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- A Georgia Case Study**

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## **Abstract**

The Master's thesis is concerned with a recently launched policy instrument called the programme placement of Czech students to developing countries whose aim is to enhance quality of higher education and research in Czech Republic's partner countries in the South. The programme, implemented in the framework of the Czech development policy, was introduced in 2012 as a complement modality to the government scholarship programme. The main aim of the thesis was to identify if the project implemented in Georgia within the programme placement had contributed to capacity development in higher education and research in that region.

Based on the capacity development concept it was ascertained that the project had promoted development mainly of individual capacities and to a certain extent of organisational capacities as well. Even though the system level was taken into consideration during the implementation, significant system change has not been identified. Additionally, the project noted several shortcomings that negatively influenced its outcomes. Therefore, various recommendations for the project level, as well as for the programme level were suggested, such as linking the scholarship programme with the analysed programme; and hereby increase effectiveness of both policy tools.

The thesis is a single-case descriptive-explanatory case study using predominantly qualitative research methods for collection of data that were further examined with application of framework analysis.