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Diplomatic Rank: Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary (2009)

Academic Degree: PhD in International Relations (2010)

Honors: Presidential Order of Excellence (2011)

WORK EXPERIENCE

January 2012 – currently

Acting Dean, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Tbilisi State University

October 2012 – currently

Director and Founder of GRASS Group (Georgia's Reform Associates), a public policy research think tank and consultancy.

January 2011 – October 2012

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

Portfolio includes: overseeing the Department of International Organizations and the Department of Relations with the Americas; representing Georgia at various multilateral and bilateral negotiations (Chief Negotiator from Georgia to the Geneva International Discussions; Deputy Chief Negotiator from Georgia on the Association Agreement with the European Union)

November 2008 – January 2011

Director; Department of International Organizations; Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia; Tbilisi, Georgia

Main tasks include: overseeing and managing work of a Department consisting of 20 diplomats and 4 permanent missions (New York, Geneva, Vienna, Strasbourg) consisting of 35 diplomats; promoting Georgia's relations with the United Nations family, OSCE and Council of Europe; working on the international dimension of the occupied Georgian regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

September 2007 – November 2008

Deputy Director; Department of International Organizations; Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia; Tbilisi, Georgia

October 2006 – September 2007

Head; Analytical Department; Foreign Intelligence Special Service of Georgia; Tbilisi, Georgia

January 2006 – October 2006

Senior Advisor (International Politics); Analytical Group, Administration of the President of Georgia; Tbilisi, Georgia

June 2005 – December 2005

Deputy Director; Department for Regional Cooperation; Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia; Tbilisi, Georgia

June 2004 – June 2005

Policy Analyst; International Security Department; National Security Council of Georgia; Part of the “National Security Council Reform Project” administered by the Strategic Research Center, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies and RAND Corporation; Tbilisi, Georgia

January 2004 – June 2004

Daily Editor; English Language newspaper “24 Hours”; Tbilisi, Georgia

August 2003 – February 2004

Junior Fellow; Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies; Tbilisi, Georgia

February 2001 – June 2001

Intern; Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations; New York, USA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

September 2004 – currently

Associate Professor (Assistant Professor until September 2011)

Department of International Relations; Faculty of Social and Political Studies; Tbilisi State University. Tbilisi. Georgia; Institute of European Studies, Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia;

Courses taught – “Introduction to International Relations”, “Research Methods and Academic Writing”, “Research Design”, “Politics of the European Union”, “Theories of European Integration”, “History of European Integration”, “Europeanization of Central and Eastern Europe”, “International Negotiations”.

September 2006 – July 2007

Lecturer; American University of Humanities; Tbilisi, Georgia; Courses taught – “Politics and Institutions of the European Union”

November 2005 – September 2007

Invited Lecturer; “Raising Public Awareness about European Union in Georgia”, Training on European Integration Issues; European Commission, DG Education and Culture; Jean Monnet Action. Project implemented by Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies; delivered lectures on “European Council”, “Council of Ministers”, “European Commission”, “European Parliament”, “Justice and Home Affairs”, “Asylum policy of the EU”.

November 2005 – April 2006

Trainer; Training in “European Union Institutions and Policies”; Training and Development Center; American University for Humanities; Tbilisi, Georgia.

March - July 2005

Trainer in European Affairs; “Support to the Implementation of PCA” project organized by European Commission and Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies; delivered lectures to Georgian journalists, representatives of South Caucasus NGOs and Georgian civil servants on “Institutions of the European Union”, “Eastern Enlargement of the European Union” and “Energy Policy of the European Union”.

2001- 2003

Trainer; Conducted annual seminar “Academic Writing in the United States” for the International Research and Exchange Board (IREX) future exchange undergraduate students. Tbilisi. Georgia;

EDUCATION

October – November 2009

Graduate; Executive Program in Negotiation and Mediation – “Effective Dispute Management in a Changing World”, Singapore Cooperation Center, Diploma of Graduation; Singapore, Singapore.

January 2004 – June 2010

PhD Degree in International Relations; Department of International Relations, Faculty of Social and Political Studies; Tbilisi State University. Dissertation topic – Creation and transformation of the domestic institutions charged with the European policy coordination in the Central and Eastern European Countries and Georgia as a result of the conditionality and socialization driven relations with the European Union; Defended – *summa cum laude*.

June 2003

MA Degree in International Relations and European Studies; Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

July 2002

BA Degree in International Relations and International Law; Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia

August 2000 - May 2001;

Exchange student; Department of Political Science; Drew University, Madison, NJ, USA

September 1998 – June 2002; Spring 2005

French Language School “Alliance Francais”; Intermediate level of French

August 1996 – June 1997

Exchange student under FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange) program; Sylvan Hills High School, Sherwood, AR, USA

May 1998

Second Secondary School of Chiatura; Georgia

PUBLICATIONS

December 2009

Kakha Gogolashvili and Sergi Kapanadze (eds) (in Georgian), *EU and Georgia: Current Issues and Prospects for Future*, edited volume), European Integration Series, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Tbilisi, 2009

September 2007

Kakha Gogolashvili and Sergi Kapanadze (eds) (in Georgian), *European Union Politics: Current Issues* (edited volume), European Integration Series, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Tbilisi, 2007

Summer 2007

“What is really needed for EU Membership?” (in Georgian), in *Popular Reader on the European Union*, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Tbilisi, 2006

Summer 2007

“EU Membership Criteria” (in Georgian), Annual Edition of the Academy of Sciences of Georgia, Fall 2006, Tbilisi, Georgia

October 2006

Kakha Gogolashvili and Sergi Kapanadze (eds) (in Georgian), *Institutions and Politics of the European Union* (edited volume), European Integration Series, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Tbilisi, 2006

September 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.

Summer 2006

“The Problem is that Russia has a different set of values”, Commentary to Marc Perrin de Blichambaut “How Things turned nasty for the nice guys of OSCE”, *Europe's World*, Summer 2006.

Summer 2006

European Union Politics (in Georgian); Course of Lectures, Social Sciences Series; Center for Social Sciences, 2006

2005

“National Security of Georgia” (in Russian), in “Collection of Readings”, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, 2005

April 2004

“Georgia and the EU: The Paths to Europe”, *Journal of Foreign Policy of Moldova “Eurojournal.org”*. Available at <http://eurojournal.org/files/kapanadze.pdf>

April 2004

“Perspectives for Georgia-EU approximation”, Annual Edition of the Academy of Sciences of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia. Republished in *GFSIS Special Papers*, April 2004 (in Georgian). Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies. Available at <http://www.gfsis.org/ge/publications/106.pdf>

March – June 2004

More than twenty articles on national and international topics for English Language daily newspaper “24 Hours”.

December 2001

Translator and Editor; “Political Articles by Samuel Huntington” (in Georgian), Publishing House “Elva”, December 2001. (Articles include – The Lonely Superpower, The Clash of Civilizations, Erosion of American National Interest and West, Unique, Not Universal)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

December 2011

Presidential Order of Excellence

August 2005 – August 2011;

Scholarship from Academic Fellowship Program of the Open Society Institute Europe Foundation (Returning Scholars Fellowship Program (RSFP) under HESP – Higher Education Support Program) to teach graduate courses “Politics of the European Union” and “Theories of European Integration” at the Tbilisi State University, Department of International Relations.

2002-2003

Scholarship from the Open Society Georgian Foundation for the Master’s Degree Program at the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

2000-2001

Scholarship for the undergraduate exchange year to Drew University from the US Congress and the United States Information Agency.

1996-1997

Scholarship for the high school exchange year from the US Congress and the United States Information Agency

RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

January 2013

Speaker and participant; Georgian-Ossetian civil society dialogue. Organized by George Mason University. Yerevan, Armenia

November - December 2012

Trainer; Training in Negotiations, GRASS (Georgia’s Reforms Associates), Tbilisi, Georgia

March 2012

Speaker; Wilton Park conference “Security in the South Caucasus”. Presentation during the panel “Moving Ahead on Conflicts” regarding “What changed in Georgia’s conflict resolution approaches since 2008?” Tbilisi, Georgia

March 2012

Speaker; Public lecture at the Central European University Center for EU Enlargement Studies (CENS), Department of Public Policy and Center for Policy Studies organized seminar. Presentation topic - “EU and its relations with the Eastern partners: case of Georgia”; Budapest, Hungary

July 2011

Presenter; academic conference of the Law faculty “Georgia’s and the European Union”. Presentation – “Georgia on the political and security agenda of the European Union”. Tbilisi, Georgia

June 2011

Participant; Annual conference “Georgia’s European Way”. Batumi, Georgia

March 2010

Participant; Annual cross-disciplinary conference of Academic Fellowship Program Fellows in International Relations/Political Science/History; Istanbul, Turkey

October 2009

Participant; Annual cross-disciplinary conference of Academic Fellowship Program Fellows in International Relations/Political Science/History; Istanbul, Turkey

March 2009

Participant; Annual cross-disciplinary conference of Academic Fellowship Program Fellows in International Relations/Political Science/History; Istanbul, Turkey

June-July 2008

Participant; 5th Jean Monnet International Summer Seminar and Conference - “Integrating Europe in a Changing World”. Organised by the Jean Monnet Chair in European Political Integration and the European Office of the University of Rome Tor Vergata at the Faculty of Economics; Rome, Italy

March 2008

Participant; Annual cross-disciplinary conference of Academic Fellowship Program Fellows in International Relations/Political Science/History; Istanbul, Turkey

March 2007

Participant; Annual cross-disciplinary conference of Academic Fellowship Program Fellows in International Relations/Political Science/History; Istanbul, Turkey

June-July 2006

Participant; Study Visit to Lithuania – “Sharing experience on coordination of institutional work during EU accession process”. Georgian – European Policy and Legal Advice Centre (GEPLAC), Vilnius, Lithuania.

April 2006

Participant; NATO Tour; Organized by the United States’ Embassy to Georgia; Bucharest and Brussels.

February 2006

Participant; Annual cross-disciplinary conference of Academic Fellowship Program Fellows in International Relations/Political Science/History; Sinaia, Romania

November 2005

Visiting Intern; RAND Corporation; Washington, DC. USA.

August-September 2005

Presenter; Summer University on “Federalism, Multiculturalism and Conflict Transformation in Multiethnic Societies”; University of Fribourg, Fribourg, Switzerland; Presented a paper – “Georgia: Multicultural and Fragmented; Exploring Possibilities for Resolving ethnic conflicts through Federalism”.

May 2005

Presenter; Conference – “Redefining Europe: Federalism and the Union of European Democracies”; Prague, Czech Republic. Presented paper – “Effect of the European Union on its Neighbors through Conditionality, Socialization and Institutional Isomorphism”.

April 2005

Participant; Eurasia Undergraduate Exchange Program Third Annual Regional Conference – “Education System Reforms in the South Caucasus States”. American Councils for International Education; Gudauri, Georgia.

November 2004

Participant; Seminar - “Doing Policy Analysis: How to Confront Policy Problems”, Khazar University, Baku, Azerbaijan

September – October 2004

Participant; Training Courses in “National Security Decision Making” and “Economic Policy Analysis in Transition Period”; RAND Corporation, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Tbilisi, Georgia

August 2004

Participant; International Institute on Peace Education 2004. Topic – “Human Security: Building a Culture of Peace”, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey.

June 2004

Participant; Regional Conference “Caucasian Preconditions for the Development of an Integrated European policy towards the South Caucasus”, Heinrich Boll Foundation, Goethe Institute, Tbilisi, Georgia.

May 2004

Presenter; Conference “EU and Georgia – Prospects of Rapprochement”. Presentation – “Georgia and the EU; Ways of Political Approximation”. Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies; Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

April 2004

Participant; Eurasia Undergraduate Exchange Program Second Annual Regional Conference – “East or West? Where to Go: Political, Cultural and Economic Self-Determination in the South Caucasus.”; American Councils for International Education; Tbilisi, Georgia.

November 2003

Participant; Youth Meeting of Vilnius 10-Visegrad Group: “The New Euro-Atlantic Community”, Vilnius University of Political Science and International Relations; Vilnius, Lithuania.

October - November 2003

Participant; World Summit of Future Leaders Exchange Program Alumni; American Councils for International Education; Kiev, Ukraine

September – November 2003

Developed and Designed the Distance Learning Course – “European Integration” for Georgia-Gateway Online Development Project.

February 2003

Participant; 2003 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition finalist of the regional round in Budapest, Hungary.

March 2002

Participant; 2002 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition winner in the regional round (Tbilisi, Georgia) and participant of the International Round (Washington DC).

LANGUAGES

Georgian (Native), English (fluent), Russian (fluent), French (intermediate)

COMPUTER SKILLS

MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, Binder, PowerPoint), Adobe PageMaker, DreamWeaver, FrontPage, SPSS, Internet