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Education	
2020-2023 - Political Science, Tbilisi State University, Georgia	Ph.D. in Political Science
2018-2020 - Education Sciences, Tbilisi State University, Georgia	MA in Education Sciences
2014-2018 - Political Science, Tbilisi State University, Georgia	BA in Political Science [2017 - Political Science/European Studies; Masaryk University, Czechia, Erasmus+ program].

Academic Positions	
2023 - till now - Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Tbilisi State University (TSU), Georgia.	
2021- 2023 – Affiliated Assistant, Department of Political Science, School of Social Sciences, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA)	

Professional Experience	
2021 – 2025 Head of Department of Research and Development, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Tbilisi State University, Georgia	
2024- till now - Education Expert at the National Center for Educational Quality Assurance Enhancement (NCEQE).	
2021- 2022 - Researcher at the Institute of Political Science, Tbilisi, Georgia	
2019-2021 - Leading Specialist of the Department of Research and Development, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Tbilisi State University, Georgia	

Ongoing International Projects	
- Management Committee (MC) member, COST EUPopLink: Linking Euroscepticism and Populism: Causes and Consequences (2024-2028) - Management Committee (MC) member, COST Relink2: Regaining linkage? Digital technologies improving civic engagement, political organizations and democracy (2024-2028)	

- Head of Quality Manager Board, Erasmus CBHE Curriculum Development – Joint MA Program in Political Science (JoPScip) (2024-2026)
- Non-resident project-based fellowship, “Resilient Europe: Policy Transfer and the Baltic Model of Democratic Resilience” (2026-2027).

Conferences

- 2026 June, International Conference Space, Society, Politics, Tbilisi State University, Georgia
Topic: [Education Policy Agendas of Radical Right Populist and Eurosceptic Parties in Serbia and Georgia](#)
- 2026 May, HEPP6 Helsinki Conference on Emotions, Populism and Polarization, Helsinki, Finland
Topic: [Grievance Politics and Guarantorship: Russia in Populist Far-Right Party Discourse in Serbia and Georgia](#)
- 2026 April, IOS Annual Conference: From Contested Pasts to (In)Secure Futures – Politics in East and Southeast Europe, Regensburg, Germany
Topic: [Who Speaks for Russia? Ruling and Far-Right Party Framing in Post-2022 Georgia and Serbia](#)
- 2026 January, Current state and challenges of research on anti-gender movements, University of Picardie Jules Verne, Amiens, France.
Topic: [Hybrid Regime Trajectories and Anti-Gender Policy Transfer: Selective Adaptation of Russian and Hungarian Policy Templates in Georgia](#)
- 2025 September, ISP Political Science in the digital age, Naples, Italy.
Topic: [Challenges of Digital Democracy in Georgian Party Politics](#)
- 2025 August, EUPopLink 1st General Meeting and conference, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Topic: [Country Report on Populism and Euroscepticism \(Georgia\)](#)
- 2025 July, CESRAN 11th Annual Conference on International Studies, Universidade Autónoma de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal.
Topic: [Georgia: Between Digital Democracy and Digital Authoritarianism](#)
- 2025 May, Montenegrin Political Science Association Conference, Podgorica, Montenegro
Topic: [The effects of the Russia-Ukraine war: The erosion of democracy in Georgia: a "return to the past"?](#)
- 2024 October, CESRAN 10th Annual Conference on International Studies, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy
Topic: [Illiberal Democracy or Russian Dream? Mainstreaming Euroscepticism and Far-right Politics in Georgia](#)
- 2024 June, International Conference Space, Society, Politics, Tbilisi State University, Georgia
Topic: [Reframing \(I\)liberal Education Policy in Small Western European States: Party Discourses and the Politics of Education](#)
- 2024 March, International Conference on change and continuity: the way of consolidating democracy, Torun, Poland
Topic: [Orbanism in East Europe? Mainstreaming Far right and Eurosceptic rhetoric in Georgia](#)
- 2023 June, International Conference Space, Society, Politics, Tbilisi State University, Georgia

Topic: [Policy Transfer in Georgia: Lessons Drawn from NAEC](#)

- 2022 November, International Conference Space, Society, Politics, Tbilisi State University, Georgia

Topic: [Does being Georgian mean being European? Elite-led rhetoric examination in Georgia](#)

- 2021 June, International Conference Space, Society, Politics, Tbilisi State University, Georgia

Topic: [Policy transfer: attempt for new classification and synthesis with policy change framework](#)

- 2020 June, International Conference Space, Society, Politics, Tbilisi State University, Georgia

Topic: [Liberal-Democratic Values in the National Curriculum of General Education of Georgia](#)

Research Workshops

- 2026 July, University of RHTH Aachen (Germany), Colloquium at the Institute of Political Science

Topic: Far-right political parties and educational policy: comparative empirical study on Serbia and Georgia

- 2026 May, University of Helsinki (Finland) Mapping Actors and Transnational Networks in Anti-Gender Mobilizations.

Topic: [Mapping the Anti-Gender Mobilization Constellation: The State, Far Right, and the Orthodox Church in Georgia](#)

- 2026 April, University Complutense, Madrid, Spain. Empirical Analysis Workshop

Topic: [Digital Strategies of Opposition Parties in Georgia's Constrained Political Environment](#)

- 2026 March, Making sense of a divided world 2nd GPREFCZSK Workshop on the study of individual geopolitical preferences, Institute for Sociology, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia

Topic: [Strategic Ambiguity and Public Opinion: Elite-Mass Divergence over the Russo-Ukrainian War in Serbia and Georgia](#)

- 2025 January, Fridrich Schiller University of Jena, Germany, Workshop in Caucasus Studies

Topic: [Foreign Agents Law: Policy Transfer from Russia or the West?](#)

Short-Term Scientific Missions

- 2026 January-February - University of Belgrade and the Belgrade Centre for Security Policy (BCSP), funded by Shota Rustaveli National Scientific Foundation)

Topic: Examining Education Agendas of Far-right Actors in Serbia

- 2025 September - Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), funded by COST.

Topic: Policy Transfer or Homemade? Russia's Role in Georgia's Anti-gender Democratic Backsliding

Awarded Research Grants

International

- 2026 April-September - AROP Postdoc Fellowship, RTHW Aachen, Germany (funded by RTHW Aachen). Topic: Education Policies of Far-Right Political Parties in Germany, Poland, Serbia and Georgia.

- 2025 October – April – Grant for university teachers/researchers, Comenius University Bratislava, Slovakia (funded by SAIA). Topic: Policy Transfer and Politization of Illiberal Education.
- 2025 July – September – Postdoc Fellowship, Phillips University of Marburg (funded by DAAD). Topic: Political Education at the Secondary Schools of Germany: Lessons for Georgia.
- 2025 February - Research program “One month in Poland”, University of Warsaw, Poland (funded by Julius Mieroszewski Centre). Topic: Party-based Euroscepticism and Populism in Poland
- 2025 January – One month exchange, Fridrich Schiller University Jena, Germany (funded by DAAD-Go East Project). Topic: Far right Education Policy in East Germany.

Local

- 2025-2026- Researcher, Fundamental Scientific Research Grant (funded by Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia). Topic: Digital democracy and Georgian political parties
- 2025-2026 – Principal Investigator, Young Researchers Grant funded by Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia). Topic: Far right Political Messaging and Protest Strategies in the EU Candidate States: Comparative Analysis of Serbia and Georgia
- 2024 - Principal Investigator, Targeted Research Grants (funded by Tbilisi State University). Topic: Effects of Russia-Ukraine War: Mainstreaming Euroscepticism and Populism in Georgia
- 2023 - Principal Investigator, Small Research Grants (funded by Georgian Institute of Public Affairs). Topic: Effects of Russia-Ukraine war: Party-based and public Euroscepticism in Georgia
- 2023 – Researcher, Targeted Research Grants (funded by Tbilisi State University). Topic: Student Protest Movements in Georgia: causes, types and effects.
- 2022 – Researcher, Targeted Research Grants (funded by Tbilisi State University). Topic: Public Opinion Poll on Georgia's New Pension System.
- 2019-2022 Researcher, Fundamental Scientific Research Grant (funded by Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia). Topic: Social Movements in Contemporary Georgia.

List of the key publications

Tabatadze, S. (2026). Rethinking Far-Right Education Policies: Comparative Insights from Serbia and Georgia. *Comparative Southeast European Studies*, [accepted](#)

Tabatadze, S & Khuroshvili B. 2026. EUPopLink Country report - Georgia. *Open Res Europe*, 6:185 <https://doi.org/10.12688/openreseurope.23973.1>

Tabatadze, S. (2026). Foreign agents law in Georgia: policy transfer from Russia or the West? *Central Asian Survey*, 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02634937.2025.2605092>

Sasha Kondakov, A., & **Tabatadze, S.** (2026). Borrowed or Homegrown? Examining Russia’s Influence in Georgia’s Anti-Gender Politics. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-026-01304-x>

Tabatadze, S., & Gigauri, N. (2025). The “Global War Party” populist conspiracy in Georgia: origins and framework. *Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe*, 1-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/25739638.2025.2593453>

Tabatadze, S., & Gigauri, N. (2025). Eurosceptic games in the EU candidate states: the case of Georgia. *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 1-22. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14683857.2025.2473171>

Tabatadze, S. (2025). Euroscepticism Among the Political Elite in Poland: Key Trends and Periodization. *Eastern Europe Regional Studies*. <https://psage.tsu.ge/index.php/Easternstudies/article/view/446>

Tabatadze, S. (2024). Advocacy Coalitions and Education Policy Transfer: Lessons from School Board of Trustees Policy in Georgia. *International Journal of Educational Reform*, 33(4), 409-427. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10567879241266232>

Tabatadze, S., & Dundua, S. (2023). What makes education policy transfer successful? The case of the national assessment and examination center of Georgia. *Transylvanian Review of Administrative Sciences*, 19(68), 114-131. <https://doi.org/10.24193/tras.68E.7>

Tabatadze, S., Dundua, S., & Chkuaseli, K. (2023). Liberal-democratic Values and Secondary School: The Case of Georgia. *Journal of Eurasian Studies*, 14(1), 67-81. <https://doi.org/10.1177/18793665221134305>

Dundua, S., Karaia, T., & Tabatadze, S. (2023). The protest for Saving Urban Fabric in Tbilisi. *Studia Politica: Romanian Political Science Review*, 23(1). <https://doi.org/10.62229/sprps23-1/2>.

Tabatadze, S., & Dundua, S. (2023). Education policy transfer and policy change: Examining the case of the National Assessment and Examination Center of Georgia. *Research in Educational Administration and Leadership*, 8(1), 188-221. <https://doi.org/10.30828/real.1156035>

Tabatadze, S. (2022). Party-Based Euroscepticism: The Case of Georgia. *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*, 30(2), 239-260.

Tabatadze, S. (2022). Studying far right in Georgia: trends from academic literature. *Politics/პოლიტიკა*.

Dundua, S., Amashukeli, T., & Tabatadze, S. (2022). What makes social movements successful: The case of Gudiashvili Square. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 74(8), 1413-1432. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09668136.2021.2012559>

Tabatadze, S. (2021). The Concepts of the Radical Right and Extremism: The Main Approaches and the Analysis of the Georgian Language Literature. *Politics/პოლიტიკა*, (5).

Tabatadze, S., & Dundua, S. (2021). Mainstreaming the right-wing radicalism and extremism: basic approaches and perceptions from Georgian academia. *Review of Nationalities*, (11), 21-36. <https://doi.org/10.2478/pn-2021-0002>

Tabatadze, S. (2019). Far right political stances: the same trend in Georgia? *Review of Nationalities*, (9), 207-222. <https://doi.org/10.2478/pn-2019-0016>

Public Talks and Blogs

- 2026 February, When the State Enters the University: Academic Freedom and Autonomy Under Pressure, Central European University, Vienna, Austria. Role: [discussant](#).
- 2025 October, Georgia's Higher Education 'Reform': The Capstone of an Authoritarian Turn, blog at CEU democracy Review <https://revdem.ceu.edu/2025/10/31/georgia-higher-education-reform/>
- 2025 September, Anti-gender governance technologies in Georgia, and their Russian connection, blog at ECPR Political Science Loop <https://theloop.ecpr.eu/anti-gender-governance-technologies-in-georgia-and-their-russian-connection/>
- 2025 September, Exporting Repression or Growing Illiberalism? Anti-Gender Technologies of Governance in Georgia and the Russian Connection, public talk at Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI), Barcelona, Spain. https://www.ibeai.org/en/talk-exporting-repression-or-growing-illiberalism-anti-gender-technologies-of-governance-in-georgia-and-the-russian-connection_408005

- 2024 July, Georgian Days at the University of Potsdam, Germany. Topic: Europeanisation and Euroscepticism in post-Soviet Georgia.

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/de/slavistik/studium/bachelorstudiengaenge/bachelor-interdisziplinaere-russlandstudien/aktuelles/georgian-days>

Teaching and Supervising

Key Courses at Tbilisi State University (from 2020):

- Introduction to Political Science (BA);
- History of Political Thought (BA);
- Politics of Euroscepticism and Far right (BA);
- Public Policy (BA);
- World Politics (BA)
- Comparative Public Policy (MA);
- Research Seminar (MA);

Erasmus+ teaching mobilities (8-hour teaching workload)

- ✓ 2025 May, Bursa Technical University Turkey)
- ✓ 2025 April, University of Bologna, Italy
- ✓ 2025 March, Matej Bell University, Slovakia
- ✓ 2024 April, AKSIM, Torun, Poland
- ✓ 2023 June, University of Oradea, Romania
- ✓ 2023 May, University of Usak, Turkey
- ✓ 2023 March, University of Wroclaw, Poland

Trainings:

2024 July, Paris-Loron-Universitat Salzburg, Austria, [Teachers' training for the module European Integration](#)

2024 January, Yerevan State University Armenia, [Capacity building training on Quality Assurance](#)

2024 January, Otto-von-Guerike University Magdeburg and Tbilisi State University, [Training on PhD supervision](#)

Supervision: 47 BA and 14 MA students with their thesis.

Professional Associations, Honors, and Review Activities

- From 2026 – till now - Academic advisory board member at LOEWE Research Focus "Entanglement of Anti-Feminisms: Gender, Democracy, and Authoritarianism in 'Entangled Modernities'" (GenDem)
- From 2025 – till now - Communication Manager at Web of Science (Clarivate)-indexed journal "European Journal of Transformation Studies"
- From 2024 – till now – Committee member at ECPR standing groups: Central and Eastern European Politics;
- From 2024 – till now - Committee member of Tbilisi State University strategy planning and development
- From 2024 – till now – Member and Secretary of the BA and MA thesis defense committees, department of political science, Tbilisi State University
- From 2024 – full member of International Political Science Association (IPSA)

- From 2023 – till now - member of professional association – Georgian Political Science Navigator
- 2023-2025 – Award of Tbilisi State University Rector for “research excellency”
- From 2022 – till now - Committee member of Political Science Program Development, Tbilisi State University

Peer review activities (Web of Science record): Nationalities papers; Nations and nationalism; Southeast European and Black Sea Studies; Cogent education, Etc.

Expert at Democratic Accountability and Linkage (DALP-II) project

Other professional activities

- 2026: Conducted labour market research commissioned by Alte University LLC to assess the demand for a certification course supporting mothers and expectant mothers, utilising an online survey.
- 2025: Executed university awareness research for Alte University LLC through focus groups and an online survey.
- 2025: Conducted labor market research for Tbilisi State University to evaluate the need for a Master's program in Children's Rights, conducted via an online survey.
- 2024: Evaluated the competitiveness of the organisation in the labour market through an online survey, commissioned by the Georgian Institute of Non-Formal Education.
- 2023-2024: Conducted labor market research for Tbilisi State University to evaluate the need for a BA, MA and PhD programs in humanities, conducted via an online survey
- 2023: Trainer at the Certification Program for Directors and Managers for Georgian Institute of Non-Formal Education
- 2023: Trainer at Certification Program for Trainers and Educators for Georgian Institute of Non-Formal Education

Professional skills

Research and data skills: Mixed-method research; survey design and questionnaire adaptation; survey monitoring; expert-survey instrument design; CRRC and public-opinion data analysis; survey-based quasi-experimental design; digital data collection from online media, party websites, official statements, and social media; qualitative content and discourse analysis of large textual datasets; MAXQDA-assisted coding and data organisation.

Programs: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint; NVivo, MAXQDA, SPSS, STATA.