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Professional Experience:

- September – **The ICC legal Tools Programme at the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, the University of Oslo**
Project coordinator for National Implementation of the Case Matrix
Working on development of the West-Balkan version of the Case Matrix and its implementation within the region
- August 2004 – August 2008 **OSCE Mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina**
Legal Adviser at the Human Rights Department
Areas of responsibility: assist national institutions capacity building, legislative and institutional development. Thematically I worked with Ombudsman Institutions in BiH, Constitutional Court of BiH as well as general transitional justice issues, including the core international crimes problematic.
- September 2001 – June 2004 **Norwegian Refugee Council, Azerbaijan**
Human Rights Education Consultant
Areas of responsibility: 1) Co-ordinating NRC's Human Rights Education Programme in Azerbaijan, including the training of Human Rights Education staff, building up a network-coalition among major programs in the field of education in Azerbaijan. 2) IDP Guiding Principles and ICLA – Information, Counselling Legal Aid, 3) Special project focusing on Chechen refugees
- September 2000 – Aug 2001 **Norwegian Institute for Human Rights**
Senior Executive Officer (Førstekonsulent)
Areas of responsibility: Assist researcher Maria Lundberg on the minority policy and law project: 'Accommodating differences' as well as advising students on the Human Rights Master Programme on their dissertations. For further info, see letter of reference.
- January - November 1998: **OSCE Mission to Georgia, Human Rights Office**
Assisting the office on a voluntary basis among other things: the monitoring of local elections 1998 and conducting of HR courses in the regions of Georgia
- Spring 1997: **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of the UN**
Position: Internship in connection with studies at the Diplomatic Academy, Tbilisi

Education:

- August 1999 - August 2000 **University of Oslo, Institute of Human Rights,**
Master of Arts in the Theory and Practice of Human Rights
Dissertation on the topic: "The Legality of Humanitarian Intervention under Current International Law"
- January - March 1999 **University of Nottingham, Human Rights Law Centre**
Human Rights Law Course (Human Rights in Practice, English Civil Liberties Law, International Law of Human Rights, Int. Humanitarian Law, Collective Security Law)
- June - August 1998 **University of Oslo, Norway: International Summer School**
International Relations and Foreign Policy Course & Peace Research Course
- 1995 - 1998 **Diplomatic Academy, Tbilisi, Georgia**
International Relations Faculty (including courses on: international public law, IHL and human rights law), Dissertation: International Negotiations
- 1992 - 1995 **Tbilisi Institute of Law and Psychology**
Specialisation: Criminal Law and the Penitentiary System
Other courses: Civil Law, Administrative Law, Constitutional Law

Languages:

Georgian: Mother tongue

Russian:	Fluent
English	Fluent
Norwegian:	High level orally, intermediate level written
Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian	High level orally, intermediate level written

Presentations/Lecturers and Professional Societies:

September 2008	“The Case selection and prioritization seminar”, Oslo Presentation on challenges dealing with the core international crimes
January 2008	HURIDOCS Advanced Workshop on Human Rights Documentation, Geneva: Presentation: “Documentation of processing war crimes cases in BiH”
27 September 2007	Seminar on the ICC Legal Tools Programme: Presentation: “Developing the Case Matrix to Assist the Prosecution and Adjudication of Core International Crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina.”
December 1999	Amnesty International, Norwegian section: Country co-ordinator of Russia, the Central Asian republics, Armenia and Azerbaijan. Member of ‘Russian country-linking group’
February 2000	Conference at the University of Tromsø, Norway. I was representing Amnesty Int. Norway, Lecture on the topic: “Violations of International Humanitarian Law during the last military campaign in Chechnya”
1995 - 1998: Autumn 1997:	Member of the Scientific Council of the Diplomatic Academy, Georgia Conference at the Diplomatic Academy: lecture on the topic: “The Human Dimension of the OSCE with emphasis on the work of the Human Rights Office of the OSCE Mission to Georgia
Since 1996: Spring 1996:	Member and one of the founders of the International Relations Association, Georgia Conference at the Georgian Diplomatic Academy of Science: lecture on the topic: “The Relationship between State and International Law”

Publications:

April 2000:	Human rights report on Georgia: “Georgian Transition – Political Background and Human Rights Situation”, published by the Norwegian Helsinki Committee.
January 1998:	“International Negotiations”, in the Georgian Journal <i>Politika</i>