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Education

- Oct 2018 – Jul 2024 **Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science**
Otto-Friedrich University of Bamberg
Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS)
Dissertation: "Nature of party competition in hybrid regimes: Case study of Georgia"
- Sep 2012 – Jul 2013 **Master of Science in Russian and East European Studies**
University of Oxford
St. Antony's College
- Sep 2010 – May 2012 **Master of Social Sciences in Transformation in South Caucasus**
Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
- Oct 2006 – Jul 2010 **Bachelor of Social Sciences in International Relations (with honours)**
Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
- Sep 2008 – Jan 2009 **Exchange Semester**
Vilnius University

Academic experience

- Feb 2024 – present **Postdoctoral Researcher** in the Horizon2020 project InvigoratEU
European Politics Research Group
Center for Comparative and International Studies (CIS)
ETH Zurich
- Sep 2022 – Jan 2023 **Visiting Fellow**
Center for East European Studies (CEES)
University of Zurich
- Jan 2018 – Nov 2022 **Researcher** in the project GEOPATH funded by Norwegian Research Council
Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP)
- Mar 2014 – Feb 2016 **Researcher** in the project Role of Identity, Norms, and Beliefs in Foreign Policies of Armenia and Georgia funded by Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN)
Tbilisi State University
Yerevan State University
- Apr 2015 – Nov 2015 **Fieldwork Research Assistant** in the Horizon2020 project ISSICEU
German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)
- Feb 2014 – Jan 2015 **Researcher** in the project Contemporary Dilemmas for Georgian Foreign and Security Policy funded by the Norwegian institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

Additional research experience

- Jul 2020 – **Academic Expert** in the project Election Compass Georgia 2020
 Mar 2021 International Republican Institute (IRI) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)
- Jun 2021 – **Scientific Expert** in the USAID project Political Equality Index in Georgia
 Sep 2021 Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA)
- Mar 2020 – **Academic Coordinator** in the project Jean Monnet Erasmus+ project Promote and
 Sep 2020 Act for Europe
 Georgian Institute of Politics (GIP)

Teaching experience*

- Apr 2020 – **Otto-Friedrich University of Bamberg**
 Mar 2022 Chair of Comparative Politics
 - Party Competition in Eastern and Western Europe: Comparative Perspectives
 - Russian Government and Politics
Nominated for the award for good teaching
- Mar 2015 – **International Black Sea University (IBSU)**
 Jul 2018 Faculty of Social Sciences
 - Research Methods in Social Sciences
 - English Academic Writing
 - Post-Soviet Politics
 - Comparative Politics
 - Introduction to Political Science (in Georgian)
- Mar 2015 – **Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University**
 Jul 2017 Department of Political Science
 - BA Research Design (in Georgian)
 - Comparative Politics of the Post-Soviet Space (in Georgian for MA students)

* All courses were taught in English for BA students unless otherwise indicated

Extracurricular methods training

- Oct 2018 – **Otto-Friedrich University of Bamberg**
 Oct 2021 - Mixed methods design for social science research
 - Case selection and generalization - variance- and case-based strategies
 - Systematic literature review
 - Introduction to STATA
- Feb 2019 – **ECPR Methods Schools**
 Jun 2020 - Winter School: Comparative Research Designs; Introduction to MAXQDA
 - Summer School: Process Tracing Methods
- Feb 2014 – **Academic Swiss Caucasus Net**
 May 2025 - Qualitative Interviewing Techniques
 - Understanding Quantitative Data Collection
 - Designing, Interpreting and Writing up Qualitative Research

Scholarships and awards (selection)

Jan 2023 – Jan 2024	BAGSS Dissertation Completion Scholarship (EUR 19,484) Bamberg graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS), Otto-Friedrich University of Bamberg
Sep 2022 – Jan 2023	CEES Fellowship (CHF 7,200 with additional benefits) Center for East European Studies (CEES), University of Zurich
Oct 2018 – Sep 2022	DAAD GSSP Scholarship (approx. EUR 69,000) German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
Feb 2019 – Oct 2023	BAGSS Internal Funding for Conferences and Methods Schools (EUR 5,074) Bamberg graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS), Otto-Friedrich University of Bamberg
Sep 2012 – Aug 2013	Open Society Foundations and University of Oxford Scholarship (approx. GBP 30,000 with additional benefits) Open Society Foundations (OSF)

Academic conferences and workshops

Conferences

2023	ECPR*, MPSA*
2022	EPSA*, MPSA*, ASN, ECSA Suisse
2021	ECPR, DVPW, GraPa Düsseldorf
2020	ECPR
2019	Tartu REES Conference*, Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference in Barcelona*
2018	BASEES
2015	PSA*

Workshops

2023	Threats and Challenges to European Security in the 2020s: How Have Perceptions and Responses Changed? Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)* European Security Architectures and Their Implications: The Past, Present and future European University Institute (EUI)* Through Thick and Thin: Bridging Innovative Conceptual and Methodological Approaches in Studying Programmatic and Discursive Party Competition ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops* EU Diplomacy: Confronting Legal and Political Insights University of Groningen*
2014	Regional Integration and External Governance in the FSU University of Bremen*

**Obtained funding for participation*

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Kakhishvili, L. 2023. Do domestic institutional actors matter in Georgian foreign policy? Unpacking national role conceptions of bureaucracies and political parties in Georgia. *East European Politics*. DOI: 10.1080/21599165.2023.2229267.

Kakhishvili, L. 2021. Towards a two-dimensional analytical framework for understanding Georgian foreign policy: How party competition informs foreign policy analysis. *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 37(2): 174-197. DOI: 10.1080/1060586X.2020.1869455.

Kakachia, K., S. Minesashvili, and **L. Kakhishvili**. 2018. Change and continuity in the foreign policies of small states: Georgia's policy towards Russia. *Europe-Asia Studies*, 70(5): 814-831. DOI: 10.1080/09668136.2018.1480751.

Works in progress

Felder, A., and **L. Kakhishvili**. Debating foreign policy in the European Parliament: How Russian invasion changed conceptions of the EU's international role.

Kakhishvili, L., and A. Felder. Ideological cleavages or East-West divide in the European Parliament? Explaining MEPs' positions on EU foreign policy.

Book reviews

Kakhishvili, L. 2023. *Public policy and politics in Georgia: Lessons from post-Soviet transition*, by T. T. Moldogaziev, G. A. Brewer, & J. E. Kellough (eds). *Europe-Asia Studies*, 75(1): 166-167. DOI: 10.1080/09668136.2022.2155411.

Kakhishvili, L. 2021. *Conditionality & coercion: electoral clientelism in Eastern Europe*, by I. Mares & L. E. Young. *Democratization*, 29(2): 404-405. DOI: 10.1080/13510347.2021.1965993.

Kakhishvili, L. 2021. *Stubborn structures: Reconceptualizing post-communist regimes*, by B. Magyar (ed.). *Europe-Asia Studies*, 73(5): 959-961. DOI: 10.1080/09668136.2021.1932304.

Book chapters

Kakhishvili, L., and A. Kupatadze. 2022. End of the post-Soviet era in Georgia's foreign policy? Georgia's relations with former Soviet republics. In: T. German, S. F. Jones, and K. Kakachia (eds), *Georgia's foreign policy in the 21st century: Challenges for a small state*. London: Bloomsbury Publishing.

Kakhishvili, L. 2016. Georgia—the choice: Perceived West-Russia dichotomy in Georgian politics. In: Knodt, M. and S. Urdze (eds), *Caucasus, EU and Russia—Triangular cooperation?* Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Kakhishvili, L. 2016. Accounting for the “selfless” self-perception among the Georgian public. In: Kakachia, K. and A. Markarov (eds), *Values and identity as sources of foreign Policy in Armenia and Georgia*. Tbilisi: Universal.

Naskidashvili, M., and **L. Kakhishvili**. 2016. National identity of Georgian political elites and population and its impact on foreign policy choices. In: Kakachia, K. and A. Markarov (eds), *Values and identity as sources of foreign policy in Armenia and Georgia*. Tbilisi: Universal.

Jones, S. F., and **L. Kakhishvili**. 2013. The interregnum: Georgian foreign policy from independence to Rose Revolution. In: Cecire, M. and K. Kakachia (eds), *Georgian foreign policy: The quest for sustainable security*. Tbilisi: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung.

Research reports, policy papers and other periodicals

Kakhishvili, L. 2023. Russian nationals in Georgia: Making holidays, taking refuge, or escaping sanctions? *Religion and Society in East and West*. Institute G2W: Zurich.

Kakhishvili, L. 2023. Georgia: EU candidate status vs European perspective – failure sold as an achievement. *Westernization Report 2023*. StrategEast.

Kakhishvili, L. 2022. Georgian politics and Russia's war in Ukraine: Turning the invasion into an issue of domestic power struggle. *Religion and Society in East and West*. Institute G2W: Zurich.

Kakhishvili, L. 2022. Democratic innovations outside West: Case of Georgia. *European Democracy Hub* at Carnegie Europe and European Partnership for Democracy.

Kakhishvili, L. 2022. Georgia's switch to a proportional electoral system: How should political parties prepare for the possibility of coalition governments? *GIP Policy Brief*. Tbilisi: Georgian Institute of Politics.

Kakhishvili, L. 2022. Protecting national interests or abandoning strategic partners? The Georgian government's position on Russia's invasion of Ukraine. *GIP Policy Brief*. Tbilisi: Georgian Institute of Politics.

Kakhishvili, L., D. Kesheleva, G. Papava, and D. Sichinava. 2021. *Georgia's political landscape: Diversity, convergence and empty spots*. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung: Tbilisi.

Kakhishvili, L. 2021. The European Union's new role in Georgia: Successful mediation and a way ahead. *GIP Policy Paper*. Tbilisi: Georgian Institute of Politics.

Kakhishvili, L. 2020. Do ethnic minorities benefit from Georgia's Europeanization? *GIP Policy Paper*. Tbilisi: Georgian Institute of Politics.

Kakhishvili, L. 2020. Georgian party political discourse on foreign policy non-alignment: How has the meaning changed since 1992? *GIP Policy Memo*. Tbilisi: Georgian Institute of Politics.

Kakhishvili, L. 2020. From a presidential to a parliamentary government in Georgia. *Caucasus Analytical Digest*, No. 114, pp. 11-14.

Kakhishvili, L. 2020. Large parties versus small parties in Georgia: Do party manifestos vary across parties? *GIP Policy Brief*. Tbilisi: Georgian Institute of Politics.

Kakhishvili, L. 2019. Decreasing level of trust in Georgian political parties: What does it mean for democracy and how to avoid negative consequences? *GIP Policy Brief*. Tbilisi: Georgian Institute of Politics.

- Kakhishvili, L.** 2018. Socializing effects of Georgian parties' membership in European political party federations. *GIP Policy Paper*. Tbilisi: Georgian Institute of Politics.
- Kakhishvili, L.** 2018. Democratic consolidation in Georgia: Why does consensus matter? *GIP Policy Brief*. Tbilisi: Georgian Institute of Politics.
- Kakhishvili, L.** 2018. Georgian perceptions and cautious conditionality. *Policy Briefing*, No. 3, Tbilisi: Eurasian Democratic security Network and Center for Social Sciences.
- Kakhishvili, L.** 2018. *Competing for votes of ethnic minorities in Georgia: The 2017 local elections*. Tbilisi: Center for the Studies of Ethnicity and Multiculturalism.
- Kakhishvili, L.** 2017. Is democracy possible without stable political parties? Party politics in Georgia and prospects for democratic consolidation. *GIP Policy Brief*. Tbilisi: Georgian Institute of Politics.
- Kakachia, K., **L. Kakhishvili**, J. Larsen, and M. Grigalashvili. 2017. Mitigating Russia's borderization of Georgia: A strategy to contain and engage. *GIP Policy Paper*. Tbilisi: Georgian Institute of Politics.
- Kakhishvili, L.** 2017. Political participation of national minority women in Georgia. In: *Integration of national minorities in Georgia*. Tbilisi: NIMD and OSCE HCNM.
- Minesahsvili, S., and **L. Kakhishvili**. 2015. Georgia: Foreign policy identity in the domestic arena as a subject of contestation. *Caucasus Analytical Digest*. No. 77, 14-16.

Other relevant information

Reviewing	Foreign Policy Analysis; East European Politics; European Review; Caucasus Survey
Languages	Georgian (native), English (C2), Russian (B1-B2), German (A2)
Software	MS Office, MAXQDA (advanced), R (working knowledge)
Media	<p><i>International media:</i></p> <p>Aftenposten of Norway; Filter Nyheter of Norway; New Eastern Europe; Channel 5 of Ukraine</p> <p><i>Georgian Media:</i></p> <p>Euronews Georgia; Georgian Public Broadcaster (TV and radio); TV Imedi; TV Formula; TV Mtavari; Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; Voice of America; Netgazeti; Batumelebi; Open Caucasus Media; Accent</p>