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Her research interests revolve around the issues of political communication in ethnically divided societies of democratizing countries and its implications for potential civil conflicts. This has been articulated in her research on the structures and dynamics of nationalist discourse in the Georgian print media over the democratization period of the country as well as in her work on the link between ethnically segmented media and the danger of civil conflicts in post-soviet countries. A common thread across her research is an interdisciplinary approach attempting to bridge the propositions of civil conflict literature to the premises of communication science.

Nino has also taught courses on nationalism, media and democracy at the University of Zurich and the University of Fribourg.

## **QUALIFICATION**

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