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## **EDUCATION**

- 2010-present Oxford International PhD Programme in International Relations  
**Centre for Social Sciences (CSS), Tbilisi State University**
- 2006-2008 Master of Public Administration, International & Comparative Administration  
**Bowling Green State University, US**
- 2004-2005 MSc by Research in Politics (European Studies)  
**University of Edinburgh, UK**
- 1997-2001 BA in Law & Diplomacy  
**American University for Humanities**
- 1997-2001 BA in Public Relations  
**Georgian Technical University**

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2008 – present Country Representative, **EU-Georgia Business Council (EUGBC)**  
Developing company's strategy & action plan and monitor its timely and effective implementation; developing company's operational policy and procedural standards; managing company's activities in Georgia in cooperation with Secretary General in Brussels; building the company's credibility and reputation in Georgia through development of key relationships with members, potential members, other business associations as well as European Institutions and GoG; exploring funding options and developing strategies for additional revenue possibilities; coordinating the Council's projects, research and analytical work; engaged in promotional and PR campaign.
- 2008 – present Assistant Professor, **Tbilisi State University**  
Delivering lectures in the field of Research Methodology and Methods, European Politics and Institutions, International Organizations.
- 2005 – 2006 Head of Foreign Relations Department, **Georgian Public Broadcasting (GPB)**  
Coordinating international relations; liaising with other Broadcasters and news agencies abroad; negotiating broadcasting rights with international media institutions and foreign TV companies; liaising with the European Broadcasting Association (EBU) on provision of expertise and recommendations to the PBG's departments; planning and organizing international trainings for the staff; planning and organizing official high rank visits to and from abroad, supervising other protocol related activities; other duties as assigned by General Director.

- 2003 – 2004            Director of Education Reform Project, **Association for Public Education**  
Working on reforms in Georgia's education system, managing the project's activities in the city and regions; developing network and communicating with partner organizations; preparing programme and financial reports for the donor organization; organizing meetings with NGOs and Georgia based think-tanks; travelling to regions.
- 2003 - 2004            Media Development Project Director, **Council of Europe**  
Cooperating on free and professional media; assisting the project director in all tasks; coordinating the project activities; drafting correspondence; conducting discussion tables on media management; advocating increased cooperation between civil society and media organizations; reporting on programme and financial matters to the donor organization; organizing meetings and conferences.
- 2002 - 2003            South Caucasus Project Director, **Eurasia Foundation**  
Carrying out a synergy project on the development of telecommunications sector in the South Caucasus region Directing the project activities; assigning tasks and supervising the project staff; communicating with partners in Armenia and Azerbaijan as well as the project related bodies in Georgia; cooperating closely with the government; representing the project to governmental and non-governmental organizations; organizing meetings and conferences; preparing programme and financial reports for the donor organization.
- 1999-2001            Researcher/Analyst, **Political Analysis & Research Centre, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia**
- 1999 – 2001            Research Associate, **International Federation of Red Cross & Red Crescent**  
Carrying out a socio-economic survey on IDPs in Georgia; sampling, surveying and interviewing respondents; communicating with the Georgian State Department of Statistics; drafting reports for the Delegate as well as the Head of the Federation; travelling to regions; performing other tasks as assigned by the Delegate.
- 1998 – 1999            Operations Executive, **Trade & Travel Co. Russia House, London, UK**  
Working on tourism and business development between Georgia and the UK, organizing cultural events: participated in the Russian exhibition in London; cooperating with the Georgian Embassy; organizing high rank roundtables on cross cultural and international matters; helping tourists and businessmen in travelling: visa formation, bookings, country information; helping the director in preparing newsletters and leaflets about Georgia.

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS**

- 2010-present            **HESP PhD Fellow**, Higher Education Support Program (HESP)
- 2008-present            **AFP Fellow**, Academic Fellowship (AFP)
- 2006-2007            **E. Muskie Fellow**, Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship  
US Department of States
- 2004-2005            **Chevening Fellow**, University of Edinburgh/Open Society  
Institute/Chevening Scholarship

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Current doctoral thesis:	External Democracy Promotion in Georgia: The Role of the European Union
2012	Research Article - Prospect of Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area ( <b>DCFTA</b> ) – Is there a European Way for Georgia?
2007	Research Paper - Georgia's Rose Revolution and Role of International Organizations
2005	EU's External Political Impact on Democratisation of Eastern European Countries. Cases of Georgia and Ukraine
2004	Eastern European Countries' Accession Politics to EU

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Democracy, state-building, international organizations, EU institutions and policies, international engagement instate building and democracy promotion, institution building and policy making

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2008-present:	Invited lecturer / AFP fellow at the Centre for Social Sciences (CSS), TSU Teaching: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• EU Institutions and Politics</li><li>• EU and Democratisation in Post-Soviet countries</li><li>• International Organizations in South Caucasus</li><li>• Qualitative Research Methods</li></ul>
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## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & TRAININGS**

2008-2012	Semi-annual academic conference of Higher Education Support Program, HESP
2007	Researcher at the EurasiaNet Central Office, <b>NY, NY, USA</b>
2005	Seminars at the European Commission, the European Parliament, NATO and SHAPE, <b>Brussels, Belgium</b>
2005	Sussex European Institute Wider Europe Conference on European Neighbourhood, Policy, College of Europe in Natolin, <b>Warsaw, Poland</b>
2005	PSA Northern Graduate Conference, <b>University of Edinburgh, UK</b>
2005	OSI/FCO Chevening students' Conference, <b>University of York, UK</b>
2002-2004	French Language courses (DELF Certificate), Centre of Culture after Alexandre Dumas, <b>Tbilisi, Georgia</b>
2002	Seminar on "Multicultural Europe", Youth for Exchange and Understanding (YEU), <b>Kaunas, Lithuania</b>
2003	Seminar on Mass-Media and NGO Communications, <b>Tbilisi, Georgia</b>
2003	Seminar on Organisational Management in NGOs, <b>Vilnius, Lithuania</b>
1999	International Conference of European Law Students' Association, <b>Istanbul, Turkey</b>

## **LANGUAGES**

Georgian, English, Russian (fluent), also some knowledge of French and Spanish