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Education:

- 2012-2014 Ilia State University, Faculty of Art and Science, MA in Sociology;
- 2004-2008 Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Faculty of Law, BA;
- 2003-2004 Ozurgeti Public School #4, Secondary Education;
- 1993-2003 Ozurgeti Public School #1, Secondary Education;

Work Experience:

- **2022.IV – present: Platform “Komentari” (<https://komentari.ge/en/#>) - co-founder and Chairperson of the editorial board;**
- **Georgian Young Lawyers’ Association (GYLA);**
- **2019.III – 2022.III: Director of Democratic Institution Support Program;**
Duties and responsibilities:
Managing projects linked with the Parliament, Judiciary, Public Administration, Local Self-Government and elections.
- 2010.IX – 2013.II – Representative in Constitutional Court; Transparency and Accountability Project Lawyer;
- 2011.I – 2012.II – Expert on the rights of persons with disabilities;
- **2015.VI - present: Ilia State University, School of Law, Associate Professor, Public Law Major; Following courses – General Constitutional Law, Paradoxes of Constitutionalism and Parliamentary Oversight;**
- 2018 – present: “The Journal of Constitutional Law” The member of the editorial board, The journal is published by the Constitutional Court of Georgia, with the support of Grigol Robakidze University;
- **2016.XII – 2017.V State Constitutional Commission of Georgia, Member;**
- 2016.II - 2017.X PROLoG Human Rights Chair at GIPA;
- **2013.III - 2015.I Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC) Institutional Reform Support Program Director;**
Duties and responsibilities: Managing projects linked with the Parliament, Judiciary, Local Self-Government;
- Public Defender’s Office:
2009.XI-2010.IX – Rights of persons with disabilities - Head of the Center (division);
2008.VI-2010.V – Representative in Constitutional Court;
2008.VI-2009.X – Division of Freedom and Equality, Specialist;
2008.II-V – Division of Freedom and Equality, Intern;

Expertise:

- 2018.IV-VII - **UNDP** Counsellor for the Parliament of Georgia;
- 2018.IV-VII - **NDI** Counsellor for the capacity building in the Parliament of Georgia;
- 2016.X-2017.III – **Analyses and Consulting Team ACT**, expert in the research for the accessibility of human rights and judiciary system;
- 2016.VII- 2020 **The Levan Mikeladze Foundation**, Human Rights Expert;
- 2015-2018 – **Public Defender’s Office**, Team member of Monitoring Group on CRPD’s (UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities) implementation;
- 2013-2017 – **Georgian Bar Association**, expert in the examination planning;
- 2013-2014 – **Public Defender’s Office**, National Preventive Mechanism (NPM), Expert;
- 2014 – **Georgian Caritas**, expert in the implementation of the employment strategies and action plan for PWDs;
- **Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy/Eastern European Centre for Multiparty Democracy**, Trainer:
Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2011. XII);
Constitutional Law of Georgia (2015.XI-2016).
- 2010 **Westminster Foundation for Democracy**, Trainer at Constitutional Law in the Parliament;
- 2007 – 2009 **American Bar Association**, Trainer: Street Law;
- 2006.I-V **Young Association of Georgia**, Trainer: Local Democracy.

Teaching Qualifications and Experience:

- **Caucasus University (CU)**, Visiting Lecturer:
Caucasus School of Governance (CSG): Constitutional Law of Georgia (2015.II-2016.XII);
Caucasus School of Media (CSM): Fundamentals of Freedom of Expression (2014.II-2018.VI);
Caucasus School of Law (CSL): Human Rights (2015.II-VI).
- **Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (TSU)**, Visiting Lecturer: Freedom of Information (2013 - 2014);
- **Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA)**, Visiting Lecturer:
School of Journalism and Media Management (SJMM): Legal Course for Public Relations Managers (2012.X-XII);
School of Law and Politics (SLP): Constitutional Law; Human Rights (2014.IX-until now).
- **Agricultural University of Georgia**, Visiting Lecturer: Human Rights; Constitutional Law; Practical Course of Constitutional Law (2011-2013);
- **Ilia State University**, Visiting Lecturer: Constitutional Law (2010.IX – 2015.V);

Trainings and Seminars:

- 2017.VI-IX: English Language Courses (International House, Malta);
- 2016.IX: Study visit to Northwestern University Schools of Law (Promoting Rule of Law in Georgia - PROLoG);
- 2014.IX: Rule of Law and Equality before the Law (U.S. Library of Congress - Professional Development Program “Open World”);

- 2014: „Mental Health” (Theoretical teaching and practical monitoring)” (EU, CoE);
- 2011.X-2012.I: „Decentralization and citizens’ participation” (Masters Course) (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Institute of International Social Sciences; Ilia State University, CIPDD);
- 2011: Introducing Students to American Law (USAID);
- 2011: Assessing Beyond the Final Exam (USAID);
- 2011: Electoral System (BRIDGE/UNDP);
- 2010: Freedom of Expression (UNHCR);
- 2010: Monitoring of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Public Defender’s Office (PDO), Youth Center for Independent Living, OSI);
- 2008-2010: „European Convention on Human Rights articles: 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14 and its Protocol N1, articles: 1, 2; The European Social Charter (PDO, COE);
- 2010: Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNHCR);
- 2010: Convention on the Rights of the Child (PDO, UNICEF);
- 2010: Constitutional Legal Proceedings in Estonia (PDO, EU);
- 2010: Criminal Procedure Code (PDO, UNDP, The government of Denmark, COE);
- 2010: Legal Writing (PDO, UNDP);
- 2009: News of the Criminal Procedure Code (PDO, UNDP);
- 2008: Constitutional Law (University of Bern, Institute of Public Law)
- 2008-2010: Training of Trainers (TOT) in General Administrative Law – (GTZ, KAS)
- 2007-2008: International Law (Georgian Young Lawyers’ Association - legal education course);
- 2008: International and local standards of Labor Law (PDO, UNDP);
- 2008: Institute of Ombudsman (PDO, COE);
- 2008: Administrative Law (PDO, UNDP);
- 2007: Developing Court Skills (ABA);
- 2007-2008: Training of Trainers at street law, American Bar Association (ABA)
- 2006: Training of Trainers (TOT), (ICCN).

Publications:

- Platform Komentari: <https://komentari.ge/en/author/menabde/>;
- Published articles in magazine Liberali (2012.I-2019): <http://liberali.ge/authors/view/1851/vakhushti-menabde>;
- Published articles in magazine Hot Chocolate (2010-2012): <http://shokoladi.ge/advblog/64>.
- Published article in feminist web-site of hbs South Caucasus: <http://www.feminism-boell.org/ka/person/vaxushti-menabde>;
- Published articles in magazine Forbes: <http://bit.ly/1Qxim2f>;

Academic papers <https://iliauni.academia.edu/VakhushtiMenabde>:

- The Fight for the Justice System in Georgia ‘MAJORITARIANISM’ AND ‘JURIDIFICATION’ IN THE SERVICE OF CLAN GOVERNANCE, OSTWEST MONITORING, <https://ostwest.space/articles/georgia/161-the-fight-for-the-justice-system-in-georgia-en>;

- THE IDEA OF DIRECT DEMOCRACY IN THE CONSTITUTION OF HE IDEA OF DIRECT DEMOCRACY IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FIRST REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA HE FIRST REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA, Journal of Constitutional Law - Vol. 1 (2022), [https://constcourt.ge/files/4/5\)%20JCL%20-%201-2\(2021\)%20-%20Menabde%20ENG.pdf](https://constcourt.ge/files/4/5)%20JCL%20-%201-2(2021)%20-%20Menabde%20ENG.pdf);
- Georgia From Autocracy to Democracy, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO PRES, 2020, https://utorontopress.com/us/georgia-2?_SID=U, Co-author;
- **Parliamentary Oversight Since the Rules of Procedure Reform, GYLA, 2020, file:///C:/Users/vmenabde/Downloads/THE PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT SINCE THE RU.pdf, Co-author, Head of Research, Academic Editor;**
- How the decision made by the Constitutional Court of Georgia about decriminalization of Cannabis directs the drug policy, 2018, online publication <https://idfi.ge/public/upload/IDFI Photos 2017/rule of law/marijuana court decision analyse s.pdf>;
- **Oversight of the local representative body over the work of the executive in Georgia, Head and Academic Editor, Tbilisi, 2017, online publication, file:///C:/Users/vmenabde/Downloads/63655317.pdf**
- Teacher’s Manual. Human Rights Basic Course for bachelors, Coauthor, Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA), 2017, <https://gipa.ge/geo/list/show/354-mastsavleblis-sakhelmdzghvanelo>;
- The Third Fundamental Revision of the Constitution of Georgia, Georgian Law Journal, Volume1, 2017, The periodical of the Georgian-Norwegian Rule of Law Association, <http://genolaw.org/images/files/5390GLJ-Journal-ENG-web.pdf>;
- **TWENTY YEARS WITHOUT PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT, Head and Academic Editor (Two edition:), Cezanne/Favoriti, Tbilisi, 2017/2019, https://osgf.ge/en/publication/twenty-years-without-parliamentary-oversight/;**
- Georgian Constitutional Court: The System of Legal Capacity of Natural Persons and its Impact upon the Georgian Legislation, ICL Journal, Vol 10, 4/2016;
- Counter-terrorist State – State of Emergency of Contemporary World and the Fate of Transformative Democracy on the Case Study of Georgia; National and International Human Rights Protection Mechanisms, collection of articles, (ed. Konstantine Korkelia), Tbilisi, 2016;
- Taming the Power – Incapacity of the Constitution and Revolution. Compilation of articles, OSGF publication, Tbilisi, 2016;
- DEMISE OF POLITICS - SELECTION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE SUPREME COURT ON THE EXISTING NOTIONS OF STATUS QUO AND PROSPECTS OF THE REFORM. Journal of Constitutional Court of Georgia and Ilia State University „Constitutional Law Review“, #8; 2015;
- Right to Equality. Guide book for the female candidates participating in self-government elections, Compilation of articles, publication by EMC, 2014;
- Revision of Constitution of Georgia, what ensures the legitimacy of the supreme law – “From Super-presidential to Parliamentary System, Constitutional Changes in Georgia”, Compilation of Articles, Publication by KAS, 2013;
- Human Rights and legal proceedings practice of Constitutional Court of Georgia - Co-author - Tbilisi, 2013;
- The Substance of the Right to Own Shares In Accordance with the Case-Law of the Constitutional

- Court of Georgia - South Caucasus Law Journal Vol. 03/2012 Entrepreneurs and Law;
- Freedom of Information in Georgia, 2011, Publication of Georgian Young Lawyers' Association (GYLA), 2012;
 - FREEDOM OF RELIGION – WHERE SHOULD WE LOOK FOR IT? ABOUT THE DEMARCATION BETWEEN ARTICLES 19 AND 24 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF GEORGIA. Journal of Constitutional Court of Georgia and Ilia State University, „Constitutional Law Review“, #5; 2012;
 - State Concept of social integration of the persons with disabilities. midterm monitoring report of 2010-2012 governmental plan implementation results. Monitoring was conducted within the project „The Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Advocacy“ (Euro Commission), GYLA, Association “DEA”, 2012;
 - Disciplinary Proceedings in Public Service (Legal and Factual Review). Publication by GYLA, 2012;
 - State Concept of social integration of the persons with disabilities. Final monitoring report of 2010-2012 governmental plan implementation results. Monitoring was conducted within the project “For the Protection of Monitoring Rights” (OSGF) - Association „DEA”) 2012;
 - Report: May 26th/Attack on the protest action; Analysis of the human rights violation facts. Publication by GYLA (co-author), 2011;
 - 10th of December - Reports (Freedom of Information). Publication of GYLA, 2011;
 - Rights of the persons with disabilities – Universal challenge. Compilation of articles: International Standards for Human Rights Protection and Georgia (Redaction by Konstantine Korkelia), Tbilisi, 2011;
 - Freedom of Information in Georgia (central tendencies of court practice). Publication by GYLA, 2011;
 - Specific control paradigm in Constitutionalism. Compilation: Constitutional and International Mechanisms for Human Rights Protection (Redaction by Konstantine Korkelia), Tbilisi, 2010.

Translations (Academic editor):

- Raymond Yaks, Law: a very short introduction, Series of Oxford Publication, Academic Editor of the translation in Georgian language, 2020;
- **Strengthening Legislative Capacity in Legislative-Executive Relations, National Democratic Institute (NDI), Academic Editor of the translation in Georgian language, 2019.**

Membership:

2010 - Georgian Young Lawyers Association (GYLA), Member of the Board (2018-2021);
2013 - International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED); Deputy Head of the Board (2014-2016);
2014 - human rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC).

Language Proficiency:

Georgian (Native); English (Intermediate).

COMPUTER LITERACY: Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint.