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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Nationality: Georgian citizen, Canadian permanent resident

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Langer Research Associates, New York, United States

- *Research analysis contractor*

October 2022–present

Participated in the design and planning of large-scale international survey data collection efforts administered by Langer Research Associates. Served as a survey methodologist for studies conducted for federal government agencies and major international non-profits. Responsibilities included drafting proposals, sample design, programming automated quality-checking and fieldwork monitoring systems, fieldwork management, weighting survey datasets, and preparing technical reports.

Caucasus Research Resource Center (CRRC), Tbilisi, Georgia

- *Research director*
- *Senior policy analyst*
- *Senior researcher*
- *GIS and database analyst*
- *Database consultant*

January 2019–December 2022

March 2017–December 2018

January 2015–August 2016

January 2011–December 2014

January 2009–December 2010

Participated in or supervised more than sixty academic and MEL projects funded by major international donors, including the National Democratic Institute, the National Opinion Research Center (NORC), USAID, UNDP, UN Women, the World Bank, IREX, OECD, and World Vision. As research director, developed methodologies for qualitative and quantitative studies and oversaw their implementation. Coordinated the Caucasus Barometer survey—a biannual comparative survey conducted in Armenia and Georgia—CRRC’s annual methodological conference, and a quarterly omnibus survey. Contributed to the policy analysis unit by supervising the production of written outputs, including policy documents, blog posts, and opinion pieces.

List of selected projects managed during the last four years:

- **Geopolitical attitudes of the residents of the post-Soviet countries** (University College London, 2022). Led data collection in four countries (Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova), supervised data preparation, and conducted quality control.
- **Quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis on youth perceptions on peace and security in the three South Caucasus countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia)** (UNDP, 2022). Led instrument development, data collection, and analysis.
- **National assessment of women’s entrepreneurship development (WED)** (UN Women, 2022). Led instrument development, data collection, and analysis.
- **A study of entertainment media in Armenia and Georgia** (Sayara International, 2022). Led instrument development and data collection.
- **Opinion polling in Azerbaijan** (Sayara International, 2022). Led instrument development and data collection.
- **A study of Russian and Belarusian migrants in Georgia** (German Economic Team/Berlin Economics, 2022). Led instrument development, data collection, and analysis.
- **Media audience research in Azerbaijan** (IREX, 2022). Led instrument development, data collection, and analysis.
- **Regional research on COVID-19-related needs of third-country migrants** (International Organization for Migration, 2022). Led instrument development, data collection, and analysis.

- **A study on barriers to the social and political inclusion of young people in Georgia and their participation in peace-building** (Caucasian House, 2021). Led instrument development, data collection, and analysis.
- **Evaluation of the Confidence Building/Early Response Mechanism (COBERM) program** (UNDP, 2021). Led instrument development, data collection, and analysis in Georgia proper and Abkhazia.
- **Geopolitical attitudes of the residents of the post-Soviet countries** (University of Colorado Boulder, 2019–2020). Led data collection in seven countries and areas with limited recognition (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Nagorno-Karabakh, Transnistria), supervised data preparation, and conducted quality control.
- **Study on voting and political attitudes in Georgia** (National Democratic Institute, 2017–present). Led instrument development for survey experiments and contributed to data analysis and public dissemination of results.
- **Rapid gender assessment of COVID-19 in Georgia** (UN Women, 2020). Led instrument development for a population survey, in-depth interviews, data collection, and report writing.
- **The 2019 Caucasus Barometer survey** (Carnegie Foundation, 2019). Led instrument development for a public opinion poll, data collection, and dissemination in Georgia and Armenia. Organized the sixth CRRC methods conference.
- **Needs assessment of the population residing along the administrative boundary lines in Georgia** (UN Women, 2019). Led research design development and contributed to report writing and dissemination.
- **Baseline survey on knowledge, awareness, and practice of potential beneficiaries on local climate risk management options** (UNDP, 2019). Led research design development and contributed to report writing.
- **Anti-Western propaganda barometer** (USAID and East-West Management Institute, 2018–2019). Developed an automated text analysis algorithm for Georgian-language Facebook posts, led report writing and public dissemination.
- **Study of beneficiaries of Produce in Georgia startups** (International School of Economics at TSU, 2018). Led instrument development and supervised data collection.
- **Business mapping for the Empowered Civil Society for Good Governance** (World Vision Georgia and the European Union, 2018). Led instrument development, designed a factorial survey experiment, supervised data collection and report writing.
- **Needs assessment of Adjara eco-migrant communities and the Pankisi Gorge** (Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, 2017). Co-led research design and instrument development, contributed to report writing and public dissemination of results.
- **The study of comparative advantages of Georgia's Black Sea region** (Center for Training and Consultation and Tbilisi State University, 2017). Led research design and instrument development, contributed to report writing.
- **Baseline study of the attitudes of the Georgian public, businesses, and civil society organizations towards volunteerism and corporate social responsibility** (Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the European Commission, 2017). Led instrument development for population, enterprise, and CSO surveys, data collection, and report writing.

PERSONAL
RESEARCH GRANTS

- [*Co-investigator*] 2023–2025: “Megaproject mirages: Uncovering the politico-economic uses of speculative eco-flagships in the ‘Global East’,” funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC Insight Development Grant, CAD \$64,220).
- [*Co-applicant*] 2022–2024: “Displacement in wartime: Routes and destinations, space, place and pluralism: Russia’s invasion, Ukrainian actions and consequences for Europe and Eurasia,” funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC Connection Grant, CAD \$49,895).
- [*Co-applicant in Georgia*] 2019–2020: “Green mobilisations in the cities of Central Asia and the South Caucasus,” funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany (CAD \$60,000).
- [*Principal investigator*] 2019–2021: “Examining the social impacts of large, private sector urban

development in Batumi and Tbilisi, Georgia,” funded by the Georgian National Science Foundation (CAD \$50,000).

- [Principal investigator] 2018: “Elites, historical legacies, and electoral behavior in Georgia,” funded by the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Tbilisi State University (CAD \$6,000).
- [Senior researcher] 2015: “Spatial aspects of urban development of Tbilisi: The influence of mobility on change of social environment,” funded by the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Tbilisi State University (CAD \$7,700).
- [Project lead] 2014–2016: “Social contents of changing housing landscapes of the capital metropolises of Armenia and Georgia: Institutions, stakeholders, policies” in collaboration with the Department of Human Geography at Tbilisi State University and Yerevan State University, funded by the Academic Swiss Caucasus Network (CAD \$136,000).
- [Senior researcher] 2014–2016: “Coping with marginality and exclusion: Can IDP (internally displaced person) communities successfully integrate into mainstream urban societies in Georgia?” funded by the Academic Swiss Caucasus Network (CAD \$66,500).

EDUCATION

University of Colorado Boulder

Fulbright visiting scholar, Institute of Behavioral Science / Department of Geography, 2016–2017
Academic host: Dr. John O’Loughlin

Tbilisi State University

PhD in human geography, *summa cum laude*, 2015.

- Dissertation (in Georgian): “Spatial aspects of electoral behavior in Georgia (based on 2008–2014 elections).” Canadian equivalency outcome: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree from a recognized university (assessed by the University of Toronto’s School of Continuing Studies, application no. X398927).

Advisor: Dr. Giorgi Gogsadze

MA in human geography, *with honors*, 2010

BA in social sciences (specialization: human geography), 2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: elections, social movements, politics of urban development in post-Soviet Eurasia, geographies of conflict and displacement.

Methodological: opinion polling, causal inference in MEL and policy analysis, automated text analysis, geographic information systems (GIS).

Field experience: South Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia); Central Asia (Kazakhstan); Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus).

CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjunct research professor • Term lecturer | <p>July 2022–present April 2021–June 2022</p> |
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Courses taught:

- Politics by other means: Agency and engagement beyond the mainstream in Communist and post-Communist Eurasia (graduate seminar)
- Urban transformations in post-Soviet Eurasia (graduate seminar)
- Europe and Russia in the world (undergraduate)
- Politics of the Caucasus and the Caspian Basin (undergraduate)

PAST ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Department of Human Geography, Tbilisi State University

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited lecturer | <p>September 2020–2022</p> |
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- Assistant professor **March 2017–July 2020**
- Adjunct professor **March 2013–July 2016**

Courses taught:

- Research methods in urban studies (doctoral)
- Introduction to social science research methods (undergraduate)
- Cultural geography (with an emphasis on post-Soviet Eurasia, undergraduate)
- Quantitative research methods: Introduction to applied statistics (graduate)
- Data analysis using R (graduate)
- Master's thesis design in human geography (graduate)

International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET)

- Adjunct professor **March 2018–July 2020**

Courses taught:

- World regional geography (undergraduate, with an emphasis on the South Caucasus and post-Soviet Eurasia)

International Black Sea University

- Adjunct professor **March 2018–June 2019**

Courses taught:

- Cities as sites of memory: Post-socialist place meanings and contested history (undergraduate, with Suzanne Harris-Brandts)
- Introduction to research methods (undergraduate)
- Quantitative research methods (graduate)

School of Media and Mass Communications, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA)

- Master's thesis supervisor **March 2013–July 2017**
- Research methods (graduate) **March 2013–July 2015**

CONSULTANCY

European University, Tbilisi, Georgia

- Staff training in R programming and data analysis **March 2023**

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

- Instrument development and analysis for the national youth study **November 2021–March 2023**

International Republican Institute (IRI); Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

- Preparation of Georgia's online vote advising platform **July–September 2020; May–September 2024**

Center for Social Sciences (Tbilisi, Georgia)

- Staff training in R programming and data analysis **March 2020**

Business and Finance Consultancy GmbH (Chisinau, Moldova)

- Training on survey interviewing **January–February 2020**

South Caucasus Bureau, Heinrich-Böll Foundation (Tbilisi, Georgia)

- Reviewed policy papers produced by the foundation **2018–2020**

National Democratic Institute (NDI)

- Consultancy on designing data collection tools for NDI Montenegro staff **2024**
- Biannual training courses on mapping and data collection tools for NDI Ukraine staff **2016–2019**

Caucasus Research Resource Center–Armenia (Yerevan, Armenia)

- Staff training in mobile data collection tools **2015**

ACADEMIC
PUBLICATIONS

Driscoll, J., **Sichinava, D.**, & C. Berglund (2025). Ethnic stacking in the Russian armed forces? Findings from a leaked dataset. *Post-Soviet Affairs*, 41(3), 199–218. DOI.

Harris-Brandts, S., Gogishvili, D., & **Sichinava, D.** (2024). #SpendYourSummerInGeorgia: Popular geopolitics, grassroots activism and tourism marketing against Russia. *Social & Cultural Geography*, 1–22. DOI.

Harris-Brandts, S., & **Sichinava, D.** (2024). Reconceptualizing the social, environmental, and political hazards associated with displacement in the Republic of Georgia. In J. C. Gaillard, M. Rodriguez Alarcón, & C. Ocampo Go (Eds.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Natural Hazard Science: Cultural Perspectives*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Harris-Brandts, S., Nikolco, M., Sahadeo, J., & **Sichinava, D.** (2024). Local impacts, global consequences: Assessing the mass displacement and migration tied to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*, 30(1), 1–10. DOI.

Harris-Brandts, S., & **Sichinava, D.** (2021). Architecture and friendship among nations: The shifting politics of cultural diplomacy in Tbilisi, Georgia. *International Journal of Heritage Studies*, 27(12), 1213–1229. DOI.

Harris-Brandts, S., & **Sichinava, D.** (2020). The politics of urban recovery in a Stalinist-era resort town: Heritage tourism and displaced communities in Tskaltubo, Georgia. In H. Al-Harithy (Ed.), *Recovery: Intersecting displacement with post-war reconstruction*. Routledge.

Rekhviashvili, L., **Sichinava, D.**, & E. Berikishvili (2020). Urban protest movements in Tbilisi: Movements are strong, but big capital is stronger. In T. Dariyeva & C. S. Neugebauer (Eds.), *Urban Activism in Eastern Europe and Eurasia*. DOM Publishers.

Sichinava, D. (2020). Elections, political parties, and social change in Georgia (2003–2016). In S. F. Jones & N. MacFarlane (Eds.), *Georgia: From autocracy to democracy*. University of Toronto Press.

Sichinava, D. (2020). Cleavages, electoral geography, and the territorialization of political parties in the Republic of Georgia. In J. O’Loughlin & R. S. Clem (Eds.), *Political geographies of the post-Soviet Union*. Routledge.

Salukvadze, J., & **Sichinava, D.** (2019). Changing times, persistent inequalities? Patterns of housing infrastructure development in the South Caucasus. In T. Tuvikene, C. S. Neugebauer, & W. Sgibnev (Eds.), *Post-socialist urban infrastructures*. Routledge.

Sichinava, D. (2017). Cleavages, electoral geography, and the territorialization of political parties in the Republic of Georgia. *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 58(6), 670–690. DOI.

Sichinava, D. (2015). Cleavage theory and the electoral geographies of Georgia. In G. Nodia & C. Stefes (Eds.), *Security, democracy and development in the Southern Caucasus and the Black Sea Region, Interdisciplinary Studies on Central and Eastern Europe, Vol. 14* (pp. 27–44). Bern: Peter Lang.

Salukvadze, J., **Sichinava, D.**, & D. Gogishvili (2015). Socio-economic and spatial factors of alienation and segregation of internally displaced persons in the cities of Georgia. *Spatial Inequality and Cohesion: Studia Regionalia*, 38, 45–60.

Chkhaidze, V., Gogsadze, G., Salukvadze, J., & **Sichinava, D.** (2008). General characteristics and regional patterns of electoral behavior: 2008 presidential elections in Georgia. *Region and Regionalism*, 9(2), 65–78.

RESEARCH REPORTS AND POLICY DOCUMENTS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS Sahadeo, J., **Sichinava, D.**, & B. Kotrikadze (2025). *Power and protest: Georgians fighting for their European dream* [Policy brief]. Eastern European and Transatlantic Network. Ottawa: Carleton University.

Keshelava, D., Shubladze, R., **Sichinava, D.**, & T. Surguladze (2025). *Political landscape of Georgia: Election Compass of Georgia 2024*. Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

Sichinava, D., & Z. Fabos (2023). *Regional report on national youth studies in the South Caucasus*. Tbilisi: UNDP.

Sichinava, D., & N. Zubashvili (2023). *Country reports of national youth studies in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia*. Tbilisi: UNDP.

Shubladze, R., **Sichinava, D.**, & T. Khoshtaria (2023). *Generation of independent Georgia: In between hopes and uncertainties*. Tbilisi: South Caucasus Bureau of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

Shubladze, R., **Sichinava, D.**, Khoshtaria, T., & A. Valiyev (2023). *Youth voices of Azerbaijan: Attitudes, values and future prospects*. Tbilisi: South Caucasus Bureau of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

Sichinava, D., & S. Dolidze (2022). *Regional research on COVID-19-related needs of third-country migrants in Georgia*. Tbilisi: International Organization for Migration.

Sichinava, D. (2022). *Media audience study in Azerbaijan*. Tbilisi: IREX.

Sichinava, D. (2022). *Perceptions of the integration process, challenges, and needs of foreign migrants residing in Georgia*. Tbilisi: International Organization for Migration.

Sichinava, D. (2022). *Perceptions of foreign actors of the Nagorno-Karabakh war in the Azerbaijani-language social media*. Tbilisi–Baku: European Commission.

Sichinava, D., & N. Zubashvili (2022). *Study of young people’s civic and political participation in Georgia*. Tbilisi: Caucasian House.

Khoshtaria, T., & **Sichinava, D.** (2022). *National study on violence against women in politics in*

Georgia. Tbilisi: UN Women.

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

Sichinava, D. (2021). *Minimum wage in Georgia: Tracking two years of broad public support*. Tbilisi: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

Sichinava, D. (2021). *Knowledge of and attitudes toward the European Union in Georgia*. Tbilisi: Europe Foundation.

Sichinava, D. (2021). *Mapping study of civil society organizations in Georgia*. Tbilisi: Civil Society Sustainability Initiative | Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Georgia.

Ergeshidze, E., **Sichinava, D.**, & N. Zubashvili (2021). *Workplace sexual harassment in Georgia's civil service*. Tbilisi: UN Women.

Mestvirishvili, N., Gagunashvili, E., Khundadze, T., & **Sichinava, D.** (2020). *Study on migration and visa-free regime during COVID-19*. Tbilisi: ICMPD.

Sichinava, D. (2020). *Second wave of rapid gender assessment of the COVID-19 situation in Georgia*. Tbilisi: UNDP.

Atchaidze, M., Ergeshidze, E., Saldadze, O., & **Sichinava, D.** (2020). *The impact of COVID-19 on female entrepreneurs in Georgia*. Tbilisi: Europe Foundation.

Gilbreath, D., & **Sichinava, D.** (2020). *A needs assessment of the communities along administrative boundary lines with Abkhazia and South Ossetia*. Tbilisi: UN Women.

Gilbreath, D., & **Sichinava, D.** (2020). *Youth inactivity in Rustavi, Georgia: Results of time use survey*. Tbilisi: UNDP.

Sichinava, D., Khundadze, T., & I. Goodrich (2020). *Rapid gender assessment of the COVID-19 situation in Georgia*. Tbilisi: UN Women.

Sichinava, D., & M. Atchaidze (2020). *Minimum wage in Georgia: Gauging public opinion*. Tbilisi: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Caucasus.

Sichinava, D. (2018). *Countering anti-Western discourse in social media*. Tbilisi: CRRC-Georgia.

Sichinava, D. (2018). *Mapping of existing businesses – the private sector's perspective towards corporate social responsibility in Georgia*. Tbilisi: World Vision Georgia.

Sichinava, D. (2018). *Baseline study of Georgian Civil Society Initiative*. Tbilisi: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Georgia.

Shubladze, R., & **Sichinava, D.** (2018). *Needs assessment of the State Audit Office's Budget Monitor website*. Tbilisi: Tetra Tech.

Darjania, E., Salukvadze, J., & **Sichinava, D.** (2018). *Georgia's Black Sea coastal functional region, its centers of attraction, and competitive advantages*. Tbilisi: European Union and Center for Training and Consultation.

Sichinava, D., & R. Shubladze (2018). *Businesses in Georgia: Attitudes towards corporate social*

responsibility and civil society organizations. Tbilisi: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Georgia.

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS AND
MEDIA
APPEARANCES

Langer, G., Filer, C., & **D. Sichinava** (2024). Nearly half of Haley voters in Ohio say they'd back Biden: Exit polls. *ABC News*.

Zubashvili, N., & **Sichinava, D.** (2022, June 8). Youth in Georgia have little trust in unions. *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D., & O. Saldadze (2022, May 10). Georgian public opinion on the State Security Services (SSG) files. *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D. (2022, April 1). South Caucasus and Russia's war in Ukraine. *Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies at Carleton University*.

Zubashvili, N., & **Sichinava, D.** (2022, March 9). Young Georgians do not want a military solution in Abkhazia and South Ossetia. *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D., & O. Saldadze (2021, September 28). What do Georgians think about Tbilisi Pride? *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D. (2021, August 31). Georgia has a vaccine inequality problem. *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D. (2021). A view of the pandemic from the city of balconies. *Activating Urban Periphery in Eastern Europe*.

Sichinava, D. (2020, October 31). Commentary on the 2020 parliamentary elections of Georgia. *Public Broadcaster of Georgia*.

Sichinava, D. (2020, August 24). Georgians increasingly open to compromise with Abkhazia and South Ossetia. *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D. (2020). How far is too far? Public opinion on conflict resolution in Georgia. *Caucasus Analytical Digest*, 116.

Sichinava, D. (2020, June 9). Lost in the census: Mingrelian and Svan languages face extinction in Georgia. *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D., & D. Gilbreath (2020). Artificial intelligence and Russian propaganda: It's not what it looks like. *On Think Tanks Annual Review of Technology*.

Sichinava, D. (2020, March 9). What kind of electoral system do Georgians actually want? *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D. (2019, July 9). Who is afraid of the Lugar Centre? *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D. (2019, April 2). Georgia's far right are anti-Russian but share Russian narratives. *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D., & N. Mzhavanadze (2019, March 1). Georgians support technical inspections for vehicles despite the financial burden. *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D. (2018). Georgia elections: Salome Zourabichvili becomes the country's first female president. Interview by Belle Donati. *Euronews*.

[In Estonian:] **Sichinava, D.** (2018). Gruusia sotsioloog: Venemaa Õõnestab Gruusiat parempopulistide kaudu. [Georgian social scientist: Russia is undermining Georgia with populists]. Interview by Krister Paris. *Eesti Päevaleht*.

Berikishvili, E., & **Sichinava, D.** (2018). Transformation of urban protests in Tbilisi: From spontaneous activism to social movements. In K. Neuburg, S. Pranz, W. Tsereteli, et al. (Eds.), *Archive of Transition*. Niggli Verlag Publishers, Salenstein, Switzerland.

Sichinava, D. (2018, March 5). Polarisation in Georgia’s media landscape. *OC Media*.

Sichinava, D. (2018). Attitudes towards Georgia’s foreign policy choices in times of uncertainty. *Caucasus Analytical Digest*, 102.

Sichinava, D. (2017, October 18). Will an independent mayoral candidate bring political change to Georgia? *New Eastern Europe*.

Gilbreath, D., & **Sichinava, D.** (2017, April 10). Georgia: Proposed reform could tilt electoral field toward incumbents. *Eurasianet*.

Gilbreath, D., & **Sichinava, D.** (2016, October 6). Georgia is voting this Saturday: Here are 7 things you should know. *Washington Post: The Monkey Cage*.

[As a special editor:] **Sichinava, D.** (2016). Cities in the South Caucasus. *Caucasus Analytical Digest*, 87.

[In Georgian:] Berikishvili, E., Chigholashvili, D., **Sichinava, D.**, & N. Zazanashvili (2016). Anthology of urban protests in Tbilisi. South Caucasus Bureau of the Heinrich-Böll Foundation.

Sichinava, D. (2015). Understanding voter decision-making in the urban context of Tbilisi. In H. Gutbrod (Ed.), *From Private to Public: Transformation of Social Spaces in the South Caucasus*. Tbilisi: South Caucasus Regional Office of the Heinrich-Böll Foundation.

Gilbreath, D., & **Sichinava, D.** (2015). NGOs and the Georgian public: Why communication matters. *Caucasus Analytical Digest*, 73.

Sichinava, D. (2013). The 2012 parliamentary elections in Georgia and changing attitudes toward Russia. *Caucasus Analytical Digest*, 48.

Sichinava, D. (2012). Shades of red and blue: Regional characteristics of Georgia’s 2012 parliamentary elections. *Caucasus Analytical Digest*, 43.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Tbilisi Architecture Biennial: Workshop and exhibition “Build it and they will come” (2020)
- Association of Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Regional Scholar Travel Grant (2018)
- Georgian National Science Foundation Travel Grant (2016)
- Heinrich-Böll Foundation Scholarship for Young Social Scientists (2013)
- Open World Leadership Program participant, Library of Congress (2013)

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Sichinava, D. (2024). *Public opinion about the EU in Georgia and Armenia*. Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Workshop: “The Impact of the War in Ukraine on the EU and its Eastern Policy,” Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada.

Panelist: *Elections in Georgia: Between Europe and Russia*, Eastern Europe and Transatlantic

Network and the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (EURUS), Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada (October 30, 2024).

Invited keynote speaker: *Urban (In)Flux: The Impact of Russian Emigrés, Alliances, and Legacies on Urban Processes and Space in Tbilisi*. Institute for Russian, European, and Eurasian Studies (IREES), University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida (November 16, 2023).

Harris-Brandts, S., Gogishvili, D., & **Sichinava, D.** (2022). *Splintering urbanism in the Global East? Moving trees and parallel infrastructures in Georgia*. 9th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States Conference (CAT), Budapest, Hungary.

Harris-Brandts, S., Gogishvili, D. & **D. Sichinava** (2021). *Exporting Authoritarian City Building: Entangled Illiberal Practices in Emirati Urban Development within Georgia*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG, online).

Sichinava, D., & O’Loughlin, J. (2021). *Exploring Georgians’ attitudes towards reconciliation with the Abkhaz and South Ossetians*. Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) annual conference.

Sichinava, D. (2020). *Parliamentary elections in Georgia: New challenges for stability and democracy*. RUCARR (Russia and the South Caucasus Regional Research) web conference, Malmö University, Sweden.

Sichinava, D., & Salukvadze, J. (2017). *Spatial patterns of emerging inequalities in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia*. 7th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States Conference (CAT), Kyiv–Dnipro, Ukraine.

Sichinava, D., & Salukvadze, J. (2017). *Spatial patterns of emerging inequalities in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia*. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), Boston, MA.

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| COMPUTER SKILLS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistical packages: R (tidyverse family of data management and analysis tools; modeling; literate programming tools such as Quarto and R Markdown; dashboarding with Shiny), Stata (data management and analysis), SPSS (data management and modeling), Python (data management with pandas). • Geographic Information Systems (GIS): ArcGIS and QGIS (professional proficiency). • Platforms for computer-assisted data collection: CPro, Open Data Kit (ODK) (professional proficiency). • CAQDAS: NVivo (QSR) (professional proficiency). • Applications: common Windows word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and database software; L^AT_EX; Zotero (reference management). |
| LANGUAGES | Georgian (native), English (full professional proficiency), Russian (full professional proficiency). |
| PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of American Geographers (AAG) • American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) • Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) • Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) |
| SERVICE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate editor, <i>Communist and Post-Communist Studies</i>. • Led classes in data visualization for the Tbilisi chapter of R-Ladies Global. • Peer reviewer for <i>Environment and Planning C</i>, <i>Europe-Asia Studies</i>, <i>International Journal for Urban and Regional Research</i>, <i>Journal of Eurasian Studies</i>, <i>Political Geography</i>, <i>Journal of Borderland Studies</i>, <i>The Professional Geographer</i>, <i>Demokratizatsiya</i>, <i>Caucasus Survey</i>, and <i>U3 UrbanisticaTre</i>. |