

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION:

**Doctor of Philological Sciences**, Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies, Georgian Academy of Sciences, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2002  
Concentrations: Arabic Studies

**Ph.D. in Philology (Candidate of Philological Sciences)**, Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies, Georgian Academy of Sciences, Tbilisi, Georgia, 1988  
Concentrations: Arabic Dialectology

**5 year degree in Philology**, Tbilisi State University 1973  
Concentrations: Arabic Philology

### POSITIONS HELD:

2016 – till now – Director of the Center for the Study of Arab Countries and Islamic World  
2009 - 2016 – Rector, Free University of Tbilisi  
1991 - 2009 – Rector and Founder, Tbilisi Institute of Asia and Africa  
1991 - till now – President and Founder of the Association for Relations of Georgia with Arab Countries  
1991 - 2010 – Head and Founder of the Department of Oriental Languages, Kutaisi State University, Georgia  
1997– Member of the Consultative Board, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

### TITLES AND DEGREES:

Full Professor of Arabic Studies: Free University of Tbilisi, from 2009;  
Full Professor of Arabic Studies: Tbilisi Institute of Asia and Africa, 1991-2009;  
Full Professor of Arabic Studies, Kutaisi State University, Georgia;  
Leading Scientist of the Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies, Georgian Academy of Sciences, 2002 - till now;  
Scholar, Senior Scholar, Deputy Director and the Head of the Department of the Semitic studies, Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies, Georgian Academy of Sciences, 1973.  
  
Founder and Chief Editor of the Scientific Journal “Perspective XXI”, from 1995.  
Founder and Chief Editor of the Scientific Journal “Orientalist”, from 2001.  
Chief Editor of the Scientific Journal “Studia Semitica”, from 2003.

### Visiting Professor:

University of Vienna, Austria, 2010  
University of Prague, Czech Republic, 2010  
University of Lanzhou, People’s Republic of China, 2009  
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan, 2009  
University of Osaka, Japan, 2009  
King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Saudi Arabia, 2009

University of Montana, U.S.A.  
University of Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation  
University of Uppsala, Sweden  
University of Malta  
University of Aleppo, Syria  
University of Qatar  
Documentaries and Research Center, U.A.E.  
University of Aden, Yemen  
Center for Strategic Researches, Sanah, Yemen  
Institute of Oriental Studies of Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow  
University of Lanzhou, People's Republic of China

#### **MEMBERSHIP AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:**

Member of the International Arabic Dialectologist' Association, AIDA, 1994  
Member of the European Association for Central Asian Studies, 1998  
Honoured member of the United Arab Emirates' Documentaries and Studies Centre, 1994  
Assembly Member of Parliament of Cultures, Ankara, Turkey 2004  
Linguistic Society of America, 2011

#### **PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS SCIENTIFIC FORUMS:**

##### **International:**

- The Third International Conference of Orientalists, Kutaisi Akaki Tsereteli State University, June 15-17, Kutaisi, 2008.
- International Conference "Georgia – U.S.A. Relations: A Dialogue Between Georgian and American Scholars", 2004.
- The Third International Conference of Orientalists, Kutaisi Akaki Tsereteli State University, June 15-17, Kutaisi, 2003.
- The Third International Conference of AIDA, Malta, 29 March - 2 April, 1998.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of the International Arabic Dialectology Association (AIDA), Marrakesh, Apr. 1-4, 2000, Aspects of the Dialects of Arabic Today, In Honour of Professor David Cohen, Edited: Abderrahim Youssi, Fouzia Benjelloun, Mohamed Dahbi, Zakia Iraqui-Sinaceur.
- The first International Conference of Orientalists, Kutaisi Akaki Tsereteli State University, Kutaisi, 1998.

#### **PARTICIPATION IN GRANT PROJECTS:**

1. 2005 – Linguistic terminology in Semitic languages (Arabic, Aramaic, Ethiopic-Geez).
2. 2003-2004 – The System of Verb-Conjugation in Modern Semitic Languages.
3. 2000-2002 – Arabic-Georgian Dictionary.
4. 1997-1999 – Georgian-Arabic Dictionary.

#### **SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS:**

Arabic Linguistics  
Comparative Grammar of Semitic Languages  
Arabic Dialectology  
Arabic Lexicology  
Georgian-Semitic Language Contacts  
Semitic-Indo-European Language Contacts  
Semitic-Turkic Language Contacts  
Georgian-Oriental Cultural and Historical Relations  
Educational Systems

**COURSES TAUGHT:**

Arabic Dialectology  
Theoretical Grammar of Arabic Language  
Koran  
Middle East Literature  
Theory and Practice of Translation  
Business Arabic  
Diplomatic Writing

**LANGUAGES:**

Georgian (native)  
English (fluent)  
Russian (fluent)  
Arabic (fluent)

**POLITICAL ANALYST:**

BBC News Arabic Program  
France 24 (Arabic Program)  
Al-Arabiyya  
Al-Jazeera