

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: 25th May 1964

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EDUCATION

1999 – 2002 European University Institute. PhD. Social and Political Sciences.

Thesis Title: “The Problems of Post-Soviet Regime Change: Dynamic and Static Elements of the Georgian Regime 1989-2001”.

Supervisor: Philippe C. Schmitter

Defended: 7th March 2003.

1996 – 1997 School of Slavonic and East European Studies (University of London). MA. Slavonic Studies.

The degree comprised three modules and a dissertation.

Modules: 1) “Soviet Union: History and Politics 1917 – 1991”
 2) “Nationalities and Nation States in Central and Eastern Europe”
 3) “Advanced Russian”

Dissertation: “Nation-Building in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan: A Comparative Study”.

1983 – 1986 University of Durham BSc (Hons). Natural Sciences.

Modules: Mathematics, Psychology, History and Philosophy of Science.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 2006 – February 2006: European Centre for Minority Issues, Regional Office, Tbilisi, GEORGIA. Conducted a feasibility study on the possibility of granting local administrative status to minority languages in Georgia in the context of Georgia’s recent ratification of the Council of Europe Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities and the planned ratification of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.

April 2003 – December 2005: Institute of East European Studies, Freie Universität, Berlin, GERMANY. Post-doctoral researcher for the project “Accounting for State-Building, Stability and Violent Conflict: The Institutional Framework of Caucasian and Central Asian Transitional Societies” funded by the Volkswagen Foundation. The research focused on informal power structures in four regions of Georgia and the influence of these structures on state-building and the processing of conflicts. It involved extensive fieldwork.

October 2002 – March 2003: European University Institute (Department of Social and Political Sciences). Badia Fiesolana, Via dei Roccettini 9, I-50016 San Domenico di Fiesole (FI), ITALY. Research Assistant for the Department of Social and Political Sciences. Research centred on: 1) The situation regarding the German-speaking minority in South Tyrol, 2) General European approaches (East and West) on the accommodation of national minorities.

November 1997 – June 1998: International House. 2, 26 May Square, Tbilisi 380015, GEORGIA. Teacher of English as a Foreign Language.

November 1994 – November 1995: United Nations Development Programme. UNDP Country Office, Almaty, KAZAKHSTAN. United Nations Volunteer. Tasks: 1) To provide on-the-job training in functional English to employees at a government agency (the National Agency for Foreign Investment), 2) Correction of official letters and other documents, as well as the translation of documents (Russian to English).

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

October 2004 – February 2005: Conducted a course of sixteen seminars for students at the **Institute of East European Studies, Freie Universität, Berlin**. The course was entitled “Governance and Regime Change in the Post-Soviet Space” and the focus was on the evolution and institutionalization of political regimes in the fifteen successor states of the USSR.

March 2004 and September 2004: Carried out two Stakeholder Surveys in Georgia for the **European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI)**. These focused on two regions of Georgia (Javakheti and Kvemo Kartli) where national minorities are concentrated. The aim was to provide **ECMI** with up-to-date information on local power structures in the two districts for their newly-established Georgia project (see **Publications** below).

October 2003 – January 2004: Carried out a Best Practice Survey for **German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)**. The aim was to assess peace building and conflict transforming initiatives in the South Caucasus (Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan) for GTZ’s Food Security, Regional Cooperation and Stability Project (FRCS).

PUBLICATIONS

Georgia from National Awakening to Rose Revolution: Delayed Transition in the Former Soviet Union. Book. (Ashgate Publishing: Aldershot, 2005).

“**Managing Diversity in Divided Societies: The Case of Georgia**”. Chapter in an edited volume by Marc Weller (ed.), *An Ever Diverse Union* (provisional title), to be published by Palgrave Macmillan Publishers (forthcoming).

“**Integrating Minorities in Weak States: The Case of Georgia**”. Paper submitted for the yearbook of the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI). Awaiting publication (early 2006).

“The Status of Minority Languages in Georgia and the Relevance of Models from Other European States”, ECMI Working Paper #26 (March 2006). Available at http://www.ecmi.de/download/working_paper_26.pdf

“Obstacles Impeding the Regional Integration of the Kvemo Kartli Region of Georgia”, ECMI Working Paper #23 (February 2005). Available at www.ecmi.de/download/working_paper_23.pdf.

“Obstacles Impeding the Regional Integration of the Javakheti Region of Georgia”, ECMI Working Paper #22 (August 2004). Available at www.ecmi.de/download/working_paper_22.pdf.

“Elections and Democratic Governance in the Former Soviet Union: the Case of Georgia”, *Berliner Osteuropa Info*, 21 (2004) at http://www.oei.fu-berlin.de/cscca/Publications/boi_jw_elections_and_democratic_governance.pdf.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Competence in NVivo (software for qualitative data analysis) and SPSS (software for statistical analysis).