

Biography

Giorgi Vashakidze holds a PhD in Law and is a specialist in private international law and European law, with many years of academic, public-sector, and expert experience. He earned his doctoral degree in law, with distinction (*magna cum laude*), from the University of Hamburg, where he also completed an LL.M., with highest distinction (*summa cum laude*), in Private International and Commercial Law, as well as a master's degree in European Studies. He was also a visiting researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law.

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Giorgi Vashakidze is actively engaged in academic work and has, over the years, served as an associate professor and visiting lecturer at universities in Georgia and abroad. His scholarly interests encompass private international law, European private law, civil law, and questions of legal transformation. He is the author of numerous monographs and scholarly articles, including publications with international academic publishers such as Mohr Siebeck, Edward Elgar, and Springer.

He has also participated in legislative reform processes as an expert in cooperation with the Parliament of Georgia, UNDP, GIZ, and European Union projects. Giorgi Vashakidze is proficient in Georgian, German, English, and Russian.

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