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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2009 - **Chairman of the Economic Council at the main opposition party of Georgia “Our current Georgia – Free Democrats”;**

2006-2009 **President, “DG Investment” Ltd., Georgia. Company identifies and implements investment projects in manufacturing, real estate and agriculture with foreign investors participation. “DG Investments” also conducts financial management and supervision of these projects.**

2004 -2005 **General Director/CEO “Georgian Railways” Ltd., Tbilisi, Georgia. The biggest Georgian company with 17, 000 employees and over \$200 mln. USD revenue per year. www.railway.ge**

2003-2004 **Adjunct Associate Professor at the Department of Economics at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, USA. Courses taught: Fall 2003, Econ 269 Transition Economies. Spring 2004 and Econ 357 Macroeconomic Policy Issues in Transition Economies.**
Course analyzes collapse of the socialist system in Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union countries and its transition to the market economy, including issues of economic liberalization, financial stabilization, privatization and institutional policy reforms with special emphasis on the role of international organizations (IMF & WB).

2001-2002 **Chairman, Center for Economic and Political Development Studies, Georgia. Expert, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF. Mission member and co-author of the ROSC - Fiscal Transparency Module, Kyrgyz Republic (2001). <http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/cat/longres.cfm?sk=15715.0> Founder and General Director of “Georgian Leasing Company Ltd.”, first leasing company in Georgia.**

1998 - 2000 **Finance Minister of Georgia**

Member of National Security Council of Georgia

Member of the Investment Council under President of Georgia

Governor of Georgia at the World Bank

Participant in Georgia’s governmental negotiations:

- With IMF and the World Bank since 1996
- With World Trade Organization (1997-1999). Georgia joined the WTO in 2000
- On Baku - Supsa Oil Pipeline Intergovernmental and Host Government Agreement (1997-1998) And On Baku -Tbilisi - Ceyhan Oil Pipeline Host Government Agreement (1997-1999) Agreement (1998-2000)
- On Privatization Contracts with Strategic Investors in different sectors of Economy

- 1995 - 1998 **M.P. Chairman of the Committee on Economic Policy and Reforms of the Parliament of Georgia**
Member of the Investment Council under President of Georgia
Author and co-author of several dozen laws and legal amendments, including:
Law on Privatization; Law on Non-Agricultural Land Privatization; Law on Promotion and Guarantees of the Investment Activity;; Law on Bankruptcy-Related Proceedings; Law on Insurance; Law on Monopolistic Activity and Competition; Law on Consumer Rights Protection; Law on Advertisement; Law on Statistics; Law on Securities; Law on Grants; Law on Electricity; Law on Oil and Gas.
Played major role in establishing the Budget Office at the Parliament of Georgia in 1997.
- 1994 –1995 **Consultant of the World Bank worked on:**
Agriculture Privatization and Development Project in Georgia
Responsible for preparing short business profiles of export oriented agro-processing enterprises;
arranging negotiations between local managers and foreign investors to facilitate the creation of joint ventures.
Restructuring and Privatization of Loss-making Enterprises Project in Georgia
Collected and compiled financial information on the twenty largest loss-making enterprises; classified and quantified of various types of liabilities of these enterprises vis-à-vis the state, employees, enterprises and banks; analyzed the causes of arrears.
Europe and Central Asia Natural Resource Management Division (EC4NR) Washington D.C.
 - Worked on the Agriculture and Food Sector Review and Agricultural Adjustment Loan for the Republic of Georgia. Worked on land reform and policy framework developments; analyzed macroeconomics issues, privatization of agro-processing industries, working on statistical data collection and processing.
- 1993 **Principal State Counselor at the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Georgia in The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister in Charge of the Economic Reforms.**
 - Worked with IMF, World Bank, EBRD and UNDP missions on the issues connected to the mutual relations between Georgia and the International organizations (including Institution Building Loan from WB, drafting Country Program 1992-1996 for UNDP and other technical assistance issues for Georgia);
 - Assisted in coordination of technical assistance for Georgia on governmental level;
 - Advised Deputy Prime Minister on policy measures and stabilization issues for Georgia’s ongoing economic developments.
- 1991 - 1992 **Assistant Professor, Institute of Economy and Resources Management, Georgia**
Courses taught: Georgian Economy in Transition; Tourism Business and its Development in Georgia
- 1987 - 1991 **Post-Graduate Researcher**, Department of the Social and Economic Development Forecasting. Institute of National Economy Forecasting Academy of Sciences of the Russia (USSR), Moscow, Russia.

1984 - 1986 **Researcher**, Institute of the Economy Management, Tbilisi, Georgia.

EDUCATION

1993-1994 **Columbia University**, New York, World Bank Program. M.I.A. in Economic Policy Management, 1994.

1987-1991 **Institute of National Economy Forecasting** of the Academy of Sciences of the Russia, Moscow, Russia. Ph.D. in Economics, 1991.

1979-1984 **Tbilisi State University**, Republic of Georgia. B.A. and M.A. in Economic and Social Geography, 1984.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

2009 - **Chairman of the Board of Muskie Alumni Association of Georgia (MAAG). MAAG**
current **members are Georgian fellows educated in the US Universities. Edmund Muskie**
Graduate Fellowship Program was established by the US Congress in 1992.

2000 - 2002 **Member of the Board of Eurasia Foundation (Georgia)**
Host of weekly Radio Economic Program "Address your questions to Onoprishvili"
Chairman of the Supervisory Board of JSC "Georgian Movie"

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS More than 20 publications and articles, among them in English:

"Rescuing Georgia" by Jenik Radon and David Onoprishvili, Project Syndicate, (2004).

<http://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/radon1>

"Agriculture Reform in Georgia" (contributor), The World Bank, Washington D.C., (1995)

"Georgia: From Central Planning to Hyperinflation" (with Lado Gurgenidze and Mamuka Lobzhanidze), in Communist Economies and Economic Transformation, Vol.6 No.3, London, (1994).

<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~content=a788495836~db=all~order=page>

"Georgia" (with Mamuka Tsereteli), in John Williamson, ed., Economic Consequences of Soviet Disintegration, Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C., (1993).

FELLOWSHIPS/HONORS:

- Edmund S. Muskie/Freedom Support Act Fellowship Program, Columbia University, 1993
- Fulbright Scholarship, Vanderbilt University, 2002/2003
- Muskie/FSA Alumni Award honorable mention, 2002

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES:

Stanford University, 2003

University of California, Berkeley, 2003

University of California, Los Angeles, 2003

University of California, Santa Barbara, 2003

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, 2002, 2003

Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C. 1997, 1999

Columbia University, New York, 1996, 1998, 2004

SPEAKER AND PARTICIPANT OF INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

- IMF and the World Bank Group Boards of Governors Annual Meetings, Hong Kong, 1997.
- IMF and the World Bank Group Boards of Governors Annual Meetings; Speaker for Georgia, Washington D.C., 1999
- EBRD Annual Meetings, London, 1999
- World Economic Forum, Davos 1998 (Speaker)
- Central and Eastern European Economic Summit. Salzburg, Austria, (Speaker). 1997, 1998, 2000
- Eurasia Economic Summit; Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan 2000 (Speaker)