Biography

Irakli Shamatava holds a PhD in Law and is an Affiliated Associate Professor at Caucasus University and Editor-in-Chief of the *Caucasus Law Journal*. Since 2026, he has also been a member of the International Editorial Team of the *European Scientific Journal (ESJ)*. His research interests include civil, banking, labour, enforcement and intellectual property law, notarial practice, and the legal regulation of blockchain technologies.

He graduated from Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University with a bachelor's degree in law in 2011 and completed his master's degree in law with honours at Caucasus University in 2016. In 2022, he defended his doctoral dissertation, *"The Standard of Proportional Protection of the Parties' Rights and Obligations in a Loan Agreement,"* at Caucasus University. His monograph on the same subject was published jointly by Caucasus University and Bona Causa in 2024 (ISBN: 9789941982019).

He has been engaged in academic work at Caucasus University since 2019. He is also a Professor at International Black Sea University and St. Tbel Abuseridze Teaching University of the Patriarchate of Georgia, and a Visiting Professor at Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University. From 2024 to 2025, he served as Dean of the School of Law and State Governance at International Black Sea University, Head of its Bachelor's Programme in Public Administration and Governance, and Editor-in-Chief of the *Contemporary Law Journal*.

His international academic experience includes research and teaching at European universities. In 2025, he was a scholarship recipient at the University of Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli" in Italy, where he researched the legal regulation of blockchain technologies and cryptocurrencies. In 2026, as part of an Erasmus+ teaching mobility programme, he delivered lectures at Kazimierz Wielki University in Poland on comparative legal systems of the Latin notariat. In 2025, he participated in the General Assembly of the European Law Faculties Association (ELFA) in Sofia.

He has been a licensed attorney specialising in civil and administrative law since 2018. He has extensive experience in legal practice and public administration. From 2022 to 2024, he headed the Secretariat of the Education and Culture Commission of the Tbilisi City Municipal Assembly, having previously served as a Senior Specialist with the same commission from 2018 to 2022. He is a member of the Georgian Bar Association and the Georgian Copyright Association.

Alongside his scholarly work, he is active in literature and publishing. He is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of the literary and public affairs journal *Sokhumi*, the author of the bilingual Georgian–Abkhaz collection *Checkpoint*, and the compiler and editor of *Let's Talk: 33 Stories about Abkhazia*. His short stories have been translated into Abkhaz, English, Russian, Armenian, Kazakh and Azerbaijani.

Irakli Shamatava is a recipient of the Giorgi Sharvashidze State Prize, the Niko Lortkipanidze Literary Prize and the David the Builder Literary Prize. In 2016, he received an award for his outstanding contribution to the cultural development of the city of Poti. He has also received the Mandarines Prize for his contribution to Georgian–Abkhaz relations. In 2022, he was nominated for the Bertha von Suttner International Peace Prize. In 2023, through the Writers' House residency programme, he took part in the Residencia Literaria 1863 programme in A Coruña, Spain.

Publications

1. Shamatava, I. (2026). Georgia's Intellectual Property Law in an Evolving European Legal Framework: Legislative Reform and the Challenge of Sustained Alignment. Health Policy, Economics & Sociology, 10 (Supplement), Special Issue: "European Union Enlargement: Practices & Challenges". https://doi.org/10.52340/healthecosoc.2026.10.03.06
2. Shamatava, I. (2026). New Legislative Regulation of Factoring Agreements in Georgia. Herald of Law, 07/2026, 8–26. DOI: https://doi.org/10.52340/26679434/H.13.1
3. Shamatava, I. (2026). The Role of the Enforcement Writ Issued by a Notary in Preventive Justice and Effective Enforcement. Law and World, 12(2), No. 38, 99–127, https://doi.org/10.36475/12.2.6

4. Shamatava, I., Ivanidze, M., & Gulbatashvili, N. (2026). Legal Nature and Regulatory Models of Zero-Hours Contracts in a Comparative Legal Perspective. European Scientific Journal, 22(20), 54–75. https://doi.org/10.19044/esj.2026.v22n20p54
5. Davitadze, M., & Shamatava, I. (2026). One Function, Two Regimes: Trusted Flaggers and Regulatory Fragmentation under the Digital Services Act. European Scientific Journal (ESJ), https://doi.org/10.19044/esipreprint.10.2026.p500
6. Gogoladze, M., & Shamatava, I. (2026). The Evolution of the Georgian Notariat: From the State-Controlled Soviet System to Professional Independence and Digital Modernization. European Scientific Journal, 22(39), 32–49. Special Edition: Evolution of the Legal Professions in the Post-Soviet Period, DOI: https://doi.org/10.19044/esj.2026.v22n39p32
7. Zambardino, F., & Shamatava, I. (2025). Crypto-Democracy: Code as the Architecture of Collective Will and the New Foundations of Governance. Cuam University Press, 100–131. Handle: https://hdl.handle.net/11591/582424
8. Shamatava, I. (2024). Notarial Certification of Loan Agreements as an Effective Mechanism for Debt Recovery and the Simplified Enforcement of Due and Payable Claims. Contemporary Law Journal, International Black Sea University, 11–23, https://ibsu.edu.ge/en/research/scientific-journals/contemporary-law-journal/
9. Shamatava, I., & Oniani, M. (2022). *Simplified Proceedings in Georgia Regarding Requests for Payment of Monetary Debts* (Sharing European Experience), Proceedings of the 17th International Silk Road Conference, IBSU, 257–271, https://silkroad.ibsu.edu.ge/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Silk-Road-2022-Proceedings-Book.pdf
10. Shamatava, I. (2021). The German-Georgian Model of Penalty Regulation: A Comparative Legal Analysis. Law and World, 7(2), No. 17, 86–99. https://doi.org/10.36475/7.2.7
11. Gurgenidze, M., & Shamatava, I. (2021). *Aspects of Enforcement System Development in Georgia (In accordance with the current applicable Law of Georgia "On Enforcement Proceedings" and the new draft "Code of Enforcement"),* Scientific Journal "Spectri", No. 5, 86–96. https://dspace.nplg.gov.ge/bitstream/1234/350728/1/Speqtri_2021_N5.pdf#page=86
12. Taliashvili, T., & Shamatava, I. (2020). Recent Evolution of Intellectual Property Enforcement in Georgia. TalTech Journal of European Studies, 10(2/31), 42–56. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1515/bjes-2020-0014
13. Shamatava, I., & Uberi, T. (2020). *Historical Excursus, Evolution and Modern Interpretation of Penalty Regulation (Comparative-Legal Analysis).* Proceedings of the 15th International Silk Road Conference, IBSU, 310–320.
14. Taliashvili, T., & Shamatava, I. (2019). New Legal Regulation of Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement in Georgia. TSU Law Journal, 2, 12–24. https://jlaw.tsu.ge/index.php/JLaw/article/view/2887
15. Uberi, T., & Shamatava, I. (2019). *ILO Safety Standards and the Necessity of Their Implementation in Georgian Legislation.* Proceedings of the 14th International Silk Road Conference: *Globalization: Trends and Perspectives*, Tbilisi, Georgia, 11–12 October 2019. International Black Sea University, pp. 208–215.

Contact Information and Research Profiles

Email: ishamatava@cu.edu.ge
ORCID: https://orcid.org/0009-0009-2626-9984
Web of Science: FYC-9950-2022
Scopus: 57223876696
Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=x0oXV84AAAAJ&hl=en