

Dimitri Japaridze

Dimitri Japaridze graduated from Tbilisi State University and received B.A. degree in Tourism and Regional Studies. During his studies he was actively involved in sport competitions and became two-time champion of Georgia in basketball and also in swimming. In 1991-92 he studied at Entrepreneurship program in Neuchatel University (Switzerland) and also got internship at High School of Tourism in Sierra, Valais. In 1999, he graduated from the Faculty of Law at Tbilisi State University. In 1999-2003 he studied at R. Kennedy College in Delamont (Switzerland) and was awarded the degree of Doctor in Business Administration. Since 2006 Dimitri Japaridze was engaged in academic sector as Associated Professor of Economics at Ilia State University. In 2012 he became a Full Professor. In 2008-2009 he had managed the Academy of Sports and in 2009-2010 was elected as a Dean of the Faculty of Business and Law.

For many years, he had pursued various trainings and qualification programs in business, banking, finance and trade fields in the 20 European and US universities. He is also successful participant of various EU projects. In 2013 he was awarded scholarships to conduct researches at Cambridge University and in 2015 at Kentucky State University. In 2016 he was an invited researcher at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in New York. During 1993-2004, he held various leading positions in the Georgian commercial banks. In 2003-2008 he served as a President of the Georgian National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Georgia). In 2005-2008 he was elected as a Deputy-Chairman of Trade Committee in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE, Geneva). He also presided the Stakeholders' Council at the "Millennium Challenge – Georgia" in 2007-2009.

Prof. Dimitri Japaridze has also participated in many international conferences as a keynote speaker. At present, he serves a Director of the Institute of Economics and Business at Ilia State University and a Speaker of the Representative Council.

Scientific interests / research interests

The spheres of his primary research interests are SMEs, Entrepreneurship, Tourism, Strategic Management, Development Economics, Rural Development, EU Economic Integration, Global Political Economy, Economy of the South Caucasus, etc.