

## Inculcating Geographic Terms in Georgian Science Literature

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Georgian geographic knowledge is ancient and the 18<sup>th</sup> century is considered as its flourishing period. But starting the foundations of the geographic science school is connected to academician Al. Javakhishvili. Developing Georgian scientific language and inculcating the geographic terms is also a part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A Scientific Geography is being founded at that time, by returning of young anthropologist Al. Javakhishvili from Russia to Georgia and by establishing the first Georgian university. The need for inculcation geographic terms arises. The process mostly involved translating terms from other languages, but occasionally some terms needed coming up with nonexistent matching words and ensuring those new definitions would be used in everyday speech. This is why Al. Javakhishvili is often called the patriarch of Georgian geography. He gathered colleagues and founded Georgian Geographic Society and several geographic faculties in scientific and educational institutes in different cities of Georgia.

The article examines different variations of Georgian geographic terms by Al. Javakhishvili, which were stated in the first Georgian Monography and also the transformations that happened to those terms over the centuries.