

**EDUCATION****2003 – Present**

American University, School of Public Affairs, Washington, DC

***MPA degree to be received: spring 2005*****September 1999 – June 2000**

Central European University (CEU), Department of Political Science, Budapest, Hungary

***MA in Political Science*****September 1993 – June 1996**

Tbilisi State University, Department of History, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia

***Postgraduate course in archaeology*****September 1988 – June 1993**

Tbilisi State University, Department of History, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia

***MA in History*****PROFESSIONAL TRAINING****April 2003:** Study visit to Scottish local governments, Edinburgh, United Kingdom (UK)**February - March 2001:** Study visit to Northern Irish Partnerships, Belfast, UK**September - November 1997:** TACIS School of Public Administration, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE****October 2002 – August 2003**

Georgia Governance and Civil Society Project (GOCISP), Tbilisi, Georgia (Funded by UK Department for International Development and implemented by NI-CO Ltd. Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK)

***Team Leader***

- Supervised four staff members and ten consultants
- Administered finances totaling more than \$350,000
- Coordinated project activities with donors, Government, and contractors to ensure cohesiveness
- Organized public information campaign for citizens through television and publications
- Disseminated project activities through press conferences and press releases
- Produced quarterly reports on project activities

**August 2000 – September 2002**

Georgia Governance and Civil Society Project (GOCISP), Tbilisi, Georgia (Funded by UK Department for International Development and implemented by NI-CO Ltd. Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK)

***Project Officer***

- Coordinated the joint Parliamentary Working Group on local government legislation reform
- Held regular meetings with the project stakeholders: non-profits, the media and local councils
- Monitored and evaluated ongoing projects under the Small Grants Program
- Coordinated workshops, seminars and Partnership Board meetings

**November 1996 – August 1999**

Parliament of Georgia, Committee on Regional Policy and Self-Government

***Senior Specialist***

- Assisted Members of Parliament (MPs) in drafting laws and amendments
- Gathered and analyzing data on local governments in Georgia
- Conducted briefings to MPs on changes in local environment in transitional countries

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH

### June 2001 – June 2003

Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, School of Public Administration, Tbilisi, Georgia

#### **Lecturer**

- Designed and taught course: Foundations of Local Governance

### March 2002 – March 2003

Center for Policy Studies (Affiliated with Open Society Institute and Central European University),  
Budapest, Hungary

#### **International Policy Fellow**

- Conducted research on the power-holding networks in the Georgian Municipalities
- Drafted policy recommendations for the Georgian Government and Parliament

## VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

**2000 – Present:** International Association Civitas Georgica ([www.civitas.ge](http://www.civitas.ge))

#### **Board Member**

- Contribute to the planning and implementation of projects and initiatives in fields such as decentralization, transparency, good governance, local elections, and local capacity building

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

**2003:** Edmund S. Muskie/Freedom Support Act Graduate Fellowship

**2001:** Open Society Institute International Policy Fellowship

**1999:** Open Society Foundation Graduate Scholarship

## PUBLICATIONS

"From Micro-Soft to Macro-Hard: A Micro Foundation for Participatory Governance," (2003)  
(<http://www.policy.hu/turmanidze>)

"Models of Governance in Divided Societies. The case of Georgian Decentralization," (2003)  
(<http://www.policy.hu/turmanidze>)

*Local Economy and Public Policy Making. A handbook for local government officials* (Co-author)  
(Tbilisi, 2002)

"State Against the Invisible. The case of Georgian Informal Economy," (2000)  
(<http://www.policy.hu/turmanidze>)

"On the Directions of Development of Early South Caucasus," in *Archaeology II*, (Tbilisi: TSU Press, 1998)

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

**Computers:** Windows 2000; MS Office 2000; SPSS 11.0; UCINET 5

**Languages:** Georgian (native language), English (fluent), Russian (good)

**Research interests:** Decentralization, Federalism, Regional Economic Development, Policy Networks, Policy Implementation, Political Culture, Social Capital, and Network Analysis.