

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

1992 / 1998 - Tbilisi Theological Seminary

1999 / 2004 - Tbilisi Theological Academy

Work Experience:

2022 - Head of the Tolerance Center at the Public Defender (USAID program *Unity Through Diversity*, United Nations Association)

2021 – Editor-in-Chief of the theological-educational journal *Orthodoxy and Modernity*, (Konrad Adenauer Foundation)

2018 - expert in the approval process of school textbooks (Ministry of Education. National Center for Quality Assurance in Education EMIS)

2015 - 2021 Head of the Tolerance Center at the Public Defender; (USAID, PITA program; United Nations Association 2015 - 2021)

2010 / 2014 - Head of the Tolerance Center at the Public Defender (USAID, ANI program; United Nations Association)

2006 / 2010 - Chief Expert of the Tolerance Center at the Public Defender, (United Nations Development Program (UNDP))

2005 / 2006 - Head of the Freedom and Equality Department, Public Defender's Office

2003 / 2005 – Editor-in-Chief of the theological journal *The Verge*

2000 / 2004 – The coordinator of tolerance programs, Foundation ALPE,

Teaching experience:

2019 - Associate Professor at Ilia State University

Study courses: The Culture of Religious Tolerance; The Theology of Reverse Perspective (Orthodox Theology); Introduction to Contemporary Thought

2015 / 2019 - Visiting Lecturer, Ilia State University

2015 / 2018 – Visiting Lecturer, Sulkhani-Saba Orbeliani University

Study course: Modern Orthodox Theology

2011 / 2014 – Visiting Lecturer, Free University of Georgia

Study course: Political Ideologies

2011 / 2012 – Visiting Lecturer, The Police Academy of Georgia

Study Course: Freedom of Religion and The Prohibition of Discrimination

2010 / 2011 – Visiting Lecturer, The Agricultural University of Georgia

Study course: Political Ideologies

2002 / 2004 – Lecturer in Christian Art, Tbilisi Iakob Nikoladze Art School

Study course: Orthodox Iconology

2000 / 2001 - Tbilisi Gymnasium of St. George, teacher of the history of religion

1998 / 1999 - Tbilisi N168 Public School, teacher of the history of religion

Other experiences:

2004 – The US Department of State program *Intolerance in Georgia*, Amherst, Boston

2005 - Development of the State Human Rights Plan, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund, Sweden

2010 – The US Department of State program *Freedom of Religion in Georgia*, Washington - Chicago

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2009/2022 – Editor-in-Chief of the two-volume Encyclopedia *Ethnic Diversity in Georgia and Religious Diversity in Georgia*

2013 - Co-founder of the Tolerance and Diversity Institute (TDI) at the Public Defender

Research:

2016 – The Representation of Religious Diversity in School Textbooks (co-author)

2014 - Research on the Needs of Religious Associations in Georgia (TDI)

2014 – The Study of Religious Discrimination and Constitutional Secularism in Georgia (TDI)

2022 – Editor-in-Chief of *Freedom of Religion in Georgia, 1991 – 2021* (Public Defender, USAID)

He is the author of numerous publications on the problematic issues of secularism, religious intolerance and extremism, and Orthodox theology.

Languages:

Georgian - Native

Russian - Fluent

English – Advanced