

Members of the National Preventive Mechanism Advisory Council



Iago Kachkachishvili

Sociologist, head of the department of sociology and social work at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. In Addition, he is the director of Non-governmental organization “Institute for Social Studies and Analysis”. Various social studies on politics, education, health, identity nationality, democracy and civil society issues have been carried out by his direct guidance and participation. Iago is an author of more than 60 scientific articles and ten books, half of which are published in English and Russian. In different times he was/is: a member of Executive board of Open Society –Georgia, Member of the Independent Experts' Club, a member of the Academy of Natural Sciences and an honorary member of the Association of Social Workers, etc.



Nino Makhashvili

Graduated Tbilisi State Medical Institute and specializes in psychiatry. She has worked for many years in the field of social psychiatry and psychotraumatology providing services to IDPs and refugees, as well as to prisoners. She also specialized in providing therapeutic, as well as psychological and social rehabilitation services to victims of torture and domestic violence. Being the leader of “Global Initiative on Psychiatry Tbilisi” team, she strives to facilitate reforms in the field of mental health care in the South Caucasian and Central Asian countries to establish human rights based, humane mental health systems and services.

Nino is a director of the Mental Health Centre at the Ilia State University, has given foundation to the master program in mental health and lectures within this program. She is a member of the board of ISHHR, regional representative in Caucasus and Central Asia of IFHHRO. She conducts trainings for various professionals of different countries on human rights and mental health care.



Tsira Chanturia

Graduated the public relations faculty of the Georgian Technical University with distinction and the faculty of law of the Grigol Robakidze University Since 2003 she has worked at the South Caucasus Regional Office of the Penal Reform International (PRI) and since 2010 she acts as a director. She has worked on issues of torture prevention and prison monitoring within various projects for more than 10 years. She actively participated in the campaign for the support of ratification of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture. In 2006-2007 she chaired the public monitoring commission established at the Rustavi Prison N6.

From 2007 she represents PRI in the Inter-agency Coordination Council to

Combat Torture. She participated in the elaboration of the strategy and action plan on torture. At the moment she is engaged in the monitoring process of the implementation of the EU Association Agenda.



Nino Gobronidze

Nino Gobronidze is a Lawyer, she is working in the field of Human rights since 2005. Currently she is working as a senior project officer at the Council of Europe Office in Georgia, Fighting Discrimination, Hate Crime and Hate Speech in Georgia

In 2013-2017 Nino headed a joint project of the Council of Europe and the European Union "Human Rights and Health in Prisons and Closed Type Institutions". In 2005-2011 she worked for various positions in Young Lawyers Association of Georgia and in the Open Society Justice Initiative on the rights of detainees, freedom of information, anticorruption, judiciary, political party financing and elections. She is a co-author of many publications.

Nino holds an LLM in Human Rights from the Central European University, and is also a graduate of the Javakhishvili State University.



Nona Kurdovanidze

Nona Kurdovanidze has been leading Legal Assistance Program since March, 2019 and is a member of the Board of Directors of GYLA. The program incorporates legal aid centers operating at GYLA`s 9 offices, along with the constitutional and international litigation teams. Nona undertakes responsibility for the strategic introduction and development of the relevant program, effective implementation of ongoing projects within the program, management of strategic litigation cases, as well as the development of corresponding organizational and management systems.

She has been working at Georgian Young Lawyers` Association (GYLA) since 2009. At various times, she held the positions of the attorney, the coordinator for the project on IDPs rights, the head of the Legal Assistance Center, the position of the project coordinator on the rights of torture victims. Nona is a board member of GYLA since 2015. From February 2018, she has been elected as the Deputy Chairperson by the Board.

Since 2009 she is an attorney of general specialization and has personally advocated for more than 100 cases in common courts and administrative bodies.

Nona is the author/co-author of up to 10 researches dealing with justice,

	<p>legislation on administrative offenses, ill-treatment, the right to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, the state policy concerning IDPs and the right of proper housing.</p> <p>She has participated in numerous conferences and training programs. Nona Kurdovanidze holds a Master`s Degree in Law Studies.</p>
 <p>Besarion Bokhashvili</p>	<p>Elected by the Bar Association Besarion Bokhashvili has been a non-lawyer member of the Ethics Commission since December 09, 2017. He actively engages in educational and research activities.</p> <p>Graduated from Tbilisi State University with honors and received a bachelor's degree. In 2015- 2006, Besarion Bokhashvili graduated with honors from the University of Nottingham, UK, with a Master's Degree in International Human Rights.</p> <p>Besarion Bokhashvili is an invited lecturer at Tbilisi Free University Law School. Since 2012, he has also been a local representative of the Council of Europe in the field of legal education for judges, prosecutors and lawyers.</p> <p>Besarion is the author and co-author of numerous books on human rights, and has conducted comparative analyzes of existing human rights legislation, practice and international standards in Georgia. Besarion is a lecturer and associate professor at the High School of Justice, Tbilisi Free University, Caucasus School of Law, Education and Training Foundation of the Georgian Young Lawyers' Association.</p> <p>In 2004-2005 he worked as a lawyer for strategic litigation of GYLA.</p> <p>Worked as a State Representative at the European Court of Human Rights from 2005-2007.</p> <p>Since 2009, Besarion has been working as a head of the EU project, Executive director of the Georgian Young Lawyer's Association, He also worked as a human rights expert of the Council of Europe, European Union, United Nations Development Fund, the UN Human Rights High Commissioner's Office, UNICEF, the German Technical Assistance and Cooperation Fund.</p> <p>Currently Besarion Bokhashvili is a representative of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights in Georgia.</p>