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APPOINTMENTS

- Professor at Ilia State University, School of Arts and Sciences, Religious Studies, 1 February 2023
- Member of St. Irenaeus Orthodox – Roman-Catholic Theological Commission, 2024 –
- Lecturer at Caucasus University, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2021- 2024
- Associated Professor at Ilia State University, School of Arts and Sciences, Religious Studies, October 2020 – January 2023
- Cyrus Vance Visiting Professor in International Relations at Mount Holyoke College, MA, USA, January – May 2020
- Aileen Driscoll Research Fellow in Ecumenical Theology at the University of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, Canada, January – December 2019
- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia to the Holy See (Vatican) and Sovereign Military Order of Malta, June 2014 – December 2018
- Program Executive at Faith and Order Secretariat, World Council of Churches, Geneva Switzerland, January 2001 – January 2014.
- Coordinator of the WCC Project on Ecumenical Theology, Tbilisi, Georgia, January-December 2000.
- Director of Education Program at the Soros Foundation in Georgia, July 1998 – October 1999.
- Research Fellow in Georgian Hagiography, Shota Rustaveli Institute of Georgian Literature, Tbilisi, Georgia, 1985–1991.
- Professor of Georgian Language and Literature, Guram Ramishvili Gymnasium, Tbilisi, Georgia, 1985-1991.

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy in Theology, University of Oxford, 1998.
Dissertation: "The Concept of Space/Place in the Writings of Maximus the Confessor."
Under the supervision of Bishop Dr Kallistos Ware, Pembroke College.
Committee: Rt. Rev. Dr Rowan Williams, Dr Sebastian Brock.
- Graduate Studies, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford, UK, 1993 – 1994.
- Graduate Studies, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, NY, USA, 1992 – 1993.
- Doctor of Humanities, Tbilisi State University, 1984.
Dissertation: "Symbols in Georgian Hagiography of the 5th to 11th Centuries."

- MA and BA of Humanities in Georgian Philology, Tbilisi State University, Georgia, 1974-1979.
- Undergraduate Courses in classical Farsi language and literature, Tbilisi State University, Georgia, 1977 – 1980.

LANGUAGES

Georgian (mother tongue), English, Russian, French, Italian (working knowledge)
Reading knowledge of classical Greek.

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

- Permanent member of St. Irenaeus Orthodox-Catholic Theological Dialogue, 2024-
- Order of Pope Pius IX, Vatican City, 2017
- University of Bern, Doctor of Theology, *honoris causa*, 1 December 2007
- Research fellow at the Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College, Dublin, Republic of Ireland, October-December 2011.
- Reader at Dumbarton Oaks Library, Washington DC, USA, October – November 2006.
- Fellowship of St. Andrew’s Trust of the Church of England, Lambeth Palace, London, UK, 1993-1997

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: Theology, Religion, Culture, Literature

- Ecumenical Theology of the Trinity, 6 weeks course designed for the Theology Faculty of the Pontifical of Gregorian University, led together with Archbishop Rowan Williams, Rome, Italy, April-May 2024
- Course on Religious Motives in History designed for students of Psychology 2021 - 2024
- Courses on Church Unity, Religious Nationalism, Christian Civilization at Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, September 2020-
- Teaching Faith and Politics, Cyrus Vans Professor at Mount Holyoke College, MA, USA, January-May 2020
- Seminar on Maximus the Confessor, Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome, Italy, 2016-2017 academic year (with the teaching effect in second term)
- Course on “Christian Church Unity”, Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Theology of the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome, Italy, 2015-2016 academic year (with the teaching effect in second term)
- “Orthodoxy and Gender”, Visiting professor at the Faculty of Theology of the University of Bern, Switzerland, October – November 2015
- “Theologies of Peace”, Ecumenical Youth Council of Europe Seminar on *Be the Generation of Peace!* Novi Sad, Serbia, 20-22 August 2013
- “Ecumenical Theology on the Way to Busan”, A Winter Course on Beyond Divisions: Ecumenism in 21st Century, St. John’s Theological College, Auckland, New Zealand, 12-13 July 2013
- “Ecclesiology versus Political Theology? Christian Anthropology between Deification and Hermeneutics”, Seminar at Centre Sankt Ignatios, Tretaberget near Stockholm, Sweden, 16 February 2013
- “Ecumenical theology on Unity”, The Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, Republic of Ireland, October-November 2011
- “Just Peace in the Orthodox Theology”, Graduate seminar on Theology of Peace, Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, Republic of Ireland, 6 December 2011

- “Ecumenical Prayer: Blessing or Stumbling Block?” 43rd International Ecumenical Seminar on The Liturgy as Ecumenical Chance and Challenge, Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg, France, 1-8 July 2009
- “Eastern Orthodox monasticism”, Teaching students from Taylor University (IN, USA) during their monthly visit to Oxford, UK, January 2010
- “The Church Tradition and church traditions”, Visiting Lecturer at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (Angelicum), Rome, Italy, November 2009
- “Eastern Christian Studies”, Distance learning course, The Catholic University of Lviv, Ukraine, September 2008 – June 2009
- “Being the Church”, Seminar at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Texas, USA, October 2006
- “*Philokalia* and the Orthodox Tradition”, Seminar held at the Convent of St. Nino together with Bishop Kallistos Ware, Bodbe, Georgia, October 2003
- “Ecumenical Theology and Orthodox Ecclesiology”, Seminar on Ecumenism, Theology Faculty of the University, Sibiu, Romania, February 2003
- “The Ecclesiology Convergence Document and Challenges of Modern Ecclesiology”, Seminar on Ecumenism, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece, November 2002.
- “Ecumenical Theology/Christian Traditions”, Ecumenical Institute of Bossey, Geneva, Switzerland, 2002 – 2013.
- “Georgian Culture”, Visiting Professor, Mount Holyoke College, MA, USA, 1992 January term.
- Georgian Language and Literature, Guram Ramishvili Gymnasium, Tbilisi, Georgia, 1985 – 1991.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Ecclesial Boundaries and National Identity in the Orthodox Church (Notre Dame University Press, 2023)

Georgian Monks on Mount Athos: Two Eleventh Century Lives of the Hegoumenoi of Iviron, Translation, notes and introduction by Tamara Grdzeldze (London: Bennet&Bloom, 2009)

Editor: *Roma e I Georgiani*, Le relazioni diplomatiche tra la Georgia e la Santa Sede, 1992-2017, (Roma: Cultura, Studium, 109, 2017)

Sources of Authority: The Early Church, Volume 1, Papers from the Faith and Order Consultation on The Teachers and Witnesses of the Early Church: a common source of authority, variously received? 1st-6th September 2008, Cambridge, United Kingdom, Faith and Order Papers no. 217, edited by Tamara Grdzeldze (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2014)

Editor: *Sources of Authority: Contemporary Sources in the Church*, Volume 2, Papers from the Faith and Order Consultation on Sources of Authority in our Churches at Present, Reflections from Where we are No, 22 June-2 July, 2011, Moscow, Russia, Faith and Order Paper no. 218, edited by Tamara Grdzeldze (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2014)

Editor: *Reading the Gospels with the Early Church: A Guide*, Faith and Order Paper no. 213, edited by Tamara Grdzeldze (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2013)

Editor: *A Cloud of Witnesses, Opportunities for Ecumenical Commemoration*, eds. Tamara Grdzeldze & Guido Dotti, Faith and Order Paper No. 209 (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2009)

Editor: *BEM at 25: Critical Insights into a Continuing Legacy*, eds. Thomas F. Best & Tamara Grdzeldze, Faith and Order Paper No. 205 (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2007)

Editor: *Witness through Troubled Times: A History of the Georgian Orthodox Church, 1811 to the Present*, with contributions by N. Abashidze, Z. Abashidze, E. Bubulashvili, G. Saitidze & S. Vardosanidze, eds. Tamara Grdzeldidze, Martin George & Lukas Vischer (London: Bennet&Bloom, 2006)

Editor: *One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic: Ecumenical Reflections on the Church*, edited by Tamara Grdzeldidze, Faith and Order Paper No. 197 (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2005)

Editor: *The Limits of the Church: Essays from Orthodox Theologians on Ecumenism*, edited by Tamara Grdzeldidze (Tbilisi, Georgia: Kvirioni, 2000) [in Georgian]

Education Reform in Georgia: What It Is and What It Should Be, Discussion Paper Series, UNDP (Tbilisi, Georgia, 1998)

Translation from English into Georgian of the Second Edition of *Faith and Reason* by Richard Swinburne (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2011) (forthcoming May 2023)

Articles in Reference Books

in *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, the fourth edition by F. L. Cross, E. A. Livingstone and A. Louth (Oxford University Press, 2022)

“Orthodox Church of Georgia”, “Orthodox Ecclesiology”, “Ecumenism and Orthodoxy” in *Encyclopaedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity*, edited by John Anthony McGuckin (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011)

“Georgia”, “Orthodox Church of Georgia”, “Creation, Ecology and the Orthodox Church” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, edited by Daniel Patte (CUP, 2010)

Chapters in Books

“Autocephaly: beyond Ecclesial Structures?” in *Autocephaly, Coming of Age in Communion, Historical, Canonical, Liturgical, and Theological Studies*, Volume I-II, edited by Edward G. Farrugia, S. J. – Zeliko Pasa, S. J. (Pontificio Istituto Orientale, Roma: 2023) pp. 1071-1084

“The Georgian Tradition”, in *Handbook on Mount Athos* (Routledge, 2025)

“Receptive Ecclesial Learning through Ecumenical Engagement: an Orthodox Perspective”, *Receptive Ecumenism as Transformative Ecclesial Learning: Walking the Way to a Church Re-formed*, edited by Paul D. Murray, Gregory A. Ryan and Paul Lakeland (Oxford University Press, 2022)

“Divisions Beyond Differences: An Orthodox Reflection on the Ecumenical Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace”, in *Walking Together. Theological Reflections on the Ecumenical Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace*, eds. Susan Durber and Fernando Enns (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2018)

“Human Rights – Orthodox Church – Dignity of Human being created in *Imago Dei*” in *Orthodox Christianity and Human Rights in Europe, A Dialogue Between Theological Paradigms and Socio-Legal Pragmatics*, eds. Elisabeth Diamantopoulou and Louis-Leon Christions, God Humans and Religions series, Vol.24 (Peter Lang, 2018)

“Orthodox in the Ecumenical Movement” in *The Oxford Handbook of Ecumenical Studies*, eds. Geoffrey Wainwright, Paul McPartlan (Oxford: OUP, 2018, online version)

“The Georgian Tradition”, in *The Orthodox Christian World*, edited by Augustine Casiday (London and New York: Routledge, 2012)

“The Church” in *Systematic Theology and Climate Change: Ecumenical Perspectives*, eds. Michael S. Northcott, Peter Manley Scott (Routledge, 1914)

“The Orthodox Church in Situations of War and Conflict”, in *Just Peace: Orthodox Perspectives*, eds. Semegnish Asfaw, Alexios Chehadeh & Marian Gh. Simion (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2012)

“The Georgians on Mount Athos”, in *Mount Athos: Microcosm of the Christian East*, eds. Graham Speake and Metropolitan Kallistos Ware (Peter Lang, 2011)

“Current Theological Issues and Challenges for Women’s Ministry in the Church”, in *Many Women Were Also There, The Participation of Orthodox Women in the Ecumenical Movement*, eds. Eleni Kasselouri-Hatzivassiliadi, Fulata Mbanjo Moyo & Aikaterini Pekridou (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2010)

“From Bangalore to Bose”, in: *A Cloud of Witnesses, Opportunities for Ecumenical Commemoration*, eds. Tamara Grdzeldze and Guido Dotti, Faith and Order Paper No. 209 (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2009)

“Ecclesiology and Shared Identity,” in: *BEM at 25: Critical Insights into a Continuing Legacy*, eds. Thomas F. Best and Tamara Grdzeldze, Faith and Order Paper No. 205 (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2007)

“The Holiness of a Human Being: A Mark of Christian Spirituality,” in *Orthodox and Wesleyan Ecclesiology*, edited by S.T. Kimbrough, Jr. (Crestwood: SVS Press, 2007)

“The Eucharist and Creation, an Orthodox View,” in *Spirituality, Creation and the Ecology of the Eucharist*, The European Christian Environmental Network, John Knox Series 18 (Geneva, 2007)

“A Theological Reflection on Being the Church,” in *Women's Voices and Visions of the Church, Reflections of Orthodox Women*, eds. Christina Breaban, Sophie Deicha & Eleni Kasselouri-Hatzivassiliadi (Geneva: WCC Publications, 2006)

“The Presence of the Holy Spirit in Ecumenical Convergence Text on Ecclesiology,” in *Der Heilige Geist im Leben der Kirche*, Forscher aus dem Osten und Western Europas and den Quellen des gemeinsamen Glaubens, (Pro-Oriente-Studentagung “Der Heilige Geist bei den griechischen und lateinischen Kirchenvätern im ersten Jahrtausend,” Vienna, 2003), eds. Ysabel de Andia & Peter Leander Hofrichter (Vienna, 2005)

“The Authority of Scriptural Interpretation: An Orthodox Perspective on the Positions of John Wesley and Modern Methodism,” in *Orthodox and Wesleyan Scriptural Understanding and Practice*, ed. ST Kimbrough, Jr.,(Crestwood: SVS Press, 2005)

“Liturgical Space in the Writings of Maximus the Confessor,” *Studia Patristica*, vol. XXXVII, Papers Presented at the Thirteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 1999, eds. M. F. Wiles & E. J. Yarnold with the assistance of P .M. Parvis, (Leuven: Peeters, 2001)

Periodicals

"A Case of Delayed Transition from the Soviet Era to Democracy", *The Wheel* 41-42, Summer-Fall 2025, 67-72.

"Papa Francesco – a Bishop, A Pope, a Human Being", April 27, 2025, at <https://wheeljournal.com/papa-francesco-a-bishop-a-pope-a-human-being>

"Hands off, this Child is Mine", February 26, 2025, at <https://publicorthodoxy.org>
Articles in the Georgian Journal Zgvari/Verge, (2024 1; 3; 4) (2025 1, 2, 3) (2026 1)

"Church of Georgia, go out to the streets", December 7, 2024, at <https://wheeljournal.com/church-of-georgia-go-out-to-the-streets>

"The Georgian Protests: dramatic days, an unexpected outcome", March 1, 2023, at <https://publicorthodoxy.org>

"Foreign Diplomats Assess the Vatican’s Ostpolitik", July 25, 2022, at <https://publicorthodoxy.org>

"Violence in Georgia and the Ambivalence of a Cross", July 20, 2021, at <https://publicorthodoxy.org>

Guest editor of the Review of Ecumenical Studies, Volume 13 (April 2021): issue 1, Sibiu, Romania

“Survey of Studies on Nationalism with a particular view on Religion”, Kadmos. A Journal of the Humanities No.10 (2018), Tbilisi, 192-204.

Blog in the Georgian language on the current issues in Vatican : tamaragrzelidze.wordpress.com 2014-2018

“Relations œcuméniques des Églises orthodoxes: Réflexion systématique et contextuelle”, *Contacts, Revue Française de l’Orthodoxie*, No. 243, Juillet-Septembre 2013, 501-518.

“The Orthodox Church of Georgia Challenges under Democracy and Freedom (1990-2009)”, *International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church*, 10, issues 2&3 (May 2010)160-175.

“Une élaboration progressive”, *Unité des Chrétiens* (Janvier 2008) 6-8.

“God in Your Grace Transform the World: Bible Study on 2 Corinthians 3:18,” *The Ecumenical Review*, 56, no. 3 (July 2004) 327-333.

“Once More on ‘The Limits of the Church’ by Fr. George Florovsky: Using the Principle of *Oikonomia* in Ecumenical Discussions,” *The Ecumenical Review*, 56, no. 2 (April, 2004) 234-246.

“Creation and Ecology: How Does the Orthodox Church Respond to Ecological Problems?” *The Ecumenical Review*, 54, no. 3 (July 2002) 211-218.

BOOK REVIEWS

Norman Russell, *Fellow Workers with God: Orthodox Thinking on Theosis*, The Ecumenical Review (Vol.62, Issue 3) October 2010

John Zizioulas, *Remembering the Future, Toward an Eschatological Ontology*, brill.com/jre Spring 2025

Ina Merdjanova (ed.), *Women and Religiosity in Orthodox Church*, brill.com/jre July 2024

PUBLIC LECTURES

“ Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic Relations: how far toward unity we go”? 9 April 2025, Seton Hall University, NJ, USA

“Facing Challenges in Global Orthodoxy” (in Georgian Language), Ilia State University, Tbilisi, 16 October 2024

Meeting Women Scholar Theologians: Dr Tamara Grzelidze, Webinar organized by the Orthodox Christian Studies Centre, Fordham University, USA, 10 February 2021

“Religion and Diplomacy: the Holy See and the Eastern Europe”, 1 October, 2018, Public lecture at the Smith College, Massachusetts, USA.

PAPERS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES (selection)

Workshop on “Orthodoxy, War and Human Rights”, supported by the IOTA, the American College of Greece, the Institute for Global Affairs, the Orthodox Christian Studies Center at Fordham University, 21-22 March, 2026, Athens.

“Rebooting Ecumenism – New Paradigms for the 21st Century”, Jesus College, Cambridge, UK, December 2025

“Apostolic Faith – Living the Nicene Creed in Context”, Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order, October, Wadi El Natrun, Egypt, October 2025

“Unity and Conflict at Nicaea”, Marking 1700 years of Nicaean Council, Conference at Saba University, Tbilisi, Georgia, October 2025

Responding to Prof. Dr Leo Lefebure at Opening Panel of “Dissent, Power and Christian Identity after Nicaea”, Ecclesiological Investigations Network 16th International Conference, American College, Thessaloniki, Greece, September 2025

“Ecumenical Implications of the War in Ukraine”, European Academy of Religion, Palermo, Italy, May 2024

Cleavages in Global Orthodoxy, LUISS University, Rome, Italy, May 2024

“Theology Moves. 150 Years of Old Catholic Theology at the University of Bern,” University of Bern, Switzerland, November 2024

“The Orthodox Church and Violence: Justification, Memory, and Ongoing Conflict”, Ninth International Symposium on New Directions in Orthodox Thought and Practice, Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Oslo, Norway, December 2024

“Embodying Ecclesial Diversity, Ecclesiological Investigations Network 15th International Conference, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL. USA, June 2024

“Synodality at Your Fingertips”, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Centro Pro Unione, Rome, Italy, January 2024

“Reading Scripture as Orthodox Theologians”, Fourth International Theological Conference organized by Orthodox Research Group St. John Chrysostom, Sulkhani-Saba University, Tbilisi, December, 2023

“*The Knight in the Panther’s Skin: Shota Rustaveli on Human Dignity*”, IAMS Europe Conference, “Babes-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, September 2023

“Challenges for ecumenical dialogue and their theological reassessment”, Conference on Religious Dimension of the Russian-Ukrainian War and Church Diplomacy”, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, 29-30 June, 2023

“National identity and the question of autocephaly”, Ecclesiological Investigations Group at the American Academy of Religion, Denver, USA, November 2022

Seminar on “Church and Politics in Georgia”, Center of Georgian Studies at the Davis Centre, University of Harvard, November 2022

Seminar on “Isaac the Syrian’s reading of the Book of Genesis”, Orthodox Spirituality Conference, Bose, Italy, September 2022

“Diplomacy vs Ostpolitik”, Conference on Vatican and Ostpolitik, Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, 30 June- 1 July 2022

“Apostolicity in Catholic-Anglican Conversations”, Conference on Malines Conversations: Anglican – Catholic informal dialogue on Apostolicity, Madeira, Portugal, May 2022

“Autocephaly as an issue of the Orthodox Political Theology”, Webinar on Religious Studies organized by Ilia State University, 25 June 2021

“The Nature and Dignity of Human Person”, online meeting of a Theological Resource Group of the Commission for Doctrine and Inter-Church Cooperation of the Baptist World Alliance, 26 May 2021

“Comunione nelle Differenze”, Webinar organized by the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome, 19 June, 2020

“National Borders of the Orthodox Church,” IOTA Inaugural Conference, “Pan-Orthodox Unity and Conciliarity”, January 2019, Iasi, Romania.

“St. Grigol Peradze, 20th Century Martyr in the Orthodox Church of Georgia”, Conference on St. Grigol Peradze organized by the Embassies of Georgia and Poland to the Holy See, 12 September 2018, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome, Italy.

“Gender/Transgender”, Workshop on Gender in the Orthodox Church, December 2017, University of Oslo, Faculty of Theology, Oslo, Norway.

“Temptations in Luther and the early Monastic Tradition”, Conference on the Reformation, December 2017, Faculty of Theology of the University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland

“The Mystery of the Church according to the Lutheran-Orthodox Dialogue, 2006-2011”, Seminar on the Reformation at the Conference of European Churches, November 2017, Brussels, Belgium

“Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Georgia: From Gaining to Re-gaining it”, International Conference for 100 Years of Restoration of Autocephaly of the Orthodox Church of Georgia, November 2017, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome Italy.

“Synodality and the Orthodox Church of Georgia”, Nijmegen Seminar on the Orthodox Church of Georgia, September 2017, Faculty of Theology of the University of Nijmegen, Netherlands

“God as Transcendent to and Immanent within Creation: Theology vs Science?” Seminar led at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Lyon, November 2016, Lyon, France.

“Martyrology in the Twentieth Century Orthodox Church of Georgia”, Martyrdom and Communion, XXIV International Ecumenical Conference of Orthodox Spirituality, September 2016, Bose, Italy.

“Since Everything is Closely Related”: *Laudato si* as a Catalyst for Social Transformation”, Institute for Advanced Sustainable Studies (IASS), September 2016, Potsdam, Germany.

“Ecclesiology in the Digital Age”, Teocom16, Conference at Santa Clara University, July 2016, Santa Clara, USA.

“Orthodox Church in Relation to Other Churches”, Conference on the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Autocephalous Churches (19- 26 June, 2016, Crete), Centro Pro Unione, June, 2016, Rome, Italy.

“The Church is Woman: The Missionary and Pastoral Role of Women in the Church”, 51st International Eucharistic Congress, Cebu, Philippines, January 2016.

“*Laudato Si*, Papal Encyclical on Climate Change, Responding to the paper by Prof. Michael Northcott – Economic Magical Thinking and the Divine Ecology of Love”, Organized by Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University, 22-25 September 2015, Rome, Italy.

“Diplomacy and the Encyclical *Laudato Si*”, Latest Encyclical by Pope Francis, Pontifical Gregorian University, 6 July 2015, Rome, Italy.

“The Church: Towards the Common Understanding”, Ecclesiological Investigations at American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, USA, 23-25 November, 2013.

“Human Rights and Orthodoxy in the Context of Ecumenism”, Orthodoxy and Human Rights. Theology, Sociology, Law, Political Sciences: Hermeneutical Works and Interdisciplinary Tests, Research Institute for Religions, Spiritualities, Cultures and Societies, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 24-25 April, 2013.

“Just Peace-Just War and the Orthodox Ecclesiology”, Ecclesiology Conference at the Theology Faculty of the University of Uppsala, Sweden, 12 February 2013.

“Ecumenical Relations of the Orthodox Churches: Systematic and Contextual Reflection”, The Forthcoming Council of the Orthodox Church: Understanding the Challenges, International Colloquium organised by St. Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute, Paris, The Center for Ecumenical Research of the Catholic University of Leuven and the Collège des Bernardins, Paris, 18-20 October 2012.

“The Church”, Consultation on Systematic Theology for Changing Climate, organised by the Lincoln Theological Institute, the University of Manchester, UK, 23-24 July 2012.

“The WCC – Pentecostals: Where are We Now?” Consultation on Global Pentecostalism, Oxford Centre of Mission Studies, Oxford, UK, 7-9 June 2012.

“Peace as Essential in Liturgy: Church as Peacemaker, Regarding the Russian-Georgian War 2008”, Consultation on Orthodox Peace Ethics at the St. Christophoros Patriarchal Monastery at the Antiochian Conventions Center in Saydnaya (near Damascus) Syria, 18-22 October 2010.

“A Dialogue with Living Tradition: Contextualisation of Church Fathers of the Early Church in Ecumenical Context”, Conference on “Neo-Patristic Synthesis” or Post-Patristic Theology: Can Orthodox Theology be Contextual? Thessalia Conference Center, Volos, Greece, 3-6 June 2010.

“The Georgians and Holy Mountain: Iviron”, Madingly Conference on Mount Athos: Microcosm of the Christian East, Cambridge, UK, 20-22 February 2009.

“About the Receptive Ecumenism from the Faith and Order Perspective”, Second International Receptive Ecumenism Conference in Durham Centre of Catholic Studies, January 2009.

“Witnessing Ecumenically”, International Ecumenical Symposium on A Cloud of Witnesses, Bose, Italy, 29 October – 2 November 2008.

“The Holiness of a Human Being: A Mark of Christian Spirituality,” at Fourth Consultation on Orthodox-Wesleyan Spirituality, St. Vladimir’s Seminary, Crestwood, New York, USA, January 2006.

“Ecclesiological Issues in the Twentieth Century,” Visiting Lecturer, Caucasian House, Tbilisi, Georgia, October 2003.

“Ecumenical Hermeneutics on Authority in the Church,” Faith and Order Ecclesiology Consultation on Authority and Authoritative Teaching, Durau, Romania, July 2003.

“Faith and Order and Orthodox Theology,” Ecumenism in the Twenty First Century, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece, June 2003.

“Liturgical Theology and Place/Space in Maximus the Confessor”, Thirteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, August 1999.

“Patristic Sources for Two Eleventh-Century Georgian Lives from Mount Athos,” Twelfth International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, August 1995.

PRESENTATIONS at CHURCH MEETINGS (*selection*)

“Church in Public Place”, Lenten Lecture at St. Michael’s Cornhill Church, London, UK, 11 March 2015.

“Challenges of the Global Pentecostalism and the Ecumenical Movement”, Pentecostal and Charismatic Scholars Meeting Empowerment 21, Alpha Crucis College of the Assemblies of God, Parramatta, Sydney, Australia, 9-11 July 2013.

“Mission Shaped Ecumenism, Guiding into the Church: Towards a Common Vision”, 8th Forum of the National Council of Churches in Australia, Melbourne, Australia, 5-7 July 2013.

“Ecclesiology Study Document the Nature and Mission of the Church: A Challenge to the Churches”, Joint meeting of Churches in Dialogue (CEC) and Faith and Order Commission, WCC, Volos, Greece, 20-21 May 2007.

“Contextual Responses to the Nature and Mission of the Church”, Middle East Council of Churches, Cairo, Egypt, December 2005.

“Contextual Responses to the Nature and Mission of the Church”, Massachusetts Council of Churches, Boston, USA, November 2005.

“Responses to the Study on Confessing the One Faith”, inter-Orthodox consultation on *The Apostolic Faith* (Faith and Order Paper No. 173), Moscow, Russia, September 2001