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## PROFILE

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Experienced Executive Manager with a passion for leading teams and delivering successful programs in international and governmental organizations. With over 15 years of experience in countering disinformation, media development, strategic communications, public administration, anti-corruption and economic governance reforms, I bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the table. Proud of my leadership role in simplifying public service delivery in Georgia and overseeing the management of the central Public Service Hall (Recipient of the prestigious UN Public Service Award in 2012) which houses 450 public services. Skilled in managing multi-year and multi-million programs in countries including Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Albania, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, North Macedonia, and Nigeria, I have a proven track record of success in these diverse environments. Proficient in managing UK FCDO funded regional programs in Eastern Neighborhood countries, coupled with an excellent understanding of regional social, political, and economic landscapes and deep knowledge of political access and influence, as well as political-economic analysis.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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06.2023 – current

### **Deputy Chief of Party**

USAID National Governance Program, DAI Global

- Managing and leading the crosscutting team (MEL, GESI, Strategic Communications, Cyber Security and digital transformation), and supervising short and long-term experts and consultants. Leading in these areas and accountable for team deliverables, as well as overall crosscutting team performance.
- Facilitating the transfer of knowledge, approaches, lessons learned, ideas, experimental results among the program teams, preventing intellectual siloes from emerging, and catalyzing the spirit of innovation and issue-driven, iterative, and adaptive programming.
- Inculcating practical application of frameworks, principles, instruments, and tools aimed at learning and adaptability (CLA); issue-based or problem-driven approaches; equality, equity, inclusivity, and non-discrimination; accessible and secure use of technology for governance and in-depth contextual analysis and political-economic analysis for applied programming.
- Leading the development of Annual Work Plans rooted in contextual analysis, including desired co-creation with prioritized stakeholders, monitoring of progress on approved activities, keeping the COP and other senior management team members abreast of any challenges with implementation.

06.2021 – 06.2023

### **Eastern Neighborhood Programme Manager**

UK Counter Disinformation and Media Development Programme,

UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

- Effectively managing a £3.5 million portfolio for Counter Disinformation and Media Development (CDMD) in the South Caucasus region, aimed at providing informed contributions to the British Government's fight against disinformation in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, while leading the UK's foreign policy approach towards disinformation in the region.
- Designing and executing media development, strategic communications, and counter-disinformation projects in the region, in collaboration with international implementing partners.
- Providing advisory support to various teams in the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) in London and Embassies on the ground, through fieldwork and analysis.
- Generating regular reports on disinformation in the region, to help inform senior officials' decision-making processes in London, as well as to facilitate local efforts towards the progression of our media development and broader counter-disinformation initiatives.

01.2018 – 06.2021

**Head of Economic Governance Portfolio, Georgia**

UK DFID Good Governance Fund (GGF), UK Embassy to Georgia

- Proficiently managing a £2.5 million economic portfolio for the Fund, while providing strategic economic advisory support to the Fund and the British Embassy in Tbilisi.
- Taking charge of scoping, establishing, and implementing economic and trade reform programs, to be funded through the GGF, by maintaining communication with program implementers, service providers, beneficiaries, government officials, and key policy officers.
- Overseeing the monitoring, evaluation, and risk management of programs that are funded through the GGF, to ensure that the UK is receiving Value for Money (VfM) for its spending at program and project levels.
- Establishing communication with project implementers and service providers to ensure that project activities are delivered within budget and on schedule, while providing expert advice on financial requirements and offering financial reporting support to project implementers.

06.2015 – 01. 2018

**Senior Consultant**

Reformatics, Consulting firm

- Skillfully managing the entire project lifecycle, from opportunity identification and design to execution, closure, and reporting, while ensuring robust inclusion of Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning (MEL), Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI), and effective communication considerations. Our expertise extends to projects funded by major multilateral and bilateral donors, including the Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Bank, International Finance Corporation (IFC), SIDA, and more
- Providing consultancy and advisory services to foreign governments worldwide, focused on public administration reforms. These services include the enhancement of public service delivery processes, establishment of government one-stop-shops, public administration practices, business environment, and more.
- Implementing best practices and processes into all operations to improve governance through transparency and accuracy, while eliminating non-value-adding and redundant processes, and establishing excellence in institutions.
- Providing strategic advice to public officials on countries' capacity development, institutional strengthening, direction, and technical issues, to ensure the success of public administration reforms.

10.2014 – 11. 2017

**Senior Programme Manager**

Economic Policy Research Center (EPRC)

- Performing end-to-end project management tasks, including project planning, reporting, risk management, scope management, client and relationship management, and preparation of project documentation.
- Monitoring the progress and impact of internationally funded programs managed by EPRC through close collaboration with implementing partners.
- Standardizing the monitoring, evaluation, and learning processes throughout consortium partners to manage knowledge successfully across projects.
- Tracking, revising, and reporting on results indicators to ensure accurate measurement of progress and clear description of program objectives and results achieved.

05.2011 – 08.2013

**Director**

Central Public Service Hall (PSH), Ministry of Justice of Georgia

- Developing organizational strategies for efficient public services delivery, streamlining both front and back-office operations.
- Designing citizen-centric service delivery mechanisms, with an emphasis on anti-corruption principles, transparency, and efficiency.
- Coordinating the delivery of 350+ public services at service halls, overseeing 400 employees and managing over 10k daily transactions.
- Monitoring employee performance through regular performance reviews and implementing procedures and systems to maximize operating efficiency.

06.2010 – 05.2011

**Head of International Relations & Projects Development Department**

Finance Academy of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia

- Enhancing the international influence, reputation, and visibility of the organization by establishing a network of influencers across international and national government and non-governmental organizations.
- Developing strategic partnership plans with foreign educational institutions, while supporting and promoting existing international networks and partnerships cultivated by the organization's various training institutions and faculties.
- Internationalizing the educational, cultural, and social experiences of trainees, faculty, and staff to ensure the organization's contributions to learning, teaching, research, and enterprise are relevant and have a real and concrete impact on the professional and academic experience.

07.2009 – 06.2010

**Deputy Director**

Development and Reforms Fund under the President of Georgia

- Spearheading the successful implementation of the Master's Scholarship Program for Georgian students to study abroad, which has enabled hundreds of young, talented Georgians to gain a world-class education and valuable skills to contribute to their country's growth and development.
- Developing and implementing educational programs that promote the integration of ethnic minorities living in Georgia, creating a more inclusive and diverse society that values and respects all its citizens.
- Collaborating closely with international and donor organizations to lead the public administration reform in Georgia, a critical initiative aimed at improving the quality, effectiveness, and transparency of government services, promoting good governance, and strengthening the country's economy and democratic institutions.

03.2009 – 07.2009

**Deputy Head – Senior Adviser, Analytical Office**

Administration of the President of Georgia

- Provide strategic support to the President of Georgia by preparing recommendations and talking points for their meetings and public appearances.
- Contribute to the President of Georgia's international engagements by drafting speeches and presentations that reflect their key messages and values.
- Produce high-quality analytical reports, briefing notes, background papers, and correspondence for the Head of Administration to ensure informed decision-making.
- Conduct comprehensive analysis of state and foreign policy to support the President and Head of Administration in formulating effective policies and making informed decisions.
- Lead the investment project selection process by researching and identifying viable investment opportunities in Georgia and providing potential investors with accurate and up-to-date information.

03.2008 - 03.2009

**Deputy Director**

Georgian National Investment Agency, Ministry of Economic Development

- Developing an organizational strategy to scope, design, implement, monitor and evaluate country FDI projects in accordance to best international practices
- Developing and implementing of an effective communications and investment strategy
- Leading negotiations on various investment treaties on behalf of Government of Georgia; Making analysis and recommendations on investment treaties
- Promoting foreign investments in Georgia and assisting international companies in finding business opportunities in Georgia
- Organizing fact-finding missions; arranging meetings with relevant partners; and providing personalized guidance and counsel on tax, government and permit procedures, location options and business solutions

- 05.2007 - 03.2008      **Chief Adviser, Foreign Affairs Office**  
Administration of the President of Georgia
- Preparing talking points for the President of Georgia and assisting the speechwriters to write speeches for local and international audience
  - Assisting the Head of Administration in developing and strengthening policies to improve performance in areas that included security, rule of law, foreign affairs, freedom of movement, elections, property rights, and protection of cultural heritage
  - Establishing and maintaining close working contacts with local authorities and political actors, community leaders, civil society, international organizations
  - Analyzing FDI-related Bilateral Agreements of Georgia with foreign countries

## EDUCATION

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- 09.2022 – 09.2023 (Expected)      **King’s College London. UK**  
MA in Strategic Communications
- 08.2013 – 08.2014      **Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University. USA**  
MA in Public Administration (MPA)
- 09.2001 – 07.2005      **Georgian Technical University. Georgia**  
Bachelor of Public Policy (BA)

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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- 09.2017 – Current      **Ilia State University**  
Associate Professor
- 08.2015 – Current      **Caucasus School of Governance, Caucasus University**  
Visiting Professor

## FELLOWSHIPS, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

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- 08.2013 – 08.2014      **Certificate of Advanced Study Program in Leadership of International & NGOs.**  
Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University. USA
- 08.2013 – 08.2014      **Certificate of Advanced Study Program by PARCC in Conflict Resolution.**  
Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University. USA
- 07.2011 – 08.2011      **Draper Hills Summer Fellowship on Democracy Development and Rule of Law**  
Stanford University. USA
- 05.2009 – 06.2009      **Leadership: Current Approaches to Leadership and Applications to Professional Development**  
London School of Economic and Political Science (LSE). London, UK
- 03.2009 – 04.2009      **Open for Business: The Role of Government in Attracting Inward Investment**  
Public Administration International (PAI). London, UK
- 10.2007 – 12.2008      **International Relations and National Security Program**  
Georgian Foundation for International Security Studies (GFSIS). Tbilisi, Georgia
- 09.2006 – 10.2007      **National Democratic Institute (NDI) Parliamentary Fellowship Program**  
National Democratic Institute (NDI), Parliament of Georgia

## LANGUAGES

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Georgian (Native); English (Fluent); Russian (Fluent)