

## CV – GIORGI PAPA VA

### EDUCATION

**The University of Chicago** **Chicago, IL, USA**  
PhD (ABD) in Economics 2012 – 2016

- Fields: International Trade, Monetary Economics, Industrial Organization, Public Policy.
- Research Interests: International Trade Policy, Public Policy, Political Economy.
- Working Paper: Trade Policy in the Presence of Lobbying and Heterogeneously Ignorant Voters.

**MA in Economics** **2009 – 2012**

- The University of Chicago Scholarship for Graduate Studies, 2009-2014.
- Development and Reforms Fund of Georgia Scholarship, 2009-2011.

**International School of Economics (ISET)** **Tbilisi, Georgia**  
**MA in Economics** 2006 – 2008

- Class Salutatorian.
- MA Thesis: Reputation and Product Quality in Time.

**Tbilisi State University** **Tbilisi, Georgia**  
**Bachelor of Management Information Technologies**  
**Department of Applied Mathematics and Computer Sciences** 1999 – 2003

- Class Valedictorian.

**Bachelor of Law**  
**Department of Humanitarian Sciences** 2000 – 2003

**Olney Central College** **Olney, IL, USA**  
**Business Administration and Computer Sciences** 2000 – 2001

- US Department of State – Undergraduate Exchange Program (UGRAD) Scholarship.
- Cisco Certified Network Associate.

### EXPERIENCE

**International School of Economics Policy Institute (ISET-PI)** **Tbilisi, Georgia**  
**Lead Economist, Private Sector Development Policy** *Feb 2020 – Present*

- Managing a team of full-time researchers and part-time consultants.
- Monitoring relevant sectors of the economy, in Georgia and neighboring countries, including changes in legal and regulatory frameworks.
- Delivering policy research, training, and other services, developing and publishing indices and forecasts.
- Communicating research-informed views on policy through policy documents, blog articles, newspaper columns, press conferences, public seminars, and other media.
- Engaging government institutions, private sector companies, NGOs, international organizations and donors as well as other social partners through public-private dialogues and joint policy advocacy campaigns.

**Policy Management and Consulting Group (PMCG)  
Consultant, Economic Policy, Economic Governance and  
Public Finance Management**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

*May 2019 – Feb 2020*

- Led content development and ensured quality of proposals and project methodologies related to Economic policy, EG and PFM
- Directly engaged in the project implementation process related to Economic policy, EG and PFM.
- Negotiated with Global Partners, Clients, Beneficiaries and other stakeholders to scope common agreements.
- Represented PMCG in local and global gatherings, conferences, networks and associations.

**Ilia State University Business School  
Head of Quality Assurance**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

*Apr 2017 – Feb 2019*

- Studied the students' employment challenges in Georgia.
- Coordinated the advisory council of University consisting of potential employers; studied their needs for workers' skills to tailor the programme curriculum accordingly
- Managed a team of eight – three curriculum experts and five student liaisons.
- Managed the accreditation of BA, MA and PhD programs.
- Attracted new academic staff, including ones with Western education.
- Implemented several international projects ranging from flipped classroom to dual-degree Master's program.

**Associate Professor of Economics**

*Apr 2017 – Present*

- Teach Principles of Economics – BBA, Managerial Economics – MBA.
- Developed and implemented flipped classroom course in Principles of Economics.
- Graduate teaching fellowship from CERGE-EI (Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute), a joint workplace of Charles University and the Economics Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

**Georgia Development Foundation  
Head of Economic Policy Team**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

*Jan – Aug 2016*

- Analyzed the state of Georgian economy, past and current reforms.
- Worked on Georgia's Economic Development Plan.
- Represented the Foundation in public policy discussions related to the current standing and future prospects of Georgian economy.

**The University of Chicago  
Teaching and Research Assistant:**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

*2010 – 2015*

- Research assistant to Samuel Kortum – analyzing US trade data to estimate import and export elasticities.
- Teaching assistant for courses in Public Policy Analysis, Law and Economics, and Behavioral Economics (James Leitzel), International Economics (Samuel Kortum), Economics for Public Policy (Sabina Shaikh), Introduction to Finance (Ryan Hughes).

**National Bank of Georgia** **Tbilisi, Georgia**  
**Specialist, Division of Macroeconomic Research** *2008 – 2009*

- Conducted research to assess Georgia's macroeconomic standing and support the management in setting country's monetary policy.
- Contributed to National Bank's publications, such as Inflation, Financial Stability and Annual Reports.

**International School of Economics (ISET)** **Tbilisi, Georgia**  
**Teaching Assistant** *2007 – 2009*

- Assisted ISET professors in delivering courses in Microeconomics and Game Theory.

**Nogaideli Consulting (Kala Capital Group)** **Tbilisi, Georgia**  
**Real Estate Analyst, Consultant** *2008*

- Conducted full-scale research of real estate market in Tbilisi to support the Arsenal City Development Project.

**Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia** **Tbilisi, Georgia**  
**Economic Consultant** *2007*

- Contributed to the creation and implementation of a new legislation for Georgia's forest sector management.
- Conducted cost-benefit analysis of new regulations in the forest sector.

## **ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

Skhirtladze, Sophiko, Zurab Abramishvili, Giorgi Papava, and Irakli Barbakadze. "Impact Assessment of the State Support Program for Micro and Small Enterprises in Georgia." *Economics Bulletin* 40, no. 2 (2020): 1075-1082.

## **Teaching and Training, ISET Tbilisi, Georgia**

**Lecturer – BA Courses in (1) Law and Economics and (2) Industrial Organization** *Sep 2018 – Present*

**CERGE-EI Teaching Development Program** **Saint Petersburg, Russia**  
**Instructor of Pedagogical course at Higher School of Economics** *Aug 2019*  
**Instructor of Pedagogical course at CERGE-EI** *Aug 2020*

**Society and Banks** **Tbilisi, Georgia**  
**Trainer at Economic Media School** *Oct 2018*

## **CONSULTING AND POLICY RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**ISET-PI, International Republican Institute (IRI)** **Tbilisi, Georgia**  
**Consultant** *May 2020 – Present*

- Conducting expert consultations for political parties on economic issues.
- Analyzing party economic platforms.

**ISET-PI, GIZ**  
**Local Consultant**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**  
*Jul 2020 – Oct 2022*

**Impact Assessment Development Framework of Enterprise Georgia (EG)**

- Supporting the mission of the international experts to Georgia
- Developing the impact assessment framework and implementation roadmap
- Capacity building of the relevant divisions of the EG
- Supporting the pilot impact assessment for selected operations and/or programs of the EG

**ISET-PI, OECD**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

**Team Leader – Developing a Water Policy Outlook for Georgia**

*May 2020 – Present*

- Assisting the OECD in developing an assessment of the country water policy framework in Georgia and its prospective vision.
- Conducting a scenario analysis for different modalities of water policy framework, taking into consideration macro- and micro-affordability aspects of policy implementation.
- Developing policy recommendations on the sequence of reforms ongoing in the water sector of Georgia and future.

**PMC Research Center and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung**  
**Reviewer**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**  
*Feb – Jul 2020*

Economic Analysis of Georgia's Free Trade Agreements with EU and China

**ISET-PI, DAI**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

**Team Leader – USAID Economic Security Project**

*Feb – Jun 2020*

Developing Indirect Impact Assessment Methodology and Economic Multipliers for Georgian Economy, including multipliers for job creation, revenue generation and investments. Services included:

- Developing the indirect impact assessment methodology based on Input-Output framework, including the algorithms needed to measure indirect impact of an intervention on jobs creation, revenue generation and investments.
- Collecting and analyzing economic data.
- Conducted the economic analysis and publishing the appropriate multipliers.

**PMCG, Ecorys**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

**National Evaluator – External Evaluation of the IMF/Netherlands Constituency Partnership Program (NCPP)**

*Jan – May 2020*

Developing Case Study for Georgia evaluating IMF/NCPP capacity development programs, including (1) National Bank of Georgia Reform; (2) IFRS 9 and Accounting Modernization; (3) Strengthening Macroeconomic Management; and (4) National Accounts and Price Statistics

**PMCG, Tetra Tech**

**Tbilisi, Georgia**

**Consultant – USAID Good Governance Initiative (GGI) Project**

*Oct 2019 – Jan 2020*

- Supported the Sectoral Economy and Economic Policy Committee of the Parliament of Georgia by building capacity in legislative review on the law of Georgia on Public Private Partnerships to strengthen the Committee's legislative and oversight functions.
- Conducted an impact evaluation of the Law of Georgia "On Public Private Partnerships".
- Identified possible gaps as well as successes associated with the mentioned law.

**PMCG, DAI****Tbilisi, Georgia****Senior Consultant – USAID Georgia’s Economic Security Program (GESP)** *May 2019 – Present*

- Supporting the GESP team with data gathering and analytical work that will inform sector prioritization and value chain assessments.
- Scoring and prioritizing value chains using DAI’s Competitiveness Appraisal Matrix.
- Identifying niche market opportunities (business activities) within targeted value chains that offer the highest impact and the most direct path to investment and job creation.
- Preparing economic indicators and using them to finalize assessment matrix (CAM) with emphasis on quantitative data driven elements.
- Facilitating private and public sector dialogue including a wide spectrum of civil society and political representation on the most critical policy/regulatory challenges faced in the target sectors/value chains

**Urban Research Education and Development Foundation (RED)****Tbilisi, Georgia****Consultant - Supporting local municipality of the City of Telavi with the development of General City Planning Guidelines***Apr – Aug 2018*

Conducted research on socio-economic situation and future potential of the City of Telavi.

**PMCG****Tbilisi, Georgia****Team Leader, Consultant – Supporting Ministry of Science and Education in implementing the Project “Study in Georgia”***Aug 2017 – Jan 2018*

- Developed mechanisms and methodologies for involving foreign students in local internship programs.
- Assessed Georgia’s competitiveness on international higher education market.
- Coordinated activities across different areas of the research and ensured its overall quality

**CARE International Caucasus****Tbilisi, Georgia****Consultant***Jul – Dec 2017*

Evaluated different alternatives for setting up a revolving fund for agricultural cooperatives financed by European Neighborhood Program for Agricultural and Rural Development (ENPARD).

**International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)****Tbilisi, Georgia****Senior Researcher***Nov 2016 – Mar 2017*

Conducted quantitative and qualitative research on international students’ economic impact in Georgia.

**USAID Governing for Growth (G4G)****Tbilisi, Georgia****Lead Researcher***Oct – Dec 2016*

Conducted a focus group study for Georgia’s pension reform communication strategy development.

**PMC Research Center and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung****Tbilisi, Georgia****Reviewer***Mar – Sep 2016*Supported research on trade relations between Georgia and Armenia. - *Armenia-Georgia Trade: Getting Close or Distant?***CERTIFICATIONS**

- Stanford University, Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) and EPRC  
The Leadership Academy for Development Nov 2019
- World Bank Group – The Open Learning Campus  
Infrastructure, Public-Private Partnerships, and Fiscal Management Nov 2019
- UNDP and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark  
Training of Trainers on Gender Responsive Budgeting. Sep 2019
- CERGE-EI  
Career Integration Fellows Teaching Principles and Practices for Economics Sep 2019
- J-PAL Europe  
J-PAL Executive Education Course in Evaluating Social Programs. May 2019
- Deutsche Bundesbank  
Modelling and Forecasting Reviewer Mar 2009

## **LANGUAGES**

Georgian (native); English (fluent); Russian (good)