VAKHTANG NATSVLISHVILI

Vakhtang Natsvlishvili is a coordinator of Democracy Program at the Open Society Georgia Foundation and works on social and economic policy and anti-corruption reforms. He served at the National Constitutional Commission of Georgia in 2014 and 2017. Graduated with honors from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, Illinois, Vakhtang was a research fellow at the Max Planck Institute in Heidelberg, Germany. Vakhtang has leaded a team of experts working on a brand new freedom of information law. He now works on his PhD at Tbilisi State University and teaches human rights and constitutional law at several Georgian universities. Vakhtang also chairs a board of directors of the Legal Education Foundation.

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EDUCATION

2015 - Tbilisi State University, Tbilisi, Georgia

PhD Candidate in Theory of Law

GPA (as for now): 4.00/4.00

2013-2014 Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois, USA

LLM in American, Comparative and International Law

Graduated with honors, GPA: 3.82/4.00

2011-2013 Georgian-American University, Tbilisi, Georgia

LLM in Public and Constitutional Law Graduated with honors, GPA: 4.01/4.20

2007-2011 Georgian-American University, Tbilisi, Georgia

LLB in Law

Graduated with honors, GPA: 3.98/4.20

NON-DEGREE EDUCATION

Feb, 2016 – Apr 2016 Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, Germany

Postgraduate Course in Legal Transition and the Rule of Law

Certificate of Successful Completion

Jun, 2016 – Jul, 2016 Malmo University, Malmo, Sweden

Postgraduate Course in Sustainable Public Management

Certificate of Successful Completion

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jan, 2013 -

Democracy Program Coordinator, the Open Society Georgia Foundation

I work on projects related to social and economic policy and anti-corruption reforms. I represent the OSF at the National Anti-Corruption Council, OGP Civil Society Forum and the EU Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum.

Oct, 2015 -

Professor of Labor Law and Social Rights, the Netherlands Institute for Multi-Party Democracy/Eastern European Center for Multiparty Democracy

I work as a lecturer of European and Georgian Labor Law and Social Rights Policy at Democracy School, EECMD. The group of students consists of individuals with diverse professional backgrounds.

Dec, 2016 - May, 2017

Full Member, the National Constitutional Commission of Georgia

The National Constitutional Commission of Georgia was a public body commissioned by the Parliament of Georgia with a task to draft comprehensive constitutional amendments. As a member, I have produced four projects concerning to labor and social rights, budgetary powers of the parliament, local self-government, and the judiciary.

May, 2017 - Aug, 2017

Visiting Research Fellow, the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law

With an invitation and under supervision of Prof. Dr. Armin von Bogdandy, I undertook research in the field of legal interpretation and moral reasoning.

Sep, 2017 - Aug, 2018

Senior Legal Researcher, the Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia

Sep, 2016 - Jan, 2017

Invited Lecturer of Legal Theory, the Tbilisi State University

Jan, 2013 - Jun, 2017

Invited Lecturer of Law, the Caucasus University

Oct, 2016 - Nov, 2016

Lecturer of Legal Writing for the Office of Public Defender of Georgia, the Council of Europe

Jan, 2012 - Jan, 2013

Invited Lecturer of Public Law, the Georgian Technical University

FELLOWSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, RESEARCH GRANTS

Nov, 2017	EU Eastern Partnership Civil Society Fellowship 2017
Sep, 2016	PhD Research Grant from the Rustaveli National Science Foundation of Georgia
Aug, 2016	Research Grant from the German Technical Cooperation Agency (GIZ)
Jun, 2016	Scholarship from the Swedish Institute for the Summer School at the Malmo University
Feb, 2016	Scholarship from the GIZ for postgraduate study at the Hertie School of Governance
Jan, 2015	CALI Excellence for Future Award in Non-Profit Law Class, IIT

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Natsvlishvili, V. (2018). Politische Ökonomie der Varfassungsreform Vier vorläufige Thesen in *Georgien, neu buchstabiert: Politik und Kultur eines Landes auf dem Weg nach Europa* (Nakhutsrishvili, L., Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, *eds.*), pp. 117-26, Transcript Verlag, Beilefeld.

Natsvlishvili, V., Graser, A., Burjanadze, G., Malkhazian, H. (2017). *Proportionality and Social Rights in German, Armenian and Georgian Constitutional Adjudication*, German Technical Cooperation Agency.

Natsvlishvili, V., Eristavi, K., Ghvinianidze, L. (2017). The Draft Constitutional Amendments on Social Rights in *Legal, Political and Economic Aspects of Georgian Constitutional Reform* (Pirtskhalashvili, A., *ed.*), pp. 115-126, Grigol Robakidze University.

Natsvlishvili, V., Zedelashvili, D. (*Eds.*) (2017). *საქართველოს კონსტიტუცია 20 წლის შემდეგ* (Georgian Constitution at 20 - Anniversary Edited Volume), Open Society Georgia Foundation.

Natsvlishvili, V. (2016). Amending Without Amendments: A Challenge to the American Constitutionalism, *Constitutional Law Review*, 8, pp. 34-52.