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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Tbilisi State University, 2015

Concentrations: Modern History

Dissertation: *The Question of Georgia at the Paris Peace Conference (1919-1920)*

M.A., History, Tbilisi State University, 2009

Concentrations: Modern History of Georgia

Thesis: *The Question of Georgia at the Paris Peace Conference (1919-1920)*

B.A., History, Tbilisi State University, 2006

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Visiting Scholar, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, 2022-2024

Research Project: *Paris 1919-1920: Russia, the West and Georgia's Quest for Freedom*

Visiting Scholar, School of Russian and East European Studies, University of Oxford, 2018-2019

Research Project: *Paris 1919-1920: Russia, the West and Georgia's Quest for Freedom*

Professor, Co-Chair of the MA Graduate Program in the Modern History of Georgia, 2022 to present

Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia

Courses: Imperial Russia and the Caucasus; Foreign Policy in an Independent Georgia; Archival Practice

Associate Professor, Co-Chair of the MA Graduate Program in the Modern History of Georgia, 2019 to 2022

Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia

Courses: Imperial Russia and the Caucasus; Foreign Policy in an Independent Georgia; Archival Practice

Associate Professor, 2018-2019

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, Tbilisi, Georgia

Courses: Imperial Russia and the Caucasus; Foreign Policy in an Independent Georgia

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Lecturer, July 2018

Harvard Summer School in Tbilisi
Course: History and Politics of Georgia

Lecturer, 2017-2018

Caucasus University, Tbilisi, Georgia
Course: Foreign Policy in an Independent Georgia

Lecturer, 2017-2018

The University of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia
Course: Imperial Russia and the Caucasus

Lecturer, 2015-2017

Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia
Course: Foreign Policy of the Democratic Republic of Georgia (1918-1921)

Non-Academic Working Experience

Monitoring Officer, Acting as a Human Dimension Officer, 2019-2022

The Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine (SMM)
Luhansk Monitoring Team

Head of Education and Professional Development Division, 2016-2017

Ministry of Defense of Georgia
Defense Policy and Planning Department

Chief Specialist, 2015

Ministry of Defense of Georgia
Defense Policy and Planning Department

Language Assistant, 2009-2015

European Union Monitoring Mission to Georgia
Field Office Mtskheta

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Edited Books

Beka Kobakhidze

Paris 1919-1920: Russia, the West and the Quest for Self-Determination of Nationalities (forthcoming), Harvard University Press, 2025

2024 Stephen Jones, Beka Kobakhidze, Irakli Iremadze (ed.), *History of Soviet Georgia*, collected volume, 2025 (forthcoming)

ამიერკავკასიის დემოკრატიული ფედერაციული რესპუბლიკა (Transcaucasian Democratic Federative Republic), Artanuji Publish House, 2023. Beka Kobakhidze, Editor in Chief of the Georgian edition.

State Comptroller's Office of the Democratic Republic of Georgia (1918-1921). Tbilisi: State Audit Service of Georgia, 2020

Sir Oliver Wardrop: His Britannic Majesty's High Commissioner to Transcaucasia (1919-1920). Tbilisi: National Library of Georgia, 2015.

The First Republic of Georgia through the Materials of the Georgian National Archives. Tbilisi, National Archives of Georgia, 2015.

Stephen Jones, *sotsializmi kartul perebshi* (Socialism in Georgian Colors), Ilia State University Press, 2018. Beka Kobakhidze, Editor in Chief of the Georgian edition.

Articles

“Feeble Projects and Aspirations: The Caucasian and Transcaucasian Federation/Confederation in the Geopolitics of 1918-1920”, *Caucasus Survey*, Vol. 8, Issue 1, 2020;

“Vulnerability of a Postcolonial Small State: Georgia's International Prospects in 1918”, in Burkhard Olschowsky, Tobias Weger, Piotr Juszkiewicz, and Jan Rydel (Ed.), *Central and Eastern Europe after the First World War*, De Gruyter Oldenbourg 2021

“Under the Menace of the “White” Russia: the First Diplomatic Encounters Between the Independent States of Georgia and Poland in 1918 and 1919”, *Polish-Georgian Historians' Commission, Collected Works*, Vol. 1, pp. 51-66, Warsaw, Institute of National Remembrance, 2019;

“David Ghambashidze: Representative of the First Georgian Republic to His Britannic Majesty's Government (1918-1921),” *Journal of Central Asian and Caucasian Studies*, vol. 8, No. 15 (2013), pp. 151-168.

“The First American Friend of Georgia: Congressman Walter Marion Chandler (1919-1921),” *Proceedings of Tbilisi State University*, vol. 5 (2011), pp. 280-292 (in Georgian);

“Georgia’s "Caucasian Role" and Russia – 1918-1921 and the Current Situation”, Electronic Bilingual Peer-Reviewed Journal “*Spekali*”, No. 4, 2011

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Applicability of Wilsonian Liberal Internationalism: When the United States First Met Georgia (1918-1921)” a panelist at the seminar series. Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, October 2023

“A Precarious Armenia: The Thirds Republic, the Karabakh Conflict, and Genocide Politics” co-panelist with Gerard Libaridian. Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, October 2023

“Russia’s War in Ukraine and its Impact on the South Caucasus” co-panelist with Ambassador Kurt Volker, Ambassador Natalie Sabanadze, Prof. Stephen Jones and Prof. Timothy Colton. Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, October 2022

“Georgia, Russia’s Empires, the West and the Quest for Self-Determination”, presented at the seminar series. Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University, October 2022

“The Republics of the Caucasus, 1918-1920: A Failed Project of Interdependence”, a standalone workshop at the University of California Los Angeles, November 2019

“Why did Social-Democracy of Menshevik Type Prevail in Georgia of 1907-1917?”, Paper presented at ASEES Annual Convention, San Francisco, November 2019

“Remembering Georgia at the Paris Peace Conference 100 Years On”, Paper presented at ASEES Annual Convention, San Francisco, November 2019

“Remembering the Republics of Georgia and Armenia”, Paper presented at The First Independent Republics in the Caucasus, 1918-21: A Centennial Workshop, University of Oxford, November 2018.

“The “British” Caucasus of 1918-1920.” Paper presented at Georgian Studies Conference, University of Oxford, February 2018.

“Paris 1919-1920: Georgian Independence in the Political West. Centennial of the First Georgian Republic.” Paper presented at The Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC, May 2018.

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“From an International Revolution to a National State: The Case of Georgian Social Democracy (1917 - 1921).” Paper presented at The 6th European Historical Forum, The Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin, May 2017.

Beka Kobakhidze, “The Caucasus in anti-Bolshevik Mutiny: Why did Georgia and Armenia Rebel Separately?” Paper presented at the conference *The 90th Anniversary of the Anti-Soviet Uprising in Georgia*, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris, December 2014.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES:

“Caucasus: it is not just about geopolitics” – Interview with Beka Kobakhidze, Deutsche Welle 2021 (in German)

<https://www.dw.com/de/kaukasus-es-geht-nicht-nur-um-geopolitik/a-56899874>

“Soviet Russia invaded Georgia 100 years ago” – Interview with Beka Kobakhidze, Civil.ge 2021

<https://civil.ge/archives/397042>

“Karabagh Conflict: Past, Present, Future” – Media article by Beka Kobakhidze, Publika.ge 2020 (in Georgian)

<https://publika.ge/article/yarabaghis-konflikti-warsuli-awmyo-momavali/>

“Georgian independence petition “found” in Oxford” – Media coverage, BBC 2018

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-44245183>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The Konrad Adenauer Foundation Grant for a bilingual collected volume on the History of Soviet Georgia, 2021-2024. Editors: Stephen Jones, Beka Kobakhidze, Irakli Iremadze.

Fulbright Fellowship, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University 2023-2024

Georgian Studies Fellowship, Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University 2022-2023

Russian and Eurasian Studies Fellowship, University of Oxford, 2018-2019.

Remembering the Georgian Democratic Republic 100 Years On: A Model for Europe?
International Scientific Forum Grant, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2018.

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Research Grant for the UK National Archives, “Open Society Georgia” Foundation, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2014.

Georgian Presidential Young Scholars’ Grant, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2012-2014.

The Democratic Republic of Georgia, International Summer School Grant, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, 2013.

Languages:

English – Proficient fluency in reading, speaking and writing

Russian – Proficient fluency in reading, speaking and writing

Georgian – Mother tongue

French – Fluency in reading

Ukrainian – Fluency in reading and listening