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## Prof. Dr. Alexander A. Markarov

### Professional Experience

**2008 – present Deputy Vice Rector for Scientific Policy and International Cooperation and Head, International Cooperation Office, Yerevan State University.**

Management and overall responsibility for YSU international academic, educational and scientific collaboration. Supervision of the activities of International Relations, Grants, Diaspora and Foreign Students Departments.

Member of YSU Academic Council, YSU Rectorate and Rector's Council.

Member of YSU strategic planning committee (SPC)

*In 2006 – 2008 Head, International Cooperation Office, Yerevan State University.*

**2012 – present Member of the Doctoral Degrees Conferral Specialized Commission in Political Science. Since 2016 Deputy Head of the Specialized Commission**

**2012 – present Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Institutions and Processes. Yerevan State University, Armenia.**

*In 1997 – 2012 Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science. Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses; developing new course curricula; supervision of Ph.D. and master's theses, bachelor's final papers.*

**Since 2005 member of the pre-PhD defense Political Science Examination board.**

**Courses taught:** Research Methods in Political Science; Political Sociology; Theory of Democracy; Transitology; Public Administration; History and Theory of Parliamentarism; Contemporary Schools in Political Science; Introduction to Political Science. *In 1997 – 1998 also taught at Ijevan Branch of Yerevan State University*

**2004 – 2013 Associate Professor of Political Science, UNESCO Chair of Human Rights and Democracy, Yerevan State Linguistic University after V. Brusov. In 1999 – 2004, Senior Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, Yerevan State Institute of Foreign Languages after V. Brusov**

**2000 – 2001, 2002 - 2006, Deputy Head, International Relations Office, Yerevan State University.** Coordination of YSU international partnership programs, overall administration of YSU international projects, daily correspondence with YSU international partners, collaboration with international organizations in Armenia.

**2003, August. Invited Professor for Summer School “Conflict transformation and ways of peace establishment in South Caucasus,” Yerevan Armenia.** Taught intensive graduate level course in **Transitology**. Organized by Russian-Armenian State University with the support from OSI AF-Armenia.

**1998 - 2006 Deputy Dean for International Relations, Faculty of International Relations, Yerevan State University.**

**1996 – 2002, Scientific Researcher, Scientific group on parliamentary argumentation problems, Yerevan State University**

1992 - 1993 Journalist, Armenian Stock-Herald. Reports and articles on social and political themes

## **Education**

**2010 Doctor of Sciences Degree (Dr. Habil.) in Political Science** Areas of Concentration: Post-Soviet Politics, Semipresidentialism, Regimes and democratization in NIS. Dissertation Title: Semipresidentialism in the Post-Soviet Region

### **1996 Candidate of Philosophical Sciences Degree**

Areas of Concentration: Theories of Democracy, Forms of Democratic Government, Democratic Transitions, Executive-Legislative Relations, Electoral Systems in Armenia and other NIS countries. Dissertation Title: “The Legislative Authority of the Republic of Armenia During the Process of Founding Independent Statehood”

### **1993 – 1996 Post-graduate student (Aspirant), Yerevan State University, Department of Political Science**

1994 **Institute Certificate** received for participation in three-week intensive graduate program of studies in the Social Science held under auspices of the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research (New York) and in collaboration with International Cultural Center. Krakow, Poland.

### **1988 – 1993 Yerevan State University, Faculty of History. Diploma of Higher Education. Graduation with Distinction.**

1990 – 1991 One year study abroad. Makerere University, Art Faculty, Kampala, Uganda.

## **Grants and Fellowships**

**December 2013 – April 2017** Project coordinator for “Promoting Internationalization of HEIs in Eastern Neighborhood Countries through Cultural and Structural Adaptation” Tempus project awarded by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Exchange Agency, acting under powers delegated by the Commission of the European Union

**October 2015 – December 2016** Project leader for “I-net” International Visegrad Fund’s V4EaP Flagship Project

**March 2014 – April 2016** Project leader (Armenia) for the “Influence Identity on Foreign and Security Policy Formation in Armenia and Georgia” grant awarded by the Academic Swiss Caucasus Net Programme (ASCN)

**2012 – 2015** “Advancing gender equality and women’s empowerment in Armenia” Higher Education for Development (HED)-USAID. Grant #HED003-9722-ARM-12-01. Role: Principal Investigator.

**February 2012 – December 2013** Consultant and Armenian team leader for “Coalitional Presidentialism in Africa, Latin America and Postcommunist Europe: Dynamics of Executive-Legislative Relations in New Democracies”, funded by Economic and Social Research Council (UK), PIs Paul Chaisty, Nic Cheeseman, and Timothy J. Power (University of Oxford)

**October 2011 – February 2015** **Project coordinator** for “Building capacity for University-Enterprise partnerships towards competency based training in Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine” TEMPUS project 516613-TEMPUS-1-2011-1-BE-TEMPUS-JPHES funded by the European Commission

**January 2010 – December 2011** Curriculum Resource Center of the Central European University, sponsored by the Higher Education Support Program of the Open Society Institute Course Development Competition Individual Grant for the «Post-Soviet Russian Politics» project.

**2009 January – 2011 December** **Project manager (YSU representative on Project Management Team)** for Quality Assurance for Management of Internationalization Processes “QATMI” Project (144882-TEMPUS-2008-DE-JPGR (2008-4776)) funded by European Commission

**2009 January – 2010 December** **Project manager (YSU representative on Project Management Team)** for Educational centers’ network on modern technologies of management “ECESIS” Project (144742-TEMPUS-2008-DE-JPHES (2008-4744)) funded by European Commission

**2008 December – 2009 March** Awarded Erasmus Mundus Scholarship within the frames of International Masters in Economy, State and Society (IMESS) in accordance with Erasmus Mundus Framework Agreement Number 2007-0077/001. Coordinated by University College London (UCL), host institution - Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic. **Taught graduate level course: Post-Soviet Politics: Regimes transformation in the region.**

**2007 – 2009** **Project Manager at YSU** for “Internal quality assurance system in Armenian HEIs” for Tempus Jep (Joint European Project) funded by European Commission

**2006 April – 2008 March** INTAS Young Scientist Post Doctoral Fellowship awarded for the project entitled “Regime Formation and Transformation in the Post Soviet Region: A Comparative Analysis of Semipresidentialism in Armenia, Russia, Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine”  
INTAS Ref. Nr 05-109-4708

**2005 March – 2007 March** **Armenian team leader** for INTAS East and West – Network project “Eurasian Political Studies Network: Developing comparative studies of regime transformations in multicultural societies and state- nation-building process in post-soviet region.” INTAS Ref. Nr 04-79-7284

**2004 – 2007** AFP/HESP (Academic Fellowship Program, Higher Education Support Program) Returning Scholar, in Armenia. Open Society Institute. (Renewed in 2005 and 2006)  
*In 2003 – 2004 Civic Education Project (CEP) Fellow (Local Faculty Fellow)*

**2003 – 2006** **On-site Project Director** for Arizona State University –Yerevan State University Educational Partnership Project “**Refashioning the Social Sciences and Practitioner Training in Public Administration**” funded by the United States Department of State

**2003 July – August, Director, Summer School in Political Science: Curricula Development in Nationalism and Conflict Studies, Studies of Political Violence and Terrorism. Yerevan Armenia.**

Summer school was organized by YSU, US Embassy to Armenia Democracy Commission Small Grants Program, Civic Education Project and the Alumni Local Initiative Grants Program (LIGP administered by the American Council for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS)

**2001, September – 2004, August Armenian team leader**, Research Project “Democratic Opposition as a Consolidation Factor in Transitional Regimes: Comparative Analysis of Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan.” Grant from the International Association for the promotion of co-operation with scientists from the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union (INTAS), Grant number 00 - 00644.

**2001, August – 2002, July Junior Faculty Development Program Visiting Scholar**, University of Iowa, Department of Political Science and Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies. The Program is administered by the American Council for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS and funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State

**2000, February**, Grant from the Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation (OSI AF) Armenia, for **participation in Curriculum Resource Center (CRC) Political Sciences Session**, concentration on Politics and Economy in Transition, Budapest, Hungary

**2000, July – August, Director, Summer School in Political Science: Transitology and Conflictology, Yerevan, Armenia.** Summer School was organized by Open Society Institute Higher Education Support Programme and Yerevan State University in collaboration with the ACTR ACCELS, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of United States Department of State, Swedish Institute, UNDP and IFES

**1997, December**, Grant from the Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation (OSI AF) Armenia, for **participation in Curriculum Resource Center (CRC) Sociology Session**, concentration on Political Sociology, Warsaw, Poland

**1996 – 1997 NIS - US Teacher Exchange Program Participant sponsored by the United States Information Agency.** Visiting teacher at the King Philip Regional School, Wrentham, MA. **1997,**

**Spring** Taught graduate level course named “After the Fall: An Examination of Post Soviet Society” offered to teachers in the Norfolk County and Plymouth County Teachers Association through the Fitchburg State College, Division of Graduate and Continuing Education, USA

**1995, February Curriculum Working visit** to the Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research (currently New School University), New York, USA

## **Publications**

### ***Monographs***

*Open Russia: new image at information era.* Moscow: Institute of Diaspora and Integration. 2012, 240 p. (in Russian, co-authors N.Galstyan and H.Mikaelyan)

*Formation, Development and Peculiarities of Functioning of Semipresidentialism in Russia and Poland.* Yerevan: Yerevan State University Press. 2009. 260 p. (in Russian)

*Semipresidentialism within the Post Soviet Transformation Context.* Yerevan: Yerevan State University Press. 2008. 220 p. (in Russian)

### ***Edited volumes:***

*Values and Identity as Sources of Foreign Policy in Armenia and Georgia.* Co-edited with Kornely Kakachia Tbilisi: Universal, 2016

*How Armenians View Democracy*. Yerevan: Nairi, 2004. Co-authors and collaborators: Hamazasp Danielyan, Anna Maksudyan, Sofi Hovhannisian, Tatev Davtian, Gayane Vardanyan

*State, Politics, and, Society. Issues and Problems within Post-Soviet Development*. Iowa City: Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, the University of Iowa, 2002

**Book Chapters and Articles:**

“The Main Dimensions and Issues of Armenia’s Foreign Security Policy” in *Values and Identity as Sources of Foreign Policy in Armenia and Georgia*. Editors: Kakachia, Kornely and Markarov, Alexander. Tbilisi: Universal, 2016, pp. 107-144

“Semi-presidentialism in Armenia” in *Semi-Presidentialism in the Caucasus and Central Asia*, Editors: Elgie, Robert, Moestrup, Sophia. Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2016, pp.61-90

“Semi-presidential System: notion and main features” in *Political Science*. Moscow: Russian Academy of Sciences INION, 1, 2014, pp. 34-50 (in Russian)

“YSU Partnership with enterprises: experience, problems and perspectives”. Proceedings of University/Industry Cooperation - Accelerating Innovation Scientific-educational conference Dedicated to 80th anniversary of SEUA May 15 2013 Yerevan, Synipsys Armenia YSU-SEUA Alumni Association pp. 62 - 65 (with A.Simonyan, A.Grigoryan, Yu Vardanyan, and M.Yeghyan)  
«Political Institutions Transformation in Post-Soviet Armenia» in *Post-Soviet Transformation of Political Systems in Newly Independent States*. Moscow: Moscow State Regional University. 2012 pp. 187 – 204 (in Russian)

“Institutional Transformation in Armenia in 1990 - 2010” *Yerevan University Herald* 135(6): 35 – 47, 2011 (in Russian)

«The Process of Internationalization at Yerevan State University» in *Quality Assurance Tools for the Management of Internationalization* Mohyliv-Podilskyi-Kyiv: Hoverla-CEL, 2011, pp 62 – 74 (with Gayane Karapetyan)

«Security Dilemmas and Conflict Resolution Perspectives in the South Caucasus» *Working papers of the Armenian Army military-academic journal* 1-2 (17-18): 2011, pp. 214 – 225

«Internationalization Process at Yerevan State University» in *Universities and Societies Universities cooperation and development in 21st century Proceedings of third international scientific conference MSU after M.Lomonosov, April 23 – 24 , 2010*. Moscow: Moscow University Press, 2011, pp. 683 – 689 (in Russian)

“Political Science in Armenia: the Challenges of Institutionalization” in *Political Science in Central-East Europe. Diversity and Change* Edited by Rainer Eisfield and Leslie Pal. Opladen and Farmington Hills, MI: Barbara Budrich Publishers, 2010, pp. 45 – 60

“Regime Formation and Development in Armenia” in *Empire, Islam, and Politics in Central Eurasia* Edited by Tomohiko Uyama. Sapporo: Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, 2007, pp. 301 – 327

“Opposition within hybrid regimes: typology and agenda for its further study in post-Soviet nation-states” in *Nationalism Across the Globe. An Overview of Nationalism in State-endowed and Stateless Nations Volume II The World* Edited by Wojciech J. Burszta, Tomasz Kamusella and Sebastian Wojciechowski. Poznan and Warsaw: School of Humanities and Journalism, Slavic Institute, Polish Academy of Sciences and Institute of Western Affairs, 2006, pp. 27 - 47

“Semipresidentialism within Post Soviet Transformation Context (The case study of Armenia)” (Полупрезидентализм в контексте постсоветской трансформации (на примере Республики Армения) *ПОЛИТЭКС* 2: 279-288, (2006)

- “Elections and Electoral Systems” in *Political Science*. Ed. By Henzael Manoucharyan, Vartan Tumanyan, and Aghasi Tamazyan. Yerevan: Yerevan State University Press 2006, pp. 488 – 504 (in Armenian)
- “Contemporary Theories and Concepts of Democracy” in *Political Science*. Ed. By Henzael Manoucharyan, Vartan Tumanyan, and Aghasi Tamazyan. Yerevan: Yerevan State University Press 2006, pp. 383 – 404 (in Armenian)
- “MacroInstitutional Political Structures and Their Development in Armenia” *Demokratizatsiya The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization* 14(2): 159 – 170, (2006)
- “The Problems of Democracy Consolidation in Armenia (based on the analysis of Armenians’ values and attitudes)” in *Political Science and Political Processes in Russian Federation and Newly Independent States*. Ed. by K.V. Kiselev, S.I. Glushkova et al. Yekaterinburg: Ural Division of Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and Law and Ural Academy of Public Administration, 2005, pp. 56 - 66
- “The Future of Democracy in Armenia: Institutional and Mass Beliefs Perspectives” in *Armenia: A Human Rights Perspective for Peace and Democracy*, Ed. by Anja Mihr, Artur Mkrtychyan, Claudia Mahler and Reetta Toivanen. Universitätsverlag Potsdam, 2005, pp. 43 - 53
- “Armenians Attitudes Towards Political and Social Institutions,” in *Scientific Works in Social Sciences*, v. 3. Ed. by Robert A. Kaitsuni. Yerevan: Lingva, Yerevan State Linguistic University Press, 2005, p. 151 – 168. (In co-authorship with Hamazasp Danielyan and Sofi Hovhannisyanyan)
- “Democracy Perspectives in Armenia,” in *Human Right Perspective in Armenia*. Ed. by A.Mkrtychyan. Yerevan: Yerevan State University Press, 2005, pp. 40 - 51
- “Political Science Development in Armenia: state of the art, problems and perspectives,” in *Political Science. Political Science in Post-Soviet States*. Ed. by E.Yu.Meleshkina and V.V.Smirnov. Moscow: Russian Academy of Sciences INION, 2, 2004, pp. 9 – 29
- “Opposition in Russia, Armenia, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan: Comparative Analysis of Formation and Development,” in *Stumbling but Struggling. Political Opposition in Four Post-Soviet Countries*. Ed. by Romana Careja. Moscow: Strategy, 2004, pp. 224 - 252 (with Romana Careja)
- “Political Opposition within Hybrid Regimes – Concepts and Actors,” in *Stumbling but Struggling. Political Opposition in Four Post-Soviet Countries*. Ed. by Romana Careja. Moscow: Strategy, 2004, pp. 39 - 54 (with Romana Careja)
- “Armenian Constitutional Changes: slight amendments or heavy reform?” in *Political Science and State Authority in Russian Federation and Newly Independent States*. Ed. by V.N.Rudenko, S.I.Glushkova et al. Yekaterinburg: Ural Division of Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and Law, 2004, pp. 350 - 360
- “Political Opposition and Democratic Consolidation,” in *Scientific Works in Social Sciences*, v. 2. Ed. by Robert A. Kaitsuni. Yerevan: Lingva, Yerevan State Linguistic University Press, 2003, (In co-authorship with Elvira Mamytova)
- “Opposition within Hybrid Regimes: Actors, Typology and Agenda for Further Study,” in *State, Politics, and, Society. Issues and Problems within Post-Soviet Development*. Ed. Alexander A. Markarov. Iowa City: Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, the University of Iowa, 2002
- “Armenian Legislative Development: from Supreme Soviet to the National Assembly,” in *State, Politics, and, Society. Issues and Problems within Post-Soviet Development*. Ed. Alexander A. Markarov. Iowa City: Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, the University of Iowa, 2002

- “The Analysis of Electoral Campaigns in Armenia From the Viewpoint of Human Rights Protection,” in *Human Rights Protection in the Caucasus Viewed by the Scientists and Human Rights Activists*. Ed. Alexander Yu. Sungurov. St. Petersburg: Norma, 2002
- “The Armenian Constitutional Reform in Progress.” *Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst*. Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, The John Hopkins University-The Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. September 26, 2001 [http://www.cornellcaspien.com/analyst/010926\\_H4.htm](http://www.cornellcaspien.com/analyst/010926_H4.htm)
- “Institutional Reform as Part of Democratic Transition in Armenia.” *Central Asia and the Caucasus*. (Sweden) 4 (16), 2001
- “The Armenian Transition.” *Sprawy Polityczne (Political Affairs)*. (Poland) 3 (9), 2001
- “The Formation of Governmental Forms in Post-totalitarian States.” *Papers (thesis's) collection of the “Social Sciences at the Edge of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” interuniversity scientific conference*. Yerevan: Lingva, 2000
- “The Formation of Presidential Institution in NIS Countries: The Basic Constitutional Norms and Principles of Elections of the Head of State.” *Lraber Hasarakakan Gitutunneri (Social Science Herald)*. *National Academy of Sciences of Armenia* No. 1, 2000
- “The Stages of Constitutional and Political Development of The Republic of Armenia.” in *Development of Political Science within Universities of Russia. Materials of the All-Russian Scientific Conference*. Samara: NVF “SMS”, 1999, pp 31 - 32
- “The Foreign Policy Factors in the Process of Democratic Transition.” *Papers (thesis's) collection, conference dedicated to the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Prof. J.Kirakosian*. Yerevan: Artagers, 1999
- “Types and Functions of Political Representation.” *Papers (thesis's) collection of the “Representative Democracy” conference*. Yerevan: AREG-73 (NGO) and UNDP, 1999
- “The Analysis of the Development of Executive-Legislative Interrelations in the Republic of Armenia During the Process of Independent Statehood Foundation.” *Volga Journal of Philosophy and Social Science*. (Russia) No.2, 1998
- “On Some Political Consequences of Presidential, Parliamentary and Semipresidential Democracy.” *Banber Erevani Hamalsarani (Yerevan University Herald)* No.2, 1998
- “Electoral Systems, Institutionalization and Functions of Parliaments.” *Lraber Hasarakakan Gitutunneri (Social Science Herald)*, *National Academy of Sciences of Armenia* No.1, 1998
- “*The Legislative Authority of the Republic of Armenia During the Process of Independent Statehood Foundation*.” Dissertation and authoreferat of the dissertation, Yerevan, 1996
- “The Main Types of Democratic Government.” In: *Serium: Chair of Young Scientist*. Yerevan: National Academy of Sciences. Issue 6, 1996
- “The Formation of the Executive and Legislative Authorities of the Republic of Armenia and their Interrelations.” In: *Serium: Chair of Young Scientist*. Yerevan: National Academy of Sciences. Issue 6, 1996
- “Democracy: Definitions and Typology.” *Banber Erevani Hamalsarani (Yerevan University Herald)* No.2, 1995
- “Transition and Tradition.” *East and Central Europe Program Bulletin* 5(3), 1995

## **Selected Panels and Conferences**

“Towards constitutional perfectionism or amendments that (n)ever end?” Paper delivered at International Conference “Rethinking Constitutional Reforms in Context” hold by Apella Institute for Policy Analysis and Dialogue in partnership with Open Society Foundations- Armenia, July 2014, Yerevan, Armenia

“Transformation of Political Institutions in Post-soviet Armenia” Paper delivered at the International conference “Political System Transformation in Post-soviet Independent States” hold by Moscow State Regional University, November, 2011, Moscow, Russia

“Security Dilemmas and Conflict Resolution Perspectives in the South Caucasus” Paper delivered at International Conference “Collective Security Treaty Organization and South Caucasus: Peace and Security Perspectives in the Region” hold by the Institute of National Strategic Studies of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Armenia and Collective Security Treaty Organization Secretariat, May 2011, Yerevan, Armenia

“The EU Role in the South Caucasus Security Context” Paper delivered at International Conference “The EU’s Role in the South Caucasus From Cooperation to Partnership through Reforms: Challenges and Opportunities”, May 2011, Yerevan, Armenia

“Current Challenges and Security Problems in the South Caucasus” Paper delivered at International conference “Problems of Security and Information Cooperation in the South Caucasus”, Yerevan, September- October, 2010

“Institutional Design as a Stability Building Factor” Paper delivered at International conference “Tolerance – pre-condition for collaboration”, Tbilisi, May 2010

“Internationalization Process at Yerevan State University” Paper delivered at 3<sup>rd</sup> International scientific conference of the Euroasian Universities Association “Universities and Society. Cooperation and Development of Universities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, Moscow, April 2010

“Democratization in Armenia” Paper delivered at the International conference “Social Democracy in the Caucasus” Conference co-organised by the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity, the S&D Group in the European Parliament and the Party of European Socialists (PES), Tbilisi, March 2010

“Power Struggle and Political Opposition in Armenia” Paper delivered at “Central Asia and the Caucasus in Transnational Context” workshop hold by Georgetown University within the frames of the Eurasian Strategy Project, Tbilisi, Georgia, June 2008

“Armenia and the European Neighborhood Policy” Presentation delivered at Seminar “Caucasus and the European Union. Economic and Political Relations” hold at the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Genoa, Genoa, Italy, May 2008

“Armenian-Turkish Relations: Looking at the Past, Working for the Future” Presentation delivered at the parliamentary hearings “Armenian-Turkish Relations: Problems and Perspectives” hold by the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan, December 2007

“Political Actors and Political Process on the Eve of the 2008 Presidential Elections in Armenia” Paper presented at the International Conference “NIS *Terra Incognita*: Contemporary Political Processes in former Soviet Republics”, Kazan, Russia, November-December 2007

“Major Political Actors and Their Standings on the Eve of the 2008 Presidential Elections in Armenia” Paper presented at the Conference “Armenia on the Eve of the Presidential Elections” Yerevan, Armenia, November 2007

“Semipresidentialism: Definitions, Typology and Actors Authorities.” Paper presented at Eurasian Political Studies Network 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference “Political Science and Political Processes in Russian Federation and Newly Independent States”, Moscow, Russia, February 2007



“Semipresidentialism concept and practice revisited: comparative study of regimes formation and development in the post-soviet region.” Paper presented at Armenian National Political Science conference, Yerevan, November, 2006

“Semipresidentialism in Action - Armenia Before and After the 2005 Constitutional Referendum” Paper presented at the International Conference “Comparative Institutional Transformations and Institutional Design in the Post-Soviet Region,” Yerevan, May, 2006

“The Concept of Semipresidentialism within Post-soviet Transformation Context” Paper presented at Eurasian Political Studies Network 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference “Political Science and Political Processes in Russian Federation and Newly Independent States”, Ekaterinburg, Russia, February 2006

“Democratization in Armenia. Comparative Perspectives” Paper presented at the International Round Table “People, States and Security: Regional and Global Context of Democratization in the South Caucasus” held by the Institute for Civil Society and Regional Development in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of RA and Conflict Studies Research Centre, the UK. Yerevan, Armenia, October 11 – 12, 2005

“Regime Formation and Development in Armenia” Paper presented at the 2005 Summer International Symposium “Regional and Transregional Dynamism in Central Eurasia: Empires, Islam and Politics” held at the Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan, July 7-9, 2005

“Democracy Future in Armenia: Institutional and Mass Believes Perspectives.” Paper presented at the conference “A Human Rights Perspective for Peace and Democracy in Armenia” held in cooperation between the VW-Tandem Research Team “Teaching Human Rights in Europe,” Humboldt University and the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Potsdam in Germany; the Friedrich Ebert-Foundation Office in the Caucasus and Yerevan State University. Yerevan, April, 2005

“Problems of Democratic Consolidation in Armenia (based on the analysis of values and attitudes of Armenian population.” Paper presented at Eurasian Political Studies Network 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference “Political Science and Political Processes in Russian Federation and Newly Independent States”, Ekaterinburg, Russia, February 2005

“Armenian Constitutional Changes: Slight Amendments or Heavy Reform?” Paper presented at Eurasian Political Studies Network 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference “Political Science and State Authorities Interaction in the Formation of the Political Processes in Russian Federation and New Independent States”, Ekaterinburg, Russia, February, 2004

“Theoretical and Practical Questions about Political Opposition in Post-Soviet States” Paper presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, April 2003. In co-authorship with Vicki Hesli and Andriy Gorbachyk

Fall 2001 – Spring 2002 Presentations at the University of Iowa, Allegheny College, and the Stanley Foundation devoted to the issues of democratization and post - Soviet developments in Central Asia and the Caucasus

“The Analysis of Electoral Campaigns in Armenia From the Viewpoint of Human Rights Protection” Paper presented at the International Symposia “Human Rights Protection in the Caucasus: The Role of Society and Authority”, Sochi, Russia, April, 2001

“Presentation on international cooperation and partnership projects of Yerevan State University delivered at the international conference “Development of Communications at Tbilisi State University”, Tbilisi, Georgia, March, 2001

”The Formation of Governmental Forms in Post-totalitarian States”. Paper presented at “Social Sciences at the Edge of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” interuniversity scientific conference, Yerevan, 2000

Discussant, Panel on “Foreign Policy and Regional Security”, Caucasus Regional Student Conference organized by Civic Education Project, Tbilisi, Georgia, November, 1999

"The International Factors of Democratic Transition" Paper presented at the Scientific Conference dedicated to the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Yerevan State University, Yerevan, October, 1999

“The Types and Functions of Political Representation” Paper presented at the Conference “Representative Democracy” organized by Areg-73 NGO and the UNDP, Yerevan, April 1999

Presentations at Yerevan State University and Yerevan State Institute of Foreign Languages on Electoral System and Electoral Law of the Republic of Armenia. Organized by Areg-73 NGO and the UNDP, Yerevan, March - April 1999.

“Changes of the Electoral Law in Armenia 1990 - 1998” Paper presented at All-Russian Scientific Conference “The Development of Political Science at Russian Universities”, Samara, Russia, February 1999

Speeches and presentations on transitional processes, executive-legislative relations and electoral behavior in Armenia delivered during the Summer University on Political Science, Almaty, Kazakhstan, August, 1998

“The Analysis of Executive-Legislative Interrelations in Armenia During the Independent Statehood Foundation”, Paper presented at International Scientific Seminar “Political Culture of Regions”, Samara, Russia, June, 1998

1997 - 2008 Presentations at the scientific conferences held by the Department of Political Science of the Yerevan State University

Presentations on theory of democracy and democratic transitions delivered during the meetings of “Society in Transition” Seminar, Yerevan, 1995 - 1996

### **Additional Professional Activities**

2016 Trainer at training on "Project management" within EU funded project "Civil Society. Dialogue for Progress", Yerevan, Armenia

2014 – Visiting Professor, Yanka Kupala State University of Grodno, Belarus

2008 – Acting Head, Public Administration Department, YSU

2004– 2007 Team leader for Public Administration curricula development project and team member for Political Science curricula development/reform project, YSU.

2007, December, Participation in the Parliamentary hearings “Armenian-Turkish Relations: Problems and Perspectives” held by the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

2007, 2004, 2003 Served as Selection Committee member for the Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP), American Council for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS

2005, April – June Expert. "Understanding Armenian Governing Structure" project, administered by Project Harmony-Armenia.

2005, May “Armenia’s Troubled Transformation” guest lecture delivered at Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of International Studies, Prague, Czech Republic

2005, April Graduate level intensive course “Democracy and Democratic Institutions” taught via the Department of Post-University Education for in-service practitioners/civil servants

2005, March “Research paper writing skills development” guest lecture presented at YSLU within the frames of joint JFDP alumni event.

2003 – 2004 Member of YSLU Political Science curricula reform group. (Group members: V. Poghosyan, Chair, UNESCO Dept of Human Rights and Democracy, Member of RA Constitutional Court; Hayk Gyuzalyan, CEP Alumni; Gayane Gasparyan, YSLU Vice Rector). Elaboration of new curricula for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years PS students at YSLU.

2004 Delivering presentations for 2 workshops held by the American Council office in Armenia. October 22 Job search workshop (presentation on CV writing and CV styles). October 30 - Academic Writing Workshop – presentation on the stages of the research process.

2004 May Speaker and jury member for the American Council workshop and contest on Leadership skills.

2004 Presentation at American Council workshop on interactive teaching methods at YSU Faculty of Economics, May 4. The workshop was attended by the staff of various educational institutions, PiE, JFDP alumni and students of YSU, YSLU. Target group involved the staff of the institutions.

2004 Speaker for two American Council workshops on Contemporary Teaching Methods. March 17 – at YSU Faculty of Journalism and on March 26 at Armenian Agricultural Academy. Both workshops were attended by the staff of the institutions and in more limited range – students. Contemporary teaching techniques were presented, especially emphasized the use of group discussion during the classes, its strength and weaknesses. The target group involved the staff of the institutions.

2004, Served as interviewer for the Partners in Education Program (PiE), American Council for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS

2003 Guest lecture presented by request of the American Council office in Armenia for «Choose Your Future Career.» fair/workshop. Topic presented – International Affairs and Political Science: carrier possibilities, challenges and market opportunities in Armenia. December 19

2003 Delivered presentation “How to Write Project Proposals” by request of the American Council office in Armenia. November 28

2002, Served as Selection Committee member for the Partners in Education Program (PiE), American Council for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS

1999-2000 Civic Education Project (CEP) - Armenia. Member of the Committee for Evaluation of CEP Program

1998, November, Participation in 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Association for International Education, Stockholm, Sweden. “History of Higher Education in Armenia and History of Yerevan State University” presentation delivered during the seminar on Swedish-Armenian cooperation within the TEMPUS, Stockholm, Sweden

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### **Areas of Research and Professional Interest**

Democratization Processes. Problems of Democratic Transition and Consolidation; Parliaments and Parliamentary Activities in NIS and Eastern European Countries; Presidents and Executive in NIS and Eastern European Countries; Executive-Legislative Relations in NIS and Eastern European Countries; Electoral Laws and Electoral Processes in NIS and Eastern European Countries. Studies in Political Opposition. Comparative Trends in Higher Education and Bologna Process Influence over Educational Development in Newly Independent States

### **Professional Memberships**

2011 – present Board member, Political Science Association, Armenia  
2004 – present Eurasian Political Studies Network  
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2002 – present “European Integration” NGO  
1996 – present Member of the Union of Lawyers and Politicians of Armenia  
1995 - 1998 Coordinator and co-chairman of the Yerevan Chapter of Democracy Seminars named “Societies in Transition”

### **Honors**

2016 By the Decree of the President of RA awarded the Medal of Gratitude

2014 Awarded Golden medal of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia for achievements

2009 Awarded YSU Golden Medal for Achievements

2000 and 2001 Official Citations by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia

1997 Official Citation by Massachusetts Senate

1997 Honorary Diploma for Graduation from King Philip Regional School, Wrentham, MA, USA

1993 Graduation with Distinction from the Faculty of History of Yerevan State University

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