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**GIORGI TAVZISHVILI –
RESEARCHER OF HISTORY
OF GEORGIAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
OF THE 10th-13th CENTURIES**

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ABSTRACT

The history of Georgian educational institutions and the pedagogical legacy of great Georgian figures did not become the focus of special scholarly study until the past century and was only superficially examined. The basis for a substantial shift in this direction has been laid since the 1930s. In this regard, Giorgi Tavzishvili (1902–1963) played the most important role among the researchers of the period. In particular, the main field of his research was the study of Georgian pedagogical thought and the history of educational institutions in Georgia. The available information on the 10th-century Georgian educational system explored by G. Tavzishvili is rather scarce. He mainly deals with the 11th and 12th centuries, demonstrating the role and importance of all higher education institutions in the history of our country from that time onward until the Soviet period. In this case, he goes beyond the schools existing in Georgia and provides us with several extremely important pieces of information concerning Georgian educational centers abroad. When evaluating his work in this regard, we must pay special attention to the fact that at the time when G. Tavzishvili was engaged in this work, many of the issues that became the subject of his study were either never investigated or were given less attention, being superficially understood. Even though more in-depth studies were performed concerning the above-mentioned issues in the following period, but it is no exaggeration to say that further research in this area owes much of its impetus to G. Tavzishvili's works, among others.

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