

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Affiliation: Associate Professor of History, School of Arts and Sciences, Ilia State University
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2008-2013 Assistant Professor at the same University

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Education:

Ph.D.: School of Philosophy, Program in Medieval Studies, University of Ioannina (Ioannina, Greece) 2001-2006. Dissertation topic: “Byzantium through Georgian sources (chronicles and hagiographic texts 9th-11th centuries)”

M.A.: School of Philosophy, Program in Medieval Studies, University of Ioannina 1999-2001.

B.A .: School of Philology (Georgian Language & Literature/Modern Greek Language& Literature), Tbilisi State University (Tbilisi, Georgia) 1993-1998.

Professional Experience:

Oct 1998-Oct 1999 Teacher of Modern Greek Language. Gori (Georgia);

- 2007-2008 Post Doctoral Researcher, Program in Hellenic Studies, Princeton University (USA). Post Doctoral Research Project:
 “The Georgian *Life of George the Athonite* (11th century) as a source for Byzantine History”;
- March- July, 2011 Visiting Researcher, University of Granada (Spain), Center of Byzantine, Modern Greek and Cypriot Studies (within the Project “Coimbra Group-Eastern Neighboring Countries”)
- 2012-2013 National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Alexander S. Onassis Foundation, „Academy of Plato, Paths and Knowledge“ – Post Doctoral Researcher
- Oct. 2014-Jan. 2015 Visiting Researcher, Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany) (within the framework co-operation and mobility programme Erasmus Mundus)
- Jan-Feb 2016 University of Southern Denmark, Odense; Collaboration with the Center for Medieval Literature

Main areas of interest:

Georgian hagiography as a source for Byzantine political and cultural history; Byzantine and Georgian Hagiography (comparative Study); Monasticism (emergence, development, today’s tendencies); Political, social, economic history of the 19th century; Ethnic minorities (Greeks) in Georgia in the 19th - 20th centuries; Georgian periodical editions about Greece (19th c.-1921); Greek monastic properties in Georgia (19th c.-1921) Orthodox Pilgrimage (historical context and modern challenges)

Participation in research projects:

Ministry of Education of Georgia, field of the Development of Humanities, Rustaveli Foundation (see their web-site www.rustaveli.org.ge). Project entitled as *Byzantium in Georgian Sources* (Department of Byzantine Studies of Acad. Giorgi Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies, Tbilisi, Rep. of Georgia (June 2008- June 2010) – Member

Hellenic Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs-European Union (European Social Fund), “Black Sea and its city ports from 18th to 20th centuries. Development, convergence and connection with global economy”. Within the framework of the program “Thales” (September 2012-December 2015), member of research team, external collaborator, responsible for Batumi (website www.blacksea.gr) – Member

Germany, Berlin, Center for Literary and Cultural research, “Cultural semantics of Georgia”, external collaborator, 2013-2014 <http://www.zfl-berlin.org/zfl-english.html>

“Batumi, Odessa, Trabzon. The Cultural Semantics of the Black Sea from the Perspective of Eastern Port Cities” Funded by the Volkswagen Foundation 2016–2018 (with Center for Literary and Cultural research) <http://www.zfl-berlin.org> - member

Greek Idioms in Georgian – funded by Kostas and Eleni Ourani Foundation, Academy of Athens (2026-2017) – member and coordinator

“Ethnic groups and their periodical editions in Georgia (1819-1921), funded by Rustaveli Foundation, 2020-2023 – head of the project

Selected Conference Participations (2019-2023):

Paper’s title: The David Gareja Monastic Complex According to Georgian Hagiographic Texts, International Conference “Davit Gareji – Multidisciplinary Study and Development Strategy” , International Center of Art, Tbilisi (in collaboration with Europa Nostra, PanEuropean Federation of Cultural Heritage Organizations, with the European Investment Bank Institute as founding partner), Tbilisi 19-20 April, 2019

“Three diplomatic marriages between the Komnenian and Georgian royal dynasties in the 12th century”, International Conference "Byzantium- Georgia- Christian East", , 2nd International Conference K. Kekelidze National Manuscript Center, Tbilisi, 18-20 June, 2019

“Olympus of Bithynia: Monastic Space and Imperial Power , 5th International SEVGİ GÖNÜL Byzantine Studies Symposium, Koç University, Istanbul, 24-26 June, 2019 (<https://sgsymposium.ku.edu.tr/en>)

“Rothschilds’ financial interests in the Caucasus at the end of the 19th c and the 1910s”, 4th International Conference “Archival and Source Studies – Trends and Challenges”, 25-27 Sept, 2019, National Archive of Georgia, Tbilisi (in Georgian „როტშილდების ფინანსური ინტერესები კავკასიაში მე-19 საუკუნის ბოლოსა და მე-20 საუკუნის დასაწყისში“, მე-4 საერთაშორისო კონფერენცია „არქივთმცოდნეობა, წყაროთმცოდნეობა - ტენდენციები და გამოწვევები“, 27 სექტ, 2019)

(with Medea Abulashvili) “Lingvo-cultural dialogue between Georgian and Greek idioms”, International Conference “Ethnocultural Diversity and Inercultural communication in Georgia”, Tbilisi State University 24-26 Oct, 2019 (in Georgian „ქართული და ბერძნული იდიომების ინგვოკულტურული დიალოგი“, ეთნოკულტურული მრავალფეროვნება და ინტერკულტურული კომუნიკაცია საქართველოში, საერთაშორისო კონფერენცია, თსუ 24-26 ოქტომბერი 2019)

“Religious motives in Soviet Georian Literature (Vasil Barnovi and Levan Gothua), International Conference “Visble and Invisible Religion”, Ilia State University, 14-15 Nov, 2019 (in Georgian „რელიგიური მოტივი საბჭოთა პერიოდის ქართულ ლიტერატურაში (ვასილ ბარნოვის და ლევან გოთუას რამდენიმე ნაწარმოების

მიხედვით)“, საერთაშორისო კონფერენცია „ხილული და უხილავი რელიგია, რელიგიის საკითხების სოციო-პოლიტიკური და კულტურული განზომილება საქართველოში“, ილიას სახელმწიფო უნივერსიტეტი 14-15 ნოემბერი 2019)

“Historical events in the autobiographical novel by Demetrios Psathas *The Land of Pontus*”, Conference of Modern Greek Studies in Georgia – 3, Tbilisi State University 4-5 Dec, 2019 (in Georgian „ისტორიული მოვლენები დიმიტრის ფსათასის ავტობიოგრაფიულ ნაწარმოებში პონტოს მიწა“, საქართველოს ნეოგრეცისტთა ასოციაციის მესამე კონფერენცია „ნეოგრეცისტიკა საქართველოში – 3 (Νεοελληνικές Σπουδές στη Γεωργία – 3, Εταιρεία Νεοελληνιστών της Γεωργίας), 4-5 დეკემბერი 2019, თსუ კლასიკური ფილოლოგიის, ბიზანტინოლოგიისა და ნეოგრეცისტიკის ინსტიტუტი

“The Pan-Hellenic context of Batum before the Sovietization of Georgia”, International Conference “East and West: linguistic, cultural and historical relations”, Iliia State University, 12-15 Dec, 2019 (in Georgian „ბათუმი ზოგადბერძნულ კონტექსტში საქართველოს გასაბჭოებამდე“, საერთაშორისო კონფერენცია „აღმოსავლეთი და დასავლეთი: ლინგვისტური, კულტურული და ისტორიული ურთიერთობები“, ილიას სახელმწიფო უნივერსიტეტი 12-15 დეკემბერი 2019)

“Georgian metochion of Greek (Cypriot) Monastery and their church serfs according to the newspaper *Droeba*”, International Symposium “Silk Road countries’ folklore”, Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature, 25-27 Sept, 2020 (in Georgian „ბერძნული (კვირპოსული) მონასტრის ქართული მეტოქიონის საეკლესიო ყმები და გაზეთ „დროების“ პუბლიკაციები მათზე“, საერთაშორისო სიმპოზიუმი “აბრეშუმის გზის ქვეყნების ფოლკლორი” (ეძღვნება გოგლას – გიორგი ლეონიძის ხსოვნას), 25 სექტემბერი 2020, ლიტერატურის ინსტიტუტი)

“The Pontic question (το ποντιακό ζήτημα) according to the materials of Batum’s Greek newspapers (1920)”, 5th International Conference “Archival and Source Studies – Trends and Challenges”, 24-25 Sept, 2020, National Archive of Georgia, Tbilisi (in Georgian „პონტოს საკითხი (το ποντιακό ζήτημα) ბათუმის ბერძნული გაზეთის მასალების მიხედვით (1920)“, მე-5 საერთაშორისო კონფერენცია „არქივთმცოდნეობა, წყაროთმცოდნეობა – ტენდენციები და გამოწვევები“, 25 სექტემბერი, 2020; program available at <https://archive.gov.ge/storage/files/doc/geo.pdf>

“Georgian Manuscript of the Iveron Monastery and Symeon Mephrastes”, International Conference of Mount Athos Studies – 5, 27-29 Nov, 2020, Thessaloniki (in Greek „Ενα Γεωργιανό χειρόγραφο της Μονής Ιβήρων και το έργο του Συμεών Μεταφραστή“)

“Veneration of the Kykkos Monastery’s icon of the Mother of God in Georgia”, 5th International Conference of Cypriot Hagiography, Paralimni (Cyprus), Holy Diocese of

Constantias and Ammochostos, 25-28 March, 2020 (in Greek „Η λατρεία της Θεοτόκου της Κυκκώτισσας στη Γεωργία“)

“Medieval Greek Historic Literature and Georgia”, 8 th International Conference of CODFREURCOR, Shota Rustaveli Batumi State University, Batumi 31 August-2 September, 2020 (in Georgian „შუა საუკუნეების ბერძნული საისტორიო მწერლობა და საქართველო“, CODFREURCOR-ის მე-8 საერთაშორისო კონფერენცია, ეროვნული ლიტერატურა თარგმანში, ბათუმის სახელმწიფო უნივერსიტეტი, 31 აგვისტო-2 სექტემბერი 2020

“A publication of the newspaper *Iveria* about Greece”, 6th International Conference “Language and Culture”, Akaki Tsereteli State University of Kutaisi, 7 May, 2021 (in Georgian „გაზეთ „ივერიის“ ერთი პუბლიკაცია საბერძნეთის შესახებ“, VI საერთაშორისო ონლაინ სამეცნიერო კონფერენცია "ენა და კულტურა", ჰუმანიტარულ და პედაგოგიკურ მეცნიერებათა განვითარების ფონდი აკაკი წერეთლის სახელმწიფო უნივერსიტეტი, 7 მაისი, 2021)

“Transforming Batumi into a western city: Greek houses in an industrial center of the 19th and early 20th century”, International Conference “Space, Art and Architecture Between East and West: The Revolutionary Spirit”, Module Art-Architecture-Urban Planning School of Humanities, Athens Open University, 18-20 March, 2021

“Operation *Golden Fleece* in Abkhazia (1993)”. Conference dedicated to the 30 th Anniversary of the Georgian Independence, Tbilisi State University, 9 April, 2021 (in Georgian „ოპერაცია „ოქროს საწმისი“ აფხაზეთში (1993 წ.)“, დამოუკიდებლობის 30 წლისთავისადმი მიძღვნილი კონფერენცია, თსუ უახლესი სიტორიის ცენტრი, 9 აპრილი 2021)

“The Move of Greeks from the Ottoman Empire to Batum in the Early 20th c. and Back to Greece in the 1990s”, 27th DAVO Congress, International Conference of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO) in Cooperation with the Institute of Islamic Theology at the University of Osnabrück, 16-18 September 2021 University of Osnabrück

“Newspapers Advertisement and Greek businessmen in Batum at the end of the 19th c. and the early 20th c.”, 6th International Conference “Archival and Source Studies – Trends and Challenges”, 23-24 Sept, 2021, National Archive of Georgia, Tbilisi (in Georgian „საგაზეთო რეკლამები და ბათუმში მცხოვრები ბერძნების სამეწარმეო საქმიანობა (მე-19 საუკუნის ბოლოს და მე-20 საუკუნის დასაწყისში)“, მე-6 საერთაშორისო კონფერენცია „არქივთმცოდნეობა, წყაროთმცოდნეობა - ტენდენციები და გამოწვევები“, 23-24 სექტ, 2021)

“Byzantine Churches and Monasteries through the eyes of Georgian Pilgrims of the 19th c.”, International Conference “Classical and the Byzantine World through Interdisciplinary

Studies”, Tbilisi State University, 22-24 September, 2021 (in Georgian „ბიზანტიური ეკლესია-მონასტრები მე-19 საუკუნის ქართველი მოგზაურების თვალით”, საერთაშორისო ონლაინ კონფერენცია „ანტიკური და ბიზანტიური სამყარო ინტერდისციპლინური კვლევების შუქზე“, 22-24 სექტ, თსუ კლასიკური ფილოლოგიის, ბიზანტინოლოგიისა და ნეოგრეცისტიკის ინსტიტუტი)

“Georgian Press about Greek Revolution of 1821”, 4th Conference of Modern Greek Studies in Georgia, 20 Nov 2021, Tbilisi State University (in Georgian „ქართული პრესა საბერძნეთის რევოლუციისთვის მოსამზადებელ პერიოდზე“, საქართველოს ნეოგრეცისტთა ასოციაციის კონფერენცია „ნეოგრეცისტიკა საქართველოში – 4“, 20 ნოემბერი, 2021)

“Greek Memoirs and Georgia of the 20th century”, International Conference “Globalization – Identity — Literature”, Tbilisi State University and Shota Rustaveli Georgian Institute of Literature, 9 December 2021 (in Georgian “ბერძნული მემუარული ლიტერატურა და მე-20 საუკუნის საქართველო”, საერთაშორისო კონფერენცია “გლობალიზაცია - იდენტობა - ლიტერატურა”, ივანე ჯავახიშვილის სახელობის თბილისის სახელმწიფო უნივერსიტეტი/ შოთა რუსთაველის ქართული ლიტერატურის ინსტიტუტი)

“Non-Greek Scholars between Athos and Constantinople: A Georgian Case of the 11th century”, THE 47TH ANNUAL BYZANTINE STUDIES CONFERENCE IN CLEVELAND, OHIO (USA), December 9-12 2021 (webpage <https://bsana.net/annualconference/>), <https://artsci.case.edu/bsc/>
Program <https://bsana.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021BSCProgram.pdf>
Abstracts <https://bsana.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021BSCAbstracts.pdf>

“Greek linguistic loans in medieval Georgian literature”, Key-note Speech, 35th International Conference of Anthropological and Social Sciences „Greek Language“, Patras 18-20 March, 2022 (in Greek “Ελληνικά γλωσσικά δάνεια στη μεσαιωνική γεωργιανή γραμματεία”, 35ο Διεθνές Συνέδριο Ανθρωπιστικών και Κοινωνικών Επιστημών Ελληνική γλώσσα)

“Georgian and Old Russian translations of the *De Inventio Crucis* Alexander the Monk (of Cyprus)”, 6th International Conference of Cypriot Hagiography, Paralimni (Cyprus), Holy Diocese of Constantias and Ammochostos, 1-5 May, 2022 (in Greek «Η Γεωργιανή και Παλαιο-ρωσική μετάφραση του έργου του Αλεξάνδρου Μοναχού, *De Inventio Crucis*»)

Other Grants:

July 2016, Short-term Research Grant from Academic Swiss Caucasus Net, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

June-August 2015 – Princeton University (USA), Program in Hellenic Studies (visiting fellow)

Oct 2014-Jan 2015 - Visiting Researcher, Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany) (within the framework cooperation and mobility programme Erasmus Mundus)

2012-2013 Grant for Post Doctoral Research, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Alexander S. Onassis Foundation, „Academy of Plato, Paths and Knowledge“, 2012-1013

July-August, 2012 Research Grant from DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), Free University of Berlin

Febr-June 2011 Visiting Fellow, University of Granada (grant from “Coimbra Group-Eastern Neighboring Countries”)

July 2010 Research Grant for Former Scholars for Publishing PhD Thesis, Onassis Public Benefit Foundation

May 2010 Short-term Research Grant from Academic Swiss Caucasus Net, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

2007-2008 Princeton University - Hannah Seeger Davis Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Program in Hellenic Studies

March 2006-January 2007 Onassis Public Benefit Foundation Scholarship for foreign PhD Thesis

2001-2005 Greek State Scholarship Foundation (I.K.Y.) for foreign PhD students

LANGUAGES: Georgian (native); Modern Greek (fluent); classical Greek (advanced); Russian (very good); English (fluent);

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List of Selected Publications:

Books:

“Ένας Γεωργιανός Προσκυητής στο Βυζαντινό Κόσμο του 9ου αιώνα (*Βίος του Ηλαρίωνος του Γεωργιανού*)” (A Georgian Pilgrim in the Byzantine World of the 9th Century (the *Life of Hilarion the Georgian*)). The Book was funded by the Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (ISBN: 9789606813290 9606813290)

Co-author of the volumes/ books:

With Medea Abulashvili, “Greek idioms and sayings in Georgian” მედეა აბულაშვილი- ეკა ჭყოძე, ბერძნული იდიომები და გამოთქმები ქართულად (Μήδεια Αμπουλασβίλι Έκα Τσκοϊτζε, Ελληνικοί ιδιωτισμοί και (εκ)φράσεις στα γεωργιανά), Tbilisi, Logos 2017

Gelina Harlaftis, Victoria Konstantinova, Igor Lyman, Anna Sydorenko and Eka Tchkoidze (eds), *Between grain and oil from the Azov to the Caucasus: the port-cities of the eastern coast of the Black Sea, late 18th – early 20th century*, Black Sea History Working Papers, volume 3, Rethymnon, 2020 [in English] (book available at <https://books.blacksea.gr>, <https://books.blacksea.gr/en/18/>)

Medea Abulashvili- Eka Tchkoidze, მეტყველი მარმარილოები (ეპიზოდები ბერძნულ-ქართული ურთიერთობების ისტორიიდან მე-19-20 სს.), თბილისი 2021 *Εύλαλα Μάρμαρα / Eloquent Marbles* - Episodes from the History of Greek-Georgian Relations in the XIX-XX Centuries (Essays), Tbilisi, Logos 2021 [in Georgian and Greek].

The same book “Eloquent Marbles” translated into Greek by Ani Udzilauri and Anina Gogokhia (sponsored by the Writer’s House of Georgia) published in Athens, 2023, To Mellon Publishers <https://ekdoseis.vakxikon.gr/shop/ekdoseis/martyriesdokimia/evlala-marmara/>

ISBN 978-618-85989-6-6

Eka Tchkoidze-Tamar Demetrashvili (eds), *Ethnic Groups and their Periodical Editions in Georgia (1819-1921)*, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, 2023

Articles:

“Orthodoxy as an Important Element of Modern Greek Identity in the 1860s-1910s (An example of the Greek Church of St. Nicholas in Batum)”, *Konštatínove listy*, 2022, vol.: 15, issue: 1, pages: 97-108, available at

<http://www.constantinesletters.ukf.sk/index.php/issues/36-2022-v15-iss1/250-orthodoxy-as-an-important-element-of-modern-greek-identity-in-the-1860s-1910s-an-example-of-the-greek-church-of-st-nicholas-in-batum>

“The Greek community’s contribution to Batum’s political, social and economic life, 1860s–1900s”, *The Historical Review / La Revue Historique* Section de Recherches Neohelleniques / Institut de Recherches Historiques, Volume XVIII (2021), p. 217-236

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