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EDUCATION

Degree Programs

2011 -2016

PHD in International Relations, Pilot International PHD program in International Relations, Tbilisi State University (TSU);

Program and Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Neil S. MacFarlane, Lester B. Pearson Professor of International Relations, St Anne's College, **University of Oxford**

Doctoral Dissertation: The initiatives of the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation *vis a vis* the European Security Architecture: Unpacking the Objectives, Factors and the Outcomes

2002- 2004

MA in International Relations, *Summa Cum Laude.*

Master's Thesis: NATO's Enlargement to Georgia: a dream or a reality?

Baylor University, Waco, TX, USA

2000-2002

BA in Political Science, *Magna cum laude.*

Senior Thesis: European Rapid Reaction Force: feasibility of the new force and conditions for success.

Hartwick College, Oneonta, NY, USA

1998-2000

BA in International Relations (transferred to Hartwick College)

Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia

Non-degree programs

Aug.-Dec. 2004

NATO Senior Executive Master Course, NATO Studies Center, Bucharest, Romania

Aug.-Sept. 2005

Summer University on "Federalism, Constitutionalism and Conflict Transformation in Multiethnic Societies"; University of Fribourg, Fribourg, Switzerland

EMPLOYMENT

2016 current

Dean, Caucasus School of Governance, Caucasus University (CU CSG)

2012 – 2016

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Director, Asia, Africa, Australia and the Pacific Department

Diplomatic rank: Councilor

2010 - 2012

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Deputy Director, Political Department

2009 – 2010

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Deputy Director, Department of the Americas

2008 – 2009

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
Head of the Policy Planning Division, Political Department

December 2005 - present

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
Counselor – Policy Planning Division, Political Department

Apr.-Aug. 2005

National Security Council of Georgia
Expert - Rand Corporation and Strategic Research Institute joint project -
“Reform of the National Security Council of Georgia”;

2004-2007

Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS)
Research Fellow – specializing on Euro-Atlantic security and defense issues
Academic Coordinator – “Raising Public Awareness about European Union in Georgia”
project carried out in cooperation with the *European Commission, Jean Monnet Action*
Project Director – Structural and Institutional Development of the *Department of Tourism and resorts under the Ministry of Economy of Georgia* (January 2004-April 2005)

June 2004 - December 2004

English Language Newspaper **24 Hours**, Copyeditor

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2006 current

Associate Professor (from 2016), Teaching International Organizations (BA level), *Theory of International Relations (MA and BA level)*, *UN Peacekeeping Operations (MA level)*
Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Department of International Relations, Tbilisi State University (TSU), Tbilisi, Georgia

2008-2009

Assistant Professor, teaching *External Relations of the European Union, in English* (MA level).
Institute for European Studies, Teaching IR theories, IR department, TSU, Tbilisi, Georgia

2005 – 2008

Visiting Lecturer – Teaching *Theory of International Relations (MA and BA level)*, *Introduction to International Relations (BA level)*
Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of International Relations, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia

2004-present

Visiting Lecturer, Center for Social Sciences, Tbilisi State University
Teaching *Theory of International Relations* to Master’s students

January 2005

Senior Expert – European Union TACIS project – “Support to the Implementation of Partnership and Cooperation Agreement”
Trainer to public officials on European defense and security policy issues

2002-2004

Graduate Assistant, Baylor University, Waco, TX

PUBLICATIONS

Eka Akobia, European Security Order: Historical and Theoretical Appraisal of the Russian View, *Journal of Young Researchers*. No.3, July, 2016

Eka Akobia, “Georgia on EU’s Foreign Policy Radar: Interests and Instruments” in Kakha Gogolashvili and Sergi Kapanadze ed. *EU and Georgia, Current Issues and Future Prospects*”, European Integration Series, GFSIS, 2009

Eka Akobia, "European Security and Defense Policy: Challenges and Opportunities", in Kakha Gogolashvili and Sergi Kapanadze ed. *Contemporary Issues in EU Politics*, European Integration Series, GFSIS, 2007

Eka Akobia, "European Union Common Foreign and Security Policy", "Justice and Home Affairs" and "Asylum Policy" in Kakha Gogolashvili and Sergi Kapanadze ed. *European Union Institutions and Politics*, European Integration Series, GFSIS, 2006

Eka Akobia, *Theories of International Relations* (in Georgian), extended lectures, Social Sciences Series, Center for Social Sciences, 2006

Eka Akobia, "NATO's Enlargement", in *Popular Reader on NATO*, ed. GFSIS, 2006

Eka Akobia and Sergi Kapanadze "Georgia: Multicultural and Fragmented; Exploring Possibilities for Resolving Ethnic Conflicts through Federalism: in "Best of the Students' Papers: Federalism, Constitutionalism and Conflict Transformation in Multicultural Societies", *Travaux de Recherche*, PIFF, Fribourg, 2006

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

October 2017

Tbilisi International Peace Conference (TIPC), Tbilisi, Georgia
Conference Organizer

March 2005

International Conference: Atlantic Partnership for Stability in the South Caucasus, Sofia, Bulgaria,

Speaker, delivered speech on "Security, Threats and Risks in the South Caucasus, Perceptions from Georgia"

November 2004

Study Visit – NATO Headquarters, Public Diplomacy Division, Brussels, Belgium,
One day long intensive seminar on current international security issues

Study Visit – Belgium Royal Defense College, Brussels, Belgium

One day intensive seminar on the structure and function of the defense college

April 2002

7th annual world convention: Peoples, Nations, and States: a cross disciplinary convention, Columbia University, NY, NY

Chair of the roundtable "Ethnicity and Nationalism in Caucasus."

November 2002

Harvard National Model United Nations, Boston, MA
Representative on a *Political and Decolonization Committee*

HONORS AND AWARDS

Academic Fellowship Program (OSI HESP/AFP), Returning Fellow for academic years 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010.

Baylor University, International Student Scholarship, 2002-2004

Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honors Society, 2002

Nominee to the All American Scholar Collegiate Award, 2002

Hartwick College Student Senate award, 2002

Hartwick College International Student Academic Scholarship, 2002

Freedom Support Act Undergraduate program winner, 2000-2001

LANGUAGES

Georgian (Native) English (Fluent) Russian (Advanced)