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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ilia State University Law School

June 2015 – present

Dean

- Manages one of the biggest Law School in Georgia with approximately 1800 law students through overseeing faculty recruitment, setting of academic policies, managing budgetary affairs, fulfilling representative functions, fundraising activities and other executive functions.

The Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies (GISS)

November 2012 – present

Co-Founder/ Senior Vice President

- Combines strategic and executive/managerial functions; his primary areas of expertise are Georgian politics, EU-Georgia Relations, security, conflict resolution, foreign policy and geopolitics of energy; involved in program/project development activities.

State Ministry for Reintegration (SMR)

December 2010 – October 2012

First Deputy Minister

- Led the Ministry's work related to operationalizing the Georgian Government's Strategy towards Occupied territories; defining Ministry's Policy priorities and objectives; directing analysis and planning activities of the Ministry; representing the Government in bilateral and multilateral meetings; headed the Georgian delegation in the humanitarian working group of Geneva talks.

National Security Council (NSC)

December 2008 – December 2010

Deputy Secretary/ Deputy National Security Advisor to the President

- Led the National Strategic Review process (Preparation of National Threats Assessment Document, National Security Concept and other strategic documents); managed the Government's strategic communications' portfolio; coordinated Government's international media engagement; participated in real-time crisis management activities; oversaw Council's analytical work.

Ministry of Justice of Georgia

November 2004 – August 2006

Director, Civil Registry Agency

- Established the agency; shaped strategic outlook of the agency; led the institutional development of the agency and introduced spectrum of new services; managed the staff of more than 700 employees at 78 regional offices around Georgia.

Public Administration Program - Open Society Georgia Foundation

January 2004 – November 2004

Program Manager,

- Developed and oversaw implementation of program strategy; managed \$1 mil. Program budget; assessed financial viability of projects. *Main achievements:* Coordinated elaboration of the first ever National Strategy on Local Self-government; facilitated capacity development of local governments and various ministries.

East-East Partnership Program - Open Society Georgia Foundation

January 2002 – September 2004

Program Manager

- Involved in multilateral project development activities dedicated to building NGO networks aimed to facilitate exchange of the best practices in human rights, government transparency, business affairs etc.; Served as a liaison for Georgian and international NGOs.

Rule of Law Program - Open Society Georgia Foundation

July 2001- December 2003

Program Coordinator

- Developed and implemented program strategy; managed \$700 000 program budget; assessed financial viability of projects; *Main achievements:* Coordinated first-ever national anti-corruption project on behalf of the civil sector aimed at monitoring government agencies; led projects aimed at monitoring parliamentary and presidential elections of 2003.

EDUCATION

Draper Hills Fellow

Stanford University, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law

2014

The Program is an executive education program that is run annually on the Stanford campus by an interdisciplinary team of leading Stanford faculty. The program brings together a group of mid-career practitioners and provides a unique forum for leaders to connect, exchange experiences, and receive academic training to enrich their knowledge and advance their democracy work. The Program is run by such intellectuals as Francis Fukuyama, Larry Diamond, Michael McFaul, Stephen D. Krasner, and others

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs

2006-2008

Degree: Master of International Affairs, Concentration: International Energy Management and Policy

Received the Government of Georgia Scholarship for two consecutive years

Central European University (CEU)

2000-2001

Degree: Master of Arts in Political Science, International Political Economy Track

Received George Soros Full scholarship

American University for Humanities

1997-2000

Degree: Bachelor of Law and Diplomacy (BLD)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

• Bucerius Global Governance Fellow

August, 2011

Hamburg, Germany

The program is a **Zeit-Stiftung** supported prestigious event, which brings together leaders of tomorrow from all over the world to discuss most crucial global issues. The program also serves as a networking platform for young leaders.

• Strategic Information Management Program

September - October, 2005

Canadian International Development Agency, Ottawa, Canada

• Course in Information & Communication Technologies Management

August, 2004

(E-governance Academy,) Estonia

LANGUAGES: Georgian – (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent) Russian (fluent)