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Date of birth 1992-03-03

SJD candidate in the Comparative Constitutional Law stream at the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (CEU). Academic interests include socio-economic rights adjudication, judicialization of politics, freedom of religion and secularism.

Experience

2016-01 - 2018-08 Strategic Litigation Lawyer

Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC)

- planned and took strategic cases to domestic and regional courts (Constitutional Court of Georgia, European Court of Human Rights)
- · worked on human rights documentation and advocacy reports

2017-09 - 2018-06 **Invited Lecturer**

Ilia State University

taught a course 'Religious Freedoms and Secularism - Legal Perspectives'

2015-09 - 2016-01 Senior Specialist

Public Defender of Georgia

- · worked on recommendation papers, annual reports, CRPD submissions
- undertook visits to closed institutions

2013-02 - 2014-08 Interpreter

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) ODIHR trial monitoring project

- Interpreted during criminal proceedings, translated relevant legislation
- provided general guidance on domestic law

Education

Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D) in Comparative Constitutional Law

• The tentative title of the thesis: Taking Health Rights Seriously: towards a concrete mode of adjudication - Supervisor: Prof. Andras Sajo

2014-09 - 2015-06 Central European University

Master of Laws (L.L.M) in Human Rights

- The thesis: Right to offend: what is it that matters most, the offender, the offended or the offence itself? (Completed with Distinction)- Supervisor Sejal Parmar
- awarded a research grant in recognition of academic achievement

2010-09 - 2014-06 Tbilisi State University

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Legal Studies

Languages

English - Proficient

German - Upper-Intermediate Level

Russian - Intermediate Level

Georgian - Native

Publications

2012-01

Georgian Constitutional Agreement with the Georgian Orthodox Church: a legal analysis, Occasional Papers on Religion in Eastern Europe (OPREE), Volume 37, Issue 2, 2017, 1-38

Secularism: Framework of the Relationship between State and Church, 10 Const. L. Rev. 95, Vol. 10, pp. 95-113, 2016, 95 - 113

May 17: Political Potential of Collective Memory in Queer Policy: Europeanization, local context and activism challenges - a compilation of articles published by Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC), 2018, 107-121, [available only in Georgian]

Woman's Right to Abortion in Light of Conscientious objections in Sexuality, Motherhood and Reproductive Health - a compilation of articles published by Human Rights Education and Monitoring Center (EMC), 2019, 73-90, [available only in Georgian]

Training and Certifications

2017 - 2018	Strategic Litigation to the European Court of Human Rights, EHRAC
2017-03	Legal Skills Development Program (LSDP), EHRAC
2016-08	Summer School in Constitutional and Human Rights Law, Constitutional Court of Georgia
2014-11	Human Rights Advocacy Workshop, CEU

Winter School in Constitutional Law, Free University of Tbilisi