

# Giorgi Mzhavanadze

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## EDUCATION

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2018 – Present	Tbilisi State University, PhD student in Economics.
2013 – 2015	International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET), MA in Economics.
2009 – 2013	Tbilisi State University, BA in Economics.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2019 February – Present	Deputy Head, Macroeconomic Policy Research Center, ISET Policy Institute. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Producing quarterly Macroeconomic Review</li><li>• Analyzing macroeconomic trends in Georgia, reviewing real, fiscal, monetary, external, financial sectors of the country</li><li>• Writing blogs for Georgia Today and The Financial (a professional economics blog for the South Caucasus)</li><li>• Working on research projects (see list below)</li></ul>
2017 September – Present	Ilia State University, Visiting Lecturer in Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Practice Course in Excel.
2019 May – June	Free University of Berlin, Visiting Lecturer, Block Course in Economic Development of Georgia.
2016 September – 2019 January	Senior Researcher, Macroeconomic Policy Research Center, ISET Policy Institute.
2016 February – 2017 August	School of Business, Economics and Management at the University of Georgia, Visiting Lecturer in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics.
2015 September – 2016 February	Faculty of Economics and Business at Tbilisi State University, Teaching Assistant in Macroeconomics.
2015 September – 2016 January	Research Assistant in IZA and University of Bologna study “Informal Employment in Transition: The Case of Georgia, Incentivized Experiments and Second Wave of Survey”.
2015 September – 2016 September	Research Associate, Macroeconomic Policy Research Center, ISET Policy Institute.
2014 July – August	Intern at the Georgian National Energy and Water Supply Regulatory Commission.
2013 April – May	Intern at Ministry of Finance, Tax Policy Department.

## PROJECTS

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2020 February – Present	UN Women. “Regulatory Impact Assessment on Maternity Leave Legislation in Georgia”. Researcher.
2020 May – July	Tbilisi State University and Georgia’s Innovation & Technology Agency. “Polypropylene Investment Opportunity Study for Georgia”. Project Manager, Researcher.

2020 March – 2020 June	German Economic Team Georgia. <i>“Income distribution and poverty reduction in Georgia, a comparative analysis”</i> . Researcher
2020 March – April	<i>“Taking Stock of Georgia’s Larization Policy Since 2016: What Worked, What Didn’t, And What Needs to Change”</i> . Macroeconomic Policy Note. Researcher.
2019 October – November	<i>Assessment of Tobacco Control Policies of Georgia</i> . Project Manager, Researcher.
2019 May – November	UNIDO. <i>“Mapping of Emerging and Potential Clusters in Georgia”</i> . Researcher.
2019 April – November	CTTN Research. <i>“Assessing participation of CAREC countries in Global and Regional Value Chains”</i> . Researcher.
2018 January – 2019 December	Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation. <i>“The Puzzle of Economic Development without Rural-Urban Migration in Georgia”</i> . Researcher.
2018 November – 2019 July	UNFPA. <i>“Calculating Pecuniary Costs and Benefits of Proposed Maternity, Paternity and Parental Leave Policies in Georgia”</i> . Researcher.
2018 December – 2019 July	CTC. <i>“Identification of functional regions and gravity centers in Georgia”</i> . Researcher.
2018 October – 2019 June	GIZ. <i>“Ex-post RIA of “Corporate Income Tax Reform in Georgia”</i> . Researcher.
2018 May – December	UNICEF. <i>Preschool Standards Implementation Costing Study</i> . Researcher.
2018 May – July	TBC. <i>“Comparing Retail Interest Rates on Credit Products in ECA Region and Comparing Credit Quality in Bank vs Non-Bank Sector in Georgia”</i> . Project Manager.
2018 March – April	CROSS 2. <i>“Third-party logistics market study”</i> . Project coordinator.
2017 September – October	USAID. <i>“Political Economy Assessment (PEA) on Economic Governance and Private Sector Reforms in Georgia”</i> . Logistician-Translator.
2017 July – August	World Bank Group/International Finance Corporation. <i>“Identifying Sectoral Priorities in Georgian Agriculture”</i> . Research assistant.
2017 June – August	Technical Assistance to the Center of Social Sciences – consulting on the econometric analysis of schooling effects on wages in Georgia. Researcher.
2017 May – July	UNDP. <i>“South Caucasus Trade Study”</i> . Research assistant.
2017 January – February	German Economic Team Georgia. <i>“The creative sector in Georgia: Situation, potential and policy issues”</i> . Researcher.
2016 December – 2017 January	German Economic Team Georgia. <i>“Towards strong and balanced growth: Georgia’s economic policy priorities in 2017-2020”</i> . Researcher.
2016 December – 2017 January	German Economic Team Georgia. <i>“Unlocking the export potential of Georgian agriculture”</i> . Researcher.
2016 February – May	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia. <i>“Priority Investment Sectors in Georgia”</i> - in collaboration with PwC. Researcher assistant.
2015 December – 2016 January	GET Georgia. <i>“FDI-attraction from non-EU countries: The role of the EU-Georgia DCFTA and tariff rate differentials”</i> . Research Assistant.
2015 December – 2017 February	ADB. <i>Good Jobs for Inclusive Growth in Central and West Asia – A Multi-Country Study</i> . Researcher.

## REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS

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Staske, S., Mzhavanadze, G. & Giucci, R. (2020). Income distribution and poverty reduction in Georgia.

A comparative analysis. German Economic Team Georgia.

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

Saha, D. & Mzhavanadze, G. (2017). Fiscal policy after the parliamentary elections. German Economic Team Georgia.

Mzhavanadze, G., & Saha, D. (2016). The Exchange Rates of the Georgian Lari and the Armenian Dram in Comparison, 2014-2015. German Economic Team Georgia.

## TRAININGS AND CONFERENCES

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2019 November - December	<i>"Media Training"</i> - Georgian Strategic Analysis Center (GSAC) Academy (Trainer: Giorgi Targamadze), Tbilisi (Georgia). Participant.
2019 November	<i>"Blog Writing Training"</i> - ISET Policy Institute (Trainers: Andrew Hargreaves & Kelly Dunning), Tbilisi (Georgia). Participant.
2019 October	GIZ. <i>"Reform Capacity and Macroeconomic Performance Analysis in Georgia"</i> - Study Tour and Workshop for the Delegation of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Tajikistan, Tbilisi (Georgia). Trainer.
2019 September	Poster Session Participant, <i>"The Puzzle of Economic Development without Rural-Urban Migration in Georgia"</i> - an international conference organized by SITE & Free Network, Gdansk (Poland). Presenter.
2019 June	Annual Meetings of Armenian Economic Association. Presentation on <i>"The Puzzle of Economic Development without Rural-Urban Migration in Georgia"</i> . Yerevan (Armenia). Presenter.
2019 May	Erasmus+ Training Mobility for Academic Staff. Universidade de Aveiro, Aveiro (Portugal). Participant.
2018 May	<i>"Annual European Newspaper Congress"</i> . Vienna (Austria). Participant.
2016 December	Good Jobs for Inclusive Growth in Central and West Asia, Study Presentation on <i>"Private Sector and SME Development - The Case of Georgia"</i> . Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Presenter.
2015 August	<i>"Teaching Fellows Teaching Principles and Practices for Economics Courses"</i> . Training at CERGE-EI, Prague (Czech Republic). Participant.

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Georgian (native), English (advanced), Russian (fluently)

## COMPUTER LITERACY

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STATA, SPSS, E-Views, MS Office.