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● ABOUT ME

Certified Public Sector Auditor and Associate Professor with a Ph.D., experience in public sector auditing to enhance accountability, transparency, and performance. Recognized for delivering strategic recommendations and solutions that boost efficiency and uphold integrity. Accomplished researcher and lecturer with a proven track record of leading large-scale projects and utilizing advanced analytical skills to generate valuable insights. Characterize with highly ethical standards and discretion, producing high-quality results across both professional and academic domains.

● WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 – CURRENT Tbilisi, Georgia

SENIOR AUDITOR STATE AUDIT OFFICE OF GEORGIA

As a Senior Auditor at the State Audit Office of Georgia, my responsibilities encompass conducting comprehensive financial, compliance, and performance audits across a broad spectrum of economic sectors. This includes evaluating financial statements to ensure accuracy and regulatory compliance, as well as assessing adherence to laws and internal policies within areas such as infrastructure, regional development, road construction, energy, agriculture, entrepreneurship development, environmental protection, state property management, and tourism. My role also involves auditing state enterprises where the government holds 50 percent or more equity participation, as well as auditing projects financed by international partners, including the World Bank, IBRD, and USAID.

01/08/2024 – CURRENT Newark, NJ, United States

VISITING SCHOLAR RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

As an invited visiting scholar in the School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) at Rutgers University-Newark, my primary responsibility is to conduct research on the role of technology in combating corruption. This research involves directly engaging with key figures within the Biden administration who are actively involved in public policy; additional research projects include attending US Congress hearings to gain insights into legislative approaches to combating corruption and meeting with experts from leading anti-corruption organizations to discuss and analyze best practices and innovative strategies in the field.

02/2024 Tbilisi, Georgia

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

My role as an associate professor at the University of Georgia includes conducting lectures in public administration and engaging in research activities. Through my combined roles in teaching and research, my aim is to install a comprehensive understanding of public administration principles and contribute to the global fight against corruption through education.

2023 – CURRENT Tbilisi, Georgia

INVITED TRAINER PUBLIC AUDIT INSTITUTE

As a Trainer in the field of Financial Fraud, Corruption, and Corruption Risk Assessment, my duties and responsibilities include designing courses, preparing training materials, and organizing training sessions. My experience covers successfully conducting trainings for the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Georgia, National Bank of Georgia, Ministry of Finance of Georgia, State Audit Office of Georgia, and other public and private sector employees.

2019 – 2021 Tbilisi, Georgia

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER PUBLIC AUDIT INSTITUTE

During my nearly three years as a project development manager at the Public Audit Institute (PAI), I was responsible for creating, conducting, and managing projects related to public finance management. PAI is a legal entity under the State Audit Office of Georgia, with a primary focus on scientific and research activities. Utilizing the findings from public

audits conducted by the State Audit Office, PAI leverages these insights for its scientific mission. My role involved creating research projects, asses public finance management methodologies, developing manuals in public auditing, aimed at enhancing the performance of public finance management. Additionally, I was engaged in projects funded by international donors such as USAID GGI and GIZ.

● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2018 – 2021 Tbilisi, Georgia

PH.D DEGREE Georgian Technical University

2016 – 2018 Tbilisi, Georgia

MBA DEGREE International Black Sea University

2012 – 2016 Tbilisi, Georgia

B.A DEGREE Ilia state Univeristy

New York, United States

RISK MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE (CRM) New York Institute Of Finance

Tbilisi, Georgia

CERTIFIED PUBLIC AUDITOR Public Audit Institute

Vienna, Austria

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN ANTI-CORRUPTION International Anti-Corruption Academy

Stockholm , Sweden

CERTIFICATE IN E-GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Linköping University

● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **GEORGIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
RUSSIAN	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● HONOURS AND AWARDS

GIST Innovates South Caucasus – The U.S. Department of State’s Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST)

The GIST Startup program finalist - My science project is about integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI), specifically Machine Learning (ML), into finance auditing processes. By integrating (ML) algorithms into the financial audit process, auditors can overcome the limitations of traditional sampling methods. (ML) enables the examination of entire financial datasets rather than samples. (ML) models trained on historical data, including known fraud cases, to enhance their detection capabilities.

Qualification Enhancement Scholarship – Ministry of Education, Science And Youth of Georgia

Granted, the scholarship announced by the Government of Georgia was a significant milestone for me. This achievement granted me the opportunity to study and become a certified professional in Risk Management (CRM). The study course and examination were conducted in New York, USA.

Swedish Institute Academy for Young Professionals (SAYP) Scholarship – Swedish Institute (SI)

The Swedish Institute Academy for Young Professionals (SAYP) is a 2 month training programme developed to build new networks, knowledge and practices for increased transparency, efficiency and resilience in public administration. The programme also aims to strengthen your individual capabilities to meet the requirements of a modern governance structure.

Siemens Integrity Initiative Scholarship – International Anti-Corruption Academy

Through Siemens integrity initiative project, International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) brought together 56 anti-corruption and compliance professionals from 32 countries and conducted an intensive program in Vienna, Austria. The program integrated anti-corruption and compliance theory with practice. The interdisciplinary approach of the Summer Academy encouraged us to examine anti-corruption and compliance from diverse perspectives.

Recognized Invited Scholar – Indian Audit and Accounts Department (CAG India)

I had the honor of being invited as an ITEC Program Scholar at the International Center for Information System and Audit, specializing in the field of audit and e-governance. This opportunity came through my nomination by the State Audit Office of Georgia. It's was a privilege to contribute to the advancement of audit practices and e-governance in my capacity as an ITEC Scholar.

Learning Event Participant – Center of Excellence in Finance (CEF)

This blended learning event was focused on key communication skills and tools that auditors can use to deliver high-impact audit activities. The course concentrated on several skills, from listening, interviewing, and negotiation to providing feedback and reporting. A learning event was held from February to June in Slovenia, Ljubljana.

Learning Event Participant – US Government Accountability Office - Center for Audit Excellence

I have successfully completed several training courses in the field of auditing conducted by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (U.S. GAO)- Center for Audit Excellence. The strategic project which considers long run human capital development activities for the State Audit office of Georgia gives me opportunities to participate in several study events every year.