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EDUCATION

- 2016 – Pres.* Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Ph.D. Candidate in Economics.
- 2014 – 2016* International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET), Master of Economics Completed with Honors (GPA: 3.8, Rank 3/38).
- 2010 – 2014* Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Bachelor of Business Administration Completed with Honors (GPA: 3.8).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 July – Pres.* Senior Researcher at ISET Policy Institute (Macroeconomic Research Center):
- Producing monthly reports of GDP forecast:
 - Analyzing macroeconomic trends in Georgia, reviewing fiscal, monetary, external and financial sectors of the countries;
 - Writing blogs for ISET Economist blog (a professional economics blog for the South Caucasus):
 - Working on research projects (see list below).
- 2017 November – 2018 June* Short-Term Consultant at World Bank:
- Preparing Monthly Macroeconomic Review;
 - Preparing Georgia's Quarterly Economic Update.
- 2016 September – Pres.* Visiting lecturer at the University of Georgia. Courses: Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, Public Economics, and Macroeconomics II.
- 2017 September – 2020 February* Teaching Assistant at the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET). Course: Probability Theory, Principles of Macroeconomics, and Money and Banking
- 2018 June* Visiting lecturer at International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET) - Executive Leadership Program (non-degree program). Course: Finance in Excel.
- 2015 September – 2016 July* Teaching Assistant at the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET). Courses: Macroeconomics I-IV, and Mechanism Designing.
- 2015 July – August* Intern at the National Bank of Georgia, Balance of Payments Statistics Division.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

<i>2020 May – July</i>	Researcher, <i>“Polypropylene Investment Opportunity Study for Georgia”</i> for Tbilisi State University and Georgia’s Innovation & Technology Agency
<i>2020 March – June</i>	Local Consultant with Individual Contract, <i>“Human Capital Development and Social Welfare for Supporting Preparation of Voluntary National Review (VNR)”</i> for United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office in Georgia
<i>2020 March – April</i>	Researcher, <i>“Taking Stock of Georgia’s Larization Policy Since 2016: What Worked, What Didn’t, And What Needs to Change”</i> for ISET Policy Institute. Macroeconomic Policy Note.
<i>2020 February – Present</i>	Researcher, <i>“Gender Impact Assessment (GIA) on the State Agricultural Program – “Plant the Future””</i> for UN Women
<i>2020 February – Present</i>	Researcher, <i>“Regulatory Impact Assessment on Legislation Related to Workers with Family Responsibilities in Georgia”</i> for UN Women
<i>2020 February – Present</i>	Researcher, <i>“Regulatory Impact Assessment on Maternity Leave Legislation in Georgia”</i> for UN Women
<i>2019 November – Present</i>	Researcher, <i>“Gender Equality Index”</i> for Forum for Research on Eastern Europe and Emerging Economies (FREE Network) - Forum for Research on Gender Economics (FROGEE)
<i>2019 May – November</i>	Researcher, <i>“Assessing participation of CAREC countries in Global and Regional Value Chains”</i> for CAREC Institute
<i>2018 March – 2020 February</i>	Researcher, <i>“Social Economic Policy Analysis with regard to Son Preference”</i> for United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
<i>2018 October – 2019 July</i>	Researcher, <i>“Regulatory Impact Analysis of CIT Reform”</i> for the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).
<i>2018 May – 2018 December</i>	Researcher, <i>“Preschool Standards Implementation Costing Study”</i> for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).
<i>2018 May – July</i>	Researcher, <i>“Comparing Retail Interest Rates on Credit Products in ECA Region and Comparing Credit Quality in Bank vs. Non-Bank Sector in Georgia”</i> for TBC Bank.
<i>2018 April – May</i>	Researcher, <i>“Third-party Logistics Market Study of Georgia”</i> for Cross 2.
<i>2017 July – 2018 May</i>	Researcher, <i>“Financial Inclusion, Regulation, Literacy, and Education in Central Asia and South Caucasus – Country Profile of Georgia”</i> for Asian Development Bank Institution (ADB). ADBI Working Paper, 2018.
<i>2017 June – August</i>	Consultant, <i>“Econometric Analysis of Schooling Effects on Wages in Georgia”</i> for Center of Social Sciences (CSS).

2017 July – 2018 February	Researcher, “ <i>Global Programme to Prevent Son Preference and Gender-biased Sex Selection: Improving the Sex Ratio in Select Countries in Asia and the Caucasus</i> ” – Country Profile of Georgia for United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).
2017 May – July	Junior Researcher, “ <i>Study on Trade Facilitation in the South Caucasus</i> ” for United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
2016 December – 2017 January	Consultant, “ <i>What should be Georgia’s economic policy priorities 2017-2020?</i> ” for German Economic Team (GET).

TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

2019 November	Participant, “ <i>Blog Writing Training</i> ” ISET Policy Institute (Trainers: Andrew Hargreaves & Kelly Dunning), Tbilisi (Georgia)
2019 November - December	Participant, “ <i>Media Training</i> ” - Georgian Strategic Analysis Center (GSAC) Academy (Trainer: Giorgi Targamadze), Tbilisi (Georgia)
2019 December	Speaker, “ <i>Removing Obstacles to Gender Equality and Women’s Economic Empowerment</i> ” the Forum for Research on Eastern Europe and Emerging Economies (FREE Network) - Forum for Research on Gender Economics (FROGEE), Tbilisi (Georgia)
2019 October	Trainer, “ <i>Macroeconomic Forecasting and Economic Monitoring for Policy Purposes in Georgia</i> ” - Study Tour and Workshop for the Delegation of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Tajikistan, GIZ, Tbilisi (Georgia)
2019 October	Guest Speaker, “ <i>Assessing participation of CAREC countries in Global and Regional Value Chains</i> ” - ADB-Asian Think Thank Development Forum 2019. ADB, Yangon (Myanmar)
2019 September	Trainer, “ <i>Research Methodology of Social Economic Policy Analysis with regard to Son Preference</i> ” – ISET/UNFPA/FROGEE joint event - Training on Gender Biased Sex Selection (GBSS), Analyzing Trends and Rationales, Tbilisi (Georgia)
2019 September	Guest Speaker, “ <i>Conceptual Framework: Social Economic Policy Analysis with regard to Son Preference</i> ” – UNFPA, Tbilisi (Georgia)
2019 September	Poster Session Participant, “ <i>Conceptual Framework: Social Economic Policy Analysis with regard to Son Preference</i> ” – an international conference organized by SITE & Free Network, Gdansk (Poland)
2019 July	Trainer, “ <i>Financial Education for Journalists – Macroeconomic Overview of Georgia</i> ” – TBC Bank, Tsinandali (Georgia)

2019 July	Participant, "Training on Gender and Economics" – UN Women Georgia, Lopota (Georgia)
2018 November - December	Visiting Researcher, exchange program for PhD students in University of Bremen (Germany)
2017 October	Guest Speaker, "Financial Inclusion, Regulation, Literacy, and Education in Central Asia and the South Caucasus" – an international conference organized by Asian Development Bank - ADB, Almaty (Kazakhstan).
2017 May	Presenter, "Early Warning System of the Currency Crisis. Case Study of Eastern Europe and Central Asia" – an international conference organized by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics – SITE, Riga (Latvia).
2016 August	Participant, Teaching Fellows, Teaching Principles and Practices for Economics – training at CERGE-EI, Prague (Czech Republic).
2014 June	Speaker, Economic Conference at Tbilisi State University – 73rd Anniversary (1 st place), Tbilisi (Georgia).
2014 May	Participant, "Management in the Crisis Time" – International conference at University of Sciedlce, Sciedlce (Poland).

PUBLICATIONS

Babych, Y., Grigolia, M., & Keshelava, D. (2018). *Financial Inclusion, Financial Literacy, and Financial Education in Georgia* (No. 849). Asian Development Bank Institute.

Babych, Y., Keshelava, D., & Mzhavanadze, G. (2019). *Assessing participation of CAREC countries in Global and Regional Value Chains*. Asian Development Bank Thin Tank Forum.

Keshelava, D., Chitanava, M., Lobjanidze, M., & Maridashvili, T. (2020). *The Social-Economic Policy Analysis with Regards to Son Preference and Gender-biased Sex Selection in Georgia*. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Research Report.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Georgian (Native), English (Fluent), Russian (Basic).

COMPUTER LITERACY

STATA, SPSS, Eviews, Maple , Microsoft Office.