/02 – 02/03** – Erasmus+ grantee at Lille Catholic University, France. Course of lectures in *Tourism Industry in Transitional Georgia* for MA students of *Business and Luxury Tourism* and *International Affairs*;

**2018**– Textbook grant from Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences for the project "*Textbook in Human Geography of Georgia*";

**2017, 10/15 – 10/21** - Grantee of ERASMUS+ program in the Institute of Geography and Spatial Management at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. Delivering course of lectures in *Tourism Geography* for Geography BA and MA students;

**2016, 03/01- 12/ 01** - Research grant from Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences for the survey project: *Female Labor Migration: Socio-economic Impacts on Migrants' Families in Georgia*;

**2016, 06/05 – 07/ 02** - Grantee of the ELECTRA program by Erasmus Mundus. Research scholarship in *Tourism Geography* and *Population Geography* in the Institute of Geography and Spatial Management at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland;

**2014, 09/01 –10/01** - Grantee of the ALRAKIS 2 program by Erasmus Mundus. Research scholarship in *Tourism Geography* in the Department of Geography at University Santiago de Compostela, Spain.