



MASTER THESIS REVIEW

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Title:	Female Labour Migration from Georgia: A Qualitative Study of the Influence of Migration on Gender Roles and Women's Self-perceptions
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The master thesis presented by Tamar Zviadadze deals with a live **topic** of migration and it targets on labour migration. I consider the focus on the problem of feminization of migration as the main benefit of the work

Goal of the thesis is “*to understand the gendered nature of migration and to examine to what extent migration influences Georgian women's perceptions and practices regarding gender roles.*” (p.21) and it is divided into four subgoals. Just research questions could be stated in better way, not just to copy subgoals without further elaboration (ibid.).

Regarding the topic, the author appropriately chose qualitative approach. The core **method** is face-to-face interview. The student succeeded to interview ten respondent using snowball technique. I appreciate she covers documented migrants as well as undocumented migrants, both married and singled, mothers as well as childless. Detailed description of respondents is in chapter four (p.26-28), just in case of one respondent the length of stay is missing by oversight (Marina on p. 27). The author is also aware of limits of her research, explains role of her background in the interview and consider the ethical aspect. Generally, the third chapter *Methodology* is well written.

The author used **theoretical** frameworks based on migration concepts, especially on international division of reproductive labour and role of social networks. Besides it she used also the concept of transnationalism. Within the theoretical part the author proved her ability to cope with relevant literature and further in next part she linked up the theory to her research theme and findings. It is visible for example in chapters *Patterns of Migration in Georgian Context* and *Greece as a destination country for Georgian woman* as well as *Georgian women today – The perspective of State and Culture*, which make a good starting point for research. Student didn't limit her text on pure description but connected it with further theoretical concepts like feminisation of migration. Just in case of statistical table I miss further comment. Student's explanation “*Although statistics provided above records the number of emigrants annually, it is not enough for the analysis of the gendered pattern of migration.*”



(p.12) put a question why to include such table at all. I miss at least a short comment on (possible) reasons for women proportion decrease in 2013 or increase four years later. Also in case of table 2 (page 14) there is missing a year for which data are relevant (2014 or 2013 or other one?). In chapter 2.4.2 *Women in State* I would recommend illustrating presented data in comparison with other information. For example, gender pay gap (p.19) should be presented in percentage to give the possibility to compare it for example with mean of OECD countries or at least Greece. It would help to understand economic and social situation in Georgia.

The fourth chapter presents results of **research** and covers situation of Georgian women in Greece and covers all planned fields including motivation to migrate, working and social conditions, gender roles. Student combines her own research findings and findings of the other authors. Her approach allowed her to answer all research questions stated in the beginning. Clearly summarize them in the **conclusion**.

The structure of the whole thesis is clear and logical. Primary and secondary sources cited by the author are relevant to the chosen topic.

For the reasons mentioned above, I recommend the thesis for defence and evaluate it by the grade "A"

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