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Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Global and International Studies, University of California, Irvine
California State University Pre-Professor Program (PREPP) Fellow, 2025
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Global and International Studies, University of California, Irvine

Dissertation: *Politics of Gendered Death: Exile and Belonging in the Shadow of Russia's Existential Wars*

Committee: Long Bui (Chair), Eve Darian-Smith, Dorothy Fujita-Rony

M.A. in Global Studies, University of California, Irvine (2023)

M.A. in Global Studies A European Perspective – Erasmus Mundus Double Degree,
Leipzig University (Germany), Roskilde University (Denmark), University of California, Santa Barbara (Exchange Semester) (2019)

B.S. in International Relations, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi, Georgia (summa cum laude, 2016)

RESEARCH & TEACHING AREAS

Global and International Studies; Gender and Sexuality Studies; Critical Media Studies; Post-Soviet Studies; Migration, War & Exile; Global Borderlands; Militarization & Masculinities; Citizenship, Nationalism & Belonging.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Global and International Studies, UC Irvine (2020–Present)

Courses: *Introduction to Global Studies, Global Culture and Society, Global Forum, Seminar in Conflict Resolution (Upper-Division Writing)*

Facilitated discussion sections that foster critical engagement with key global studies frameworks. Designed lesson plans and section syllabi for introductory courses, and led discussions on global inequality, migration, and transnational processes. Mentored students in analytical writing and research, and provided detailed feedback on essays, exams, and policy briefs.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Gasviani, G. (2023). Post-Soviet Gender Regimes: Militarized Masculinities in the Making of the Russian–Ukrainian War. *International Journal of Interdisciplinary Global Studies*, 18(1), 35–56. <https://doi.org/10.18848/2324-755X/CGP/v18i01/35-56>

Gasviani, G. (2022). Inner Martyrdom: Deconstructing the Sacrificial Female Subject in Post-Soviet Georgia. *Journal of Feminist Scholarship*, 20, 19–32.
<https://doi.org/10.23860/jfs.2022.20.02>

Gasviani, G. (2019). The Role of the Soviet Past in Contemporary Georgia. *Caucasus International*, 9(1-2), 37–50. <http://cij.az/post/the-role-of-the-soviet-past-in-contemporary-georgia-66>

Book Reviews

Gasviani, G. (2023). Review of Theodora Dragostinova, *The Cold War from the Margins: A Small Socialist State on the Global Cultural Scene*. *Postcolonial Interventions*, 8(1), 168–174.

Gasviani, G. (2025). Review of *Putin's Exiles: Their Fight for A Better Russia*, by Paul Starobin. *Comparativ: A Journal of Global History and the Comparative Analysis of Societies*, Vol. 35 No. 5-6, 658-660.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

Fellowships

2025 – California State University Pre-Professor Program (PREPP) Fellow, Department of Women's Studies, CSU Dominguez Hills, Mentorship and professional training focused on preparing underrepresented scholars for faculty careers

2020–2024 – Provost PhD Recruitment Fellowship, UC Irvine

Grants

2025 – Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS) Research Grant, UC Irvine

2025 – Conference Travel Grant, Associated Graduate Students, UC Irvine

2024 – Fall Global Studies Travel Award, UC Irvine

2024 – Kugelman Research Fellowship, Center for Citizen Peacebuilding, UC Irvine

2024 – Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS) Research Grant, UC Irvine

2023 – Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS) Research Grant, UC Irvine

2023 – Center for Asian Studies Research Grant, UC Irvine

2022 – Center for Asian Studies Research Grant, UC Irvine

Awards

2025 – Global Studies Graduate Paper Award (Peer-Reviewed Publication), UC Irvine

2024 – Global Studies Graduate Paper Award (Peer-Reviewed Publication), UC Irvine

2024 – Emerging Global Studies Scholar Award, Global Studies Conference, Grounds Research Networks

2022 – Emerging Global Studies Scholar Award, Global Studies Conference, Grounds Research Networks

Scholarships

2017–2019 – Erasmus Mundus Scholarship, European Commission

2015–2016 – Credo Merit Scholarship, Credo Financial Group

2012–2016 – State Scholarship Award, Government of Georgia

GUEST LECTURES

2025 – “Cowards, Queers, and Traitors: Who Leaves Russia and Why It Matters?” History Department, California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), (May)

2025 – “The ‘Good Russian’: Exile, Gender, and Belonging in the Shadow of War,” Global Forum, Global and International Studies Department, UC Irvine, (May)

2024 – “The ‘Good Russian’: Exiles of War and Shifting Gendered Citizenship,” Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS), UC Irvine, (Nov)

2023 – “Loss of National Manhood? Gendered Narratives about Exiles of the Russian-Ukrainian War in Georgia,” Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS), UC Irvine, (Nov)

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

2026 – “‘Good Russian’ Syndrome: Exile, Gender, and Belonging in the Shadow of War,” Panel Session, “Intersection of Culture and Politics,” World Social Science Association, Slavic and Eurasian Studies (Albuquerque, NM), (Mar)

2024 – “‘Good Russians’ Still Unwelcome: The Shift in Gendered Citizenship and Russian Experiences in Georgia,” Panel Session, “Liminal place-making: peripheral senses and the folds of experience,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), (Boston, MA) (Nov)

2024 – “Loss of National Manhood? Gendered Narratives about Exiles of the Russian-Ukrainian War in Georgia,” Panel Session, “Literature and Modern Depictions of War,” World Social Science Association, Slavic and Eurasian Studies, (San Antonio, TX), (Feb)

2022 – “Postsocialist Dreams: Women’s Personal and Collective Struggle for Liberation in Post-Soviet Georgia,” Fifteenth Global Studies Conference at National and Kapodistrian University, (Athens, Greece), (hybrid), (Jul)

2022 – “The Role of the Soviet Past in Contemporary Georgia,” UC Irvine Center for Asian Studies, Access Asia, (Feb)

2022 – “New Wave Revolutions in Post-Soviet Space: Struggles with Authoritarianism in Georgia,” Roundtable: “New Wave Revolutions in Post-Soviet Space: Struggles with Authoritarianism in Ukraine, Georgia and Kazakhstan,” Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS), University of California, Irvine (Jan)

2019 – “Postcolonial Perspective on Memory Creation Processes in Post-Soviet Space (The cases of Russia and Georgia),” Panel Session “Historiography and Memory Studies,” European Master in Global Studies (EMGS) Conference, (Leipzig, Germany), (Nov)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MENTORSHIP

2023–Present – Mentor, Next Gen Pathways Program, (Mentor Collective), University of California, Irvine.

Provide peer mentorship to incoming graduate students, supporting their transition through academic guidance and professional development.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2021–Present – Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Georgian (native), English (fluent), Russian (fluent)