

Resume

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Work Experience

June 2024-Present

ICOMOS Georgia -Intangible Heritage Expert

- Undertake Intangible Cultural Heritage survey along the wall paintings cultural route within the "HiddenMural Journey" project

2012 - 2024

Georgian National Committee of the Blue Shield, Tbilisi, Georgia - Chairperson, Project Director, Researcher

- Initiate and develop project proposals for international donor funding;
- Direct donor funded projects;
- Undertake thematic research;
- Represent the organisation on the local and international level;

Projects initiated, developed and led:

2023-present, Researcher, Trainer

1. "Preserving the Cultural Heritage of the Occupied Regions Project (Tskhinvali Region- PCHOR) Phase 2"

2023-present, Adviser, Trainer

2. "First Aid to cultural heritage in times of crisis - youth volunteering program"

2022-2023, Researcher, Adviser

3. "Protection of Intangible Heritage of Occupied Regions" (Cultural Emergency Response),

March 2022 – December 2022, Researcher

4. Preserving the Intangible Heritage of the Occupied Regions (Didi Liakhvi Valley) Project in Georgia

2021-2022 , Researcher, Trainer

5. PennCHC-Georgian Collaboration: Planning Phase (PennMuseum Director's Field Fund)

March 2020 – June 2022, Director

6. Planning for the Safeguarding of Cultural Heritage of Gori, Georgia

September 2018 – January 2021, Project Director, Researcher

7. Conservation of Modernist Architecture and its Sustainable Use in Georgia funded by the The Getty Foundation under its Keeping It Modern initiative

July-October, 2019, Researcher, Field exercise facilitator

8. Development of Community Centered Tools for Sustaining Cultural Heritage and Building Disaster Resilience - Field School in Racha region, Georgia. Partner: ICCROM

June, 2018 - March 2019, Researcher, Coordinator

9. Implementing the 1954 Hague Convention and its two protocols to protect heritage sites in the occupied territories of Georgia funded by the ESRC IMPACT ACCELERATION ACCOUNT (IAA) Fund through the Newcastle University School of Arts and Culture

October-December 2017, Local project coordinator and seminar leader

10. Strengthening Common Engagement and Mutual Support in Raising Awareness of World Cultural Heritage Values, Partner: World Heritage Watch e.V. (Germany). Donor: German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

September - December, 2015, Project Coordinator

11. Young Heritage Activist Camps Preparatory Project funded by the Swedish Institute Creative Force Programme Seed Funding

April 2016 - January, 2017, - Project Director

12. Cultural Heritage at Risk - Engaging Civil Society and Media, donor – Swedish Institute

March - October, 2016, Project Coordinator and Director

13. Strengthening youth involvement and activism for the protection of cultural and natural resources leading to an increase in civic engagement in Georgia, Partner: Cultural Heritage without Borders, Sweden, Donor: Forum Syd

December 2016 - March 2017, Project director

14. Emergency Response to Mold Outbreak at Tbilisi State University Library

September 2015-January 2016 - Project Director

15. Enhance the capacity of Mtskheta museum reserve staff in risk preparedness and emergency response action funded by the Prince Claus Fund, Cultural Emergency Response (CER) programme

September 2011-December 2014:

ICOMOS Georgia -Programme and Communication Officer of a project “Regional Cooperation for Cultural Heritage Development” funded through EC Eastern Partnership Culture programme

- Developed training curricula and led awareness raising trainings on heritage preservation for school teachers, school children, local self-government representatives in Mtskheta
- Coordinated and co-authored the creation of the Georgian version of ICCROM-UNESCO teachers’ manual “Protection of Heritage Sites and Historic Cities” (published by ICOMOS Georgia in 2014)
- Undertook communication and visibility activities for the project
- Led and coordinated public awareness and activism campaigns for the preservation of built heritage

2015-2019

Ilia State University Department of Arts and Social Sciences; Department of Law and Business-Visiting lecturer for the courses

- Culture Project Management
- Cultural Heritage and Tourism
- Heritage Conservation and Management
- Heritage Tourism
- Heritage Management

March 2010 –July 2011

Art Villa Garikula – International Arts Residence - Programme Director, Festival Organizer “Fest i Nova” 2010

- Developed organizational strategy,
- organized international arts festival
- Developed programs, in charge of fundraising, annual events calendar and international relations.

February 2006 – September 2009

Georgian National Museum - Project Manager, UNESCO National Project Coordinator

- Managed 2 UNESCO Museum section funded projects:
 1. Safeguarding of GNM ethnographic film and photo collection
 2. Revitalization of Tbilisi Open Air Museum
- Initiated and managed bilateral cooperation projects with Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage and with Swedish Institute.
- Made a partnership with Maihaugen Museum in Lillehammer, Norway,
- Led a joint research project with Norwegian Crafts Development (NHU) which resulted in the *Timber Conservation Manual* published by the GNM as a DVD and book;
- Planned and led interdisciplinary field trips for the study of traditional vernacular architecture in Samtskhe-Javakheti Region
- Undertook a study Tour in Sweden hosted by Swedish Institute to identify partner museums for GNM’s Open Air Museum of Ethnography;

- Undertook a mission to Norway in the framework of UNESCO/Norway-Funds-in-Trust project to meet heritage organization officials and museum managers; Identify a partner Open Air Museum in Norway and start networking
- Drafted the Georgian National Museum Crafts Development Programme approved by UNESCO in 2009
- Prepared a Development Plan for G. Chitaia Open Air Museum of Ethnography

January 2005 – February 2006

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Cultural Policy Department, Georgian National Commission for UNESCO - III secretary, II secretary

- International cooperation in the field of humanities
- Dealing with UNESCO affairs, international cultural cooperation agreements, city-partnerships;
- Prepared a draft paper on Georgia's Foreign Cultural Policy
- Member of Georgian Delegation to UNESCO General Conference – Paris, France during October 2005

February-July 2004

NGO „People and Nature“ e.V. Berlin, Germany - Intern

- Needs assessment study for heritage of Georgia,
- Cooperation with Georgian cultural heritage protection organizations on a cultural heritage conservation and popularization project in Georgia

Consultancy:

November, 2023

ICCROM Sharjah and Ministry of Culture of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

THE EXPERTS PROGRAM - Courses on International Cultural Heritage

Conventions and other Cultural Programs

Facilitator and Trainer of the Course “Practical implementation of the 1954 The Hague Convention and its two Protocols

June 2021 – March 2023

GIZ – Cultural Heritage Expert in the project “Clusters4Development”

- Preparation and implementation of field missions with the aim of identifying cultural heritage cluster members
- Assistance in the implementation of cluster workshops
- Development of cluster development strategies and proposing possible interventions

April – August 2021

Georgian Arts and Culture Center - Cultural Heritage and Diversity Expert, Researcher for the Project TOGETHER: TOwards a cultural understandinG of the oTHER" financed by EU Program Erasmus

- Contribute to the preparation of the Ambassadors Curriculum on the topic: Cultural Heritage and intercultural dialogue: Identifying Common Values

March – November, 2020

GIZ – Cultural Heritage Expert in the project “Clusters4Development”

- Undertook desk research for the identification and analysis of stakeholders and potential members of the cultural heritage clusters in Imereti and Kakheti regions;
- Undertook field research for the identification and needs assessment study of the potential members of heritage clusters in Imereti and Kakheti regions;
- Worked in collaboration with international and local experts in tourism, heritage and cluster development in order to assess feasibility of cultural heritage and authentic accommodation clusters and their strengths and opportunities;
- Produced field reports including questionnaire surveys and recommendations for future work.

September-November, 2019

UNESCO Tehran Cluster Office - UNESCO Senior International Expert and Workshop Facilitator

- Undertook a mission to I.R. of Iran and Facilitated the 3-day capacity- building workshop on “Security and Risk Management at Museums and Site Museums with Focus on Fire Incidents for Museums Managers” in Tehran
- In close cooperation with UNESCO Tehran Cluster Office, and Ministry of Cultural Heritage Tourism and Handicrafts developed the agenda/training materials of the workshop;
- In close cooperation with other international expert, prepared the final report of the capacity- building workshop;

August 2016 - February, 2018

Biological Farming Association Elkana, Tbilisi, Georgia - Grant Approval Committee Expert in Cultural Heritage Site Management

for the project “Empowering Poor Communities and Micro-entrepreneurs in Georgia Tourism Sector” funded by the Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF) through the World Bank

July – Dec. 2013

Ministry of Culture and Monuments’ Protection of Georgia - Senior Expert member of a commission tasked with drafting Georgia’s Cultural Policy

December 2011 – April 2013

European Commission Eastern Partnership Culture Programme - Junior Expert

- In Close cooperation with the Senior Expert developed the research methodology and respective questionnaires
- Conducted interviews and desk research
- Co-authored an Analytical Base-line Country Report on cultural policy in Georgia

March - July 2010

Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage (Riksantikvaren) - Project Monitoring and Reporting Officer

- Monitored progress of the project “Restoration and Revitalisation of G. Chitaia Open Air Museum of Ethnography”
- Prepared monthly progress reports for the donor.

April-July 2011

Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage (Riksantikvaren) - Field trip coordinator

- Planned and organized a field research trip of Norwegian specialists in regional Georgia with the purpose of researching an intangible heritage element - traditional axing techniques and identifying tradition bearers.
- Assisted the researchers in obtaining information;
- Translated field reports from English to Georgian and Georgian to English.

2005 - 2009

NGO “Cultural Heritage and Society”, Consultant

- Prepared a nomination file on Jvari Monastery for World Monuments Fund list of endangered sites.
- Initiated and led a public campaign against the reconstruction of Bagrati Cathedral (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

Education

October 2012-July 2013

University of Kassel, Germany – Visiting scholar (DAAD research scholarship)

2002-2004

Brandenburg University of Technology, Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany

Master of Arts in World Heritage Studies (DAAD -German Academic Exchange Board scholarship)

1998-2002

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

Bachelor of Arts in History and Theory of Arts

2000-2001

Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana, USA

US government funded one-year undergraduate exchange program

Membership of professional organizations and voluntary work:

Since February 2021

Nominated and selected as a **University of Pennsylvania Museum PENN Cultural Heritage Center** Consulting Scholar

<https://www.penn.museum/sites/chc/people/consulting-scholars/>

December 2020 – March 2024

Member of the Board, Secretary

2009 – present - founding member

International Association of World Heritage Professionals, e.V. (Registered in Germany)

09.2017 – 08.2020

Secretary, treasurer, elected member of the board

Blue Shield International

2007 - present, Member

2019 - present, Secretary

ICOMOS Georgia

2007 – present

2017-present, Board member

ICOM Georgia

10.2013-04.2014

Head of Cultural Heritage Council methodological section of the Ministry of Culture and Monuments' Protection - Responsible for reviewing applications for listing/delisting of heritage sites;

Relevant training Courses:

- FAC-leadership course – Brabant region, the Netherlands, 27 August – 1st of September, 2018
- First Aid to Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis (FAC) – ICCROM/Smithsonian Institute June 2-29, 2016
- Black Sea Academy 2010 for cultural managers from Caucasus region and Turkey – Istanbul, Turkey
- International Timber Conservation Workshop in Lillehammer, Norway - October 2008
- Workshop "Towards a Total Museology"- Cosmo Caixa Science Museum in Barcelona, Spain April 2006
- International Seminar „Bauforschung an der ältesten norddeutschen Backstein-klosterkirche in Jerichow (financed by Paul Getty Foundation - July-August, 2003)

Selected Publications:

1. Tevzadze, M. "Peace-time preparations for a museum near the occupation line in Georgia: NGO-led efforts" Chapter in "Heritage at War: Plan and Prepare" Mark Dunkley, Lisa Mol and Anna Tulliach (eds) proceedings of a conference organized by the Victoria and Albert Museum and University of Leicester (in the process -publication date, 15 October 2024)
2. Tevzadze, M. The Tbilisi Chess Palace and Alpine Club: an Example of Preserving Late Soviet Modernist Architecture „In Restauro: Post-War Heritage of Art and Architecture in Central and Eastern Europe. Integrated Approaches to Dissonant Monuments and Sites", Berlin 2023 (ICOMOS - Journals of the German National Committee LXXVIII).
3. Tevzadze, M, Cunliffe, E. Gasparov, B. Meladze, S. Report on the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law with regards to the Protection of Cultural Heritage in the Occupied Tskhinvali Region, Georgia. Tbilisi, 2022. Available at:
http://map.blueshield.ge/Files/Report%20on%20cultural%20heritage%20in%20Georgia's%20occupied%20territories_Final_Redacted.pdf
4. TEVZADZE, M. Protection of Cultural Heritage on the Occupied Territory of Abkhazia in Light of Implementation of the Hague Convention, 2nd International Spring School "Abkhazia: From the Middle Ages to the Present (Historical-Culturological Aspects)" Tbilisi, 2022
5. Tevzadze, M. Cunliffe E., Cultural Heritage Destruction in Occupied Tskhinvali Region: A preliminary Review in: Khosroshvili, T., Gabashvili, M., Tevzadze, M., Belashvili, T., Chumburidze, T., Abashidze, Z. & Cheishvil, G. (eds.). Protection Of Cultural Heritage On Occupied Territories: Georgia And International Experience. Conference Proceedings 24-25 June 2021. Tbilisi
Available at: <https://bit.ly/3JKtvjj>
6. Tbilisi Chess Palace and Alpine Club Conservation Management Plan, Tbilisi, 2021 (Co-author)
7. Ksenia Chmutina, Aparna Tandon, Maryam Kalkhitashvili, Manana Tevzadze, Irakli Kobulia Connecting heritage, vulnerabilities and capacities through a participatory game. International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction 2020
8. How and Why Should we Protect Late Modernist Architecture, Tbilisi 2020 (Co-author)
9. Tevzadze, M. Typology and Conservation Management of Defensive Structures and the role of local communities in Georgia, in Nahmasanseong International Symposium Proceedings, Korea, October, 2019
10. Tevzadze, M., Heritage Teaching in Georgia, in: IAWHP conference proceedings "World Heritage Theory, Policy and Practice" held in BTU Cottbus, April 2017
11. Cultural Heritage Activists' Guide. (Co-author) Blue Shield Georgia, 2017, Tbilisi

Conferences:

- Keeping it Modern, New Perspectives for Modern Heritage in South-Eastern Europe, July 2024 Prishtina, Kosovo (remote participation, speaker)
- Cultural Rights, Heritage Destruction, and the Future of Ukraine, December, 2023. Philadelphia, PA, USA University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology Cultural Heritage Center. Title of the Presentation "Forgotten Heritage: From the Ruins of the Russian Occupation"
- Heritage at War: Plan and Prepare" February, 2023. London, UK Victoria and Albert Museum and University of Leicester. Title of the Presentation "Peace-time preparations for a museum near the occupation line in Georgia: NGO-led efforts"

- 26th ICOM General Conference, Prague, Czech Republic, August, 2022. Title of the Presentation: "Regional museum's peacetime preparations for an armed conflict: Case Study from Gori, Georgia"
- Protection of Cultural Heritage on the Occupied Territories: Georgia and International Experience, June, 2021. Giorgi Chubinashvili National Research Center for Georgian Art History and Heritage Preservation, Tbilisi, Georgia. Title of the Presentation: Cultural Heritage Destruction in Occupied Tskhinvali Region: A preliminary Review"
- Nahmasanseong International Symposium, Nahmasanseong, South Korea, October, 2019. Title of the Presentation: "Typology and Conservation Management of Defensive Structures and the role of local communities in Georgia"
- Cultural Heritage in Conflict Areas Tbilisi, Georgia 2018 Title of the presentation: "Practical implication of implementing Hague Convention for the protection of Georgia's cultural heritage in the occupied territories"
- "World Heritage and Civil Society" international civil society forum organized by World Heritage Watch, June, 2017 in Krakow and June, 2015 in Bonn, Germany (Presented papers on Civil Society and Georgia's World Heritage Sites)
- International Conference, November 14-15th, 2013 University of Oslo "Between dream and reality: Debating the impact of World Heritage Listing" presented a paper "Reconstructed Bagrati Cathedral – a sacrificed World heritage status"
- International Symposium and Workshop "Understanding Each Other's Heritage - Challenges for Heritage Communication in a Globalized World", Cottbus, 19-21 July 2012
- WHS Alumni Conference "World Heritage and Sustainable Development", 16-19 June 2011 Cottbus. Presented a poster presentation entitled Destruction of Heritage Values in the Rush to Modernize – Cases from Georgia

Summer Schools:

- 3rd International Spring School "Abkhazia: From the Ancient Times to the Present (Historical-Culturological Aspects)", May 2021, 2022 and June 2024. Tbilisi, Georgia. Lecturer. Shota Rustaveli National Research Centre
- BTU World Heritage Studies Alumni Summer School on "Public Participation in Heritage Conservation", Regensburg, Germany, June 2008. Organizer and Participant
- BTU Alumni Summer School, Quedlinburg (WHS), Germany, October, 2005. Main theme: Heritage and Conflict Management

Languages:

English - fluent,
 German - advanced,
 Russian – good,
 Spanish – beginner,
 Georgian - native.