



Giga Zedania is a philosopher with interests ranging from literature to politics, and with a passionate commitment to furthering the cause of open society in his native Georgia.

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Giga received his MA degree in medieval studies in 2000 from CEU, where he learned not only Medieval Latin, but also the passion of thinking about the past in terms of the genealogy of the present – and where his vision of an open academic space, where knowledge and diversity are valued, was determined.

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