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Personal data

Date of Birth: 12 June, 1978. **Place of Birth:** Yerevan, Armenia. **Gender:** Female.
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Education

1995 - 1999

Division of History, History-Geographical Department, Kh. Abovyan Yerevan State Pedagogical University (Diploma)

Specialization: Teacher of History

Working Experience

Ministry for Territorial Administration

State Migration Service of Armenia

External Relations Division

2010 to present

▪ *Head*

2008 - 2009

▪ *Senior specialist*

2001 – 2008

▪ *Leading specialist*

2000 – 2001

▪ *First class specialist*

Participation in development and amendment of the state migration policy; participation in drafting legal acts regulating migration field; collection of information on migration flows and development of a relevant database; provision of implementation of international cooperation with different organizations: IOM, UNHCR, ILO, EU institutions and with others.

2010 to present

Special Course on “**Migration Management**” for MA students

Armenian State University of Economics, Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) State University

• **Lecturer**

June, 2010 to present

Project “**Post Arrival Assistance to Armenian Returnees from the Netherlands**” implementing by the **State Migration Service of RA in cooperation with International Center for Human Development, NGO, Armenia**

• **Reintegration specialist** (*reception of beneficiaries; conducting interviews; keeping the records; consultancy and advices on general integration issues and orientation of beneficiaries; preparation of the reports.*)

March, 2007- 2009

Project “Support to Migration Policy Development and Relevant Capacity Building in Armenia” supported by EU, cooperation with British Council, implemented by the International Center for Human Development (NGO) and Migration Agency of Armenia

• **Specialist at the Migrants’ Support Unit** (*provide information to emigrants regarding several key aspects of their possible return, develop and distribute among the returnees information and brief guides about policies and projects carried out in Armenia in the migration field; development and periodically updating the content of the internet portal (www.backtoarmenia.com) about policies and projects carried out in Armenia and on-line reply to migrants on return-related issues.*)

January, 2006 - 2010

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Center for International Governance (CIG)-Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies (GIIDS), Project “**Capacity Building in International Relations(CABIR) in South Caucasus**”

- *Social Events Manager of the Alumni Council of Armenia (Elaboration, coordination and implementation of social events for the Alumni).*

Researches

September, 2009 – April, 2010

Research was conducted to draft the “**Concept Paper on Reintegration of Returnees to Armenia**” in the framework of the Project “Reinforcement of management of migratory flows in Armenia” of the Thematic Program of Cooperation with Third Countries in the Areas of Migration and Asylum. The research was supported by European Commission and Czech Government, conducted by “People in Need –Armenia” and “Armenian UN Association” NGOs (September, 2009 – April, 2010), (*the book is in the process of publication*).

- **Expert & Researcher**

September - November, 2009

Study on the “**Effects of the Global Financial and Economic Crisis on Migration, (Returning) Migrants and Remittances in Armenia**” by the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

- **Researcher**

May – November, 2008

“**Return Migration to Armenia in 2002-2008: A Study**” supported by OSCE implemented by the “Advanced Social Technologies” NGO, Yerevan

- **Consultant & Researcher**

January 2007- January 2008

Individual sociological research project on “**Return Migration and reintegration of re-migrants in Armenia**” in the framework of Scholarship Programme of *Heinrich-Böll-Foundation* in the South Caucasus.

- **Researcher**

December 2001 – August 2002

Research Project on “**Armenian Perspectives on Social Change**”

“**Yerevan Academy**” *International Association of Humanities Scholars*” NGO

- **Researcher**

Special Courses/ seminars

14 February 2011 - 11 March, 2011

Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) Capacity Building Programme on “**International Economic Issues & Development Policy**” under the ITEC/SCAAP of the Government of India.

New Delhi (India)

20 September - 1 October, 2010

The 3rd edition of the Turin International Summer School on “**Migration - Challenges and Opportunities for Europe**” at the University Institute of European Studies.

Turin, Italy

7 June - 12 June, 2010

“**6th course on the Law of Internal Displacement**” organized by the *International Institute of Humanitarian Law* in collaboration with the *Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons* and with support of the *Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement*.

San Remo, Italy

16 - 20 November, 2009

Training Course on “**Socio-professional reintegration of returning migrants in their countries of origin**” at the International Training Centre of the ILO.

Turin, Italy

28 June – 3 July, 2009

Unidem Campus Trieste Seminar on “**Policies on the Protection and Social**

- Integration of Immigrants and Their Implementation at the International, National and Local Level*” organized by the European Commission for Democracy Through Law (Venice Commission).
- Trieste, Italy**
- 12 January – 3 April, 2009 Chevening Fellowship Programme on “*Managing Migration*” at the Sussex Centre for Migration Research of University of Sussex organized by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the UK.
- Brighton, UK**
- 22 September –3 October, 2008 “*Border Research School in Agarak: development of methods in field work*” organized by the Russian Center of Independent Social Research in St.Petersburg and Armenian Institute of New Social Studies supported by Heinrich-Böll-Foundation in the South Caucasus.
- Agarak, Armenia**
- 21 – 25 April, 2008 Study-Tour on “Germany Migration Administration System” in the framework of the Project “Support to Migration Policy Development and Relevant Capacity Building in Armenia”.
- Bielefeld, Germany**
- 11-17 August, 2007 Swiss Leadership Award in International Relations of Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva. Working trip for civil servants “*The South Caucasus, Europe and Switzerland: Prospects and Challenges for Cooperation*”
- Geneva, Switzerland**
- 2-6 May, 2006 TOT program “Essentials for Migration Administration” for specialists working in the field of Migration management. Organized by International Organization for Migration
- Yerevan, Armenia**
- 10-21 October, 2005 Training course on “*Capacity Building in Strategic Decision-Making: Lessons from the Development*”. Organized by the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS) & The Sasakawa Peace Foundation.
- Tbilisi, Georgia**
- September 27-November 3, 2004 Training course on “*Immigration Control Administration*”. Organized by the Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA), Osaka International Center(JICA Osaka), Osaka Regional Immigration Bureau and Pacific Resource Exchange Center(PREX).
- Osaka, Japan**
- October 21- October 23, 2003 Workshop on “*Theory, Evidence and Methods in the study of Migration*” conducted by Associate Professor of the Wisconsin-Madison University (USA) Theodore P. Gerber. Organized by the Caucasus Research Resource Centers–ARMENIA
- Tbilisi, Georgia**
- 8 November – 4 December, 2002 (88) Session in the field of “State Borders and Ports Protection” held at *Police Research Center – Police Academy*. Organized within the framework of the international security cooperation between Ministry of Interior of Arab Republic of Egypt and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Egyptian Technical Cooperation Fund for Commonwealth Countries, European Islamic Countries and Newly Independent Countries).
- Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt**
- October 12-26, 2002 Training series on Capacity Building in International Relations in the South Caucasus, “*Human Rights: Mechanism and Institutions in Theory and Practice*”. Organized by the Graduate Institute of International Studies, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and the Georgian Foundation for Security and International Studies, sponsored by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- Tbilisi, Georgia**

September – November 2000

Seminar on "*Social Security Problems of the Population of the Republic of Armenia*"
School of Public Administration, Republic of Armenia

◆ *Staff Development Certificate*

Yerevan, Armenia

Publications

Minasyan A., Poghosyan A., Gevorgyan L., Chobanyan H. "Study on Return Migration to Armenia in 2002-2008", Advanced Social Technologies NGO, OSCE Office in Yerevan, Yerevan 2008 (in Armenian and English).

"Return Migration to Armenia from Russia: From Reintegration to Remigration" Collection of papers. "The New South Caucasus: Overcoming old boundaries". *Heinrich-Böll-Foundation* in the South Caucasus, Tbilisi, 2008. *(in Russian)*.

"Return Migration and reintegration of re-migrants in Armenia" /Collection of young Scientifics' conference papers "Archaeological and Ethnological Issues - 3" Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology of RA NAS, *Yerevan, 2007 (in Russian)*.

"Migration Processes in Armenia"/Migration situation and migration policy in contemporary world/ Collection of the International School-seminar/ Migration: theory, methods and practice for management of migration processes (3-22 August 2003, Smolensk), Humanitarian University of Smolensk, 2003 *(in Russian)*.

"Wars cause only trouble and sorrow..." article is published in the Collage Women for peace: Caucasus outlook, December 2003, N 3 *(in Russian)*.

Armenian(native), **Russian** (excellent), **English** (good), **Turkish** (with dictionary), French (beginner)

Language skills

MS Office, Internet, Outlook Express

Computer skills

Website Administrator (www.backtoarmenia.com)

Hobbies

Playing chess, reading, traveling