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Economic Policy of Local Self Government in Samegrelo and Upper Svaneti Region

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ABSTRACT

My research topic is about a very important issue in Georgia, which can provoke the development of irreversible economic processes. Geographically, a village is the smallest administrative and municipal unit and logically, if the smallest territory is affluent, the state is correspondingly wealthy. Economic advancement in Georgia largely depends on the development of local democracy and self-government. The essence and the aim of the local self-government is to create possibilities for local citizens to resolve local problems independently. It will not be possible, if the rights, responsibilities and duties of the territorial and administrative units are not clearly distributed. The main flaw of the reforms carried out so far in Georgia in the process of local democracy formation is that the local authorities are largely depended on the central government and they are not focused on realizing the interests of the local community, which is theoretically the basis of their existence. The mentioned flaws are also caused by the fact that these reforms are planned and put into the normative framework, without careful study and scientific perception. Unfortunately, we can hardly find scientific works and researches done about local self-governance and moreover, municipal legislation is just taking shape. The research is mainly aimed at defining the essence of self-governance and its place in the general state government system. The objectives also include: the study of internal traits of this institution, substantiation self-organization as one of the main terms for self-governance, analyzing the supporting factors and forms of self-organization of the local citizens in the process of forming and developing self-governance, which must be in accordance with open market economic development process.

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