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GEORGIAN ACADEMY OF CRIMINOLOGY SCIENCES

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Introduction to GACS - Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences

The Georgian Academy of Criminology Sciences was established on December 27, 2017 by the Director of the Grigol Robakidze University Justice and Criminology Scientific Research Institute by way of non-commercial, non-entrepreneurial legal person. The Academy is composed with prominent Georgian and international scientists and academics.

Key milestones include:

- Signing memorandum of inter-cooperation with Georgian National Science Academy in 2018.
- At the Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences, the Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences, the Georgian National Science Academy and the Grigol Robakidze University Justice and Criminology Scientific Research Institute conducted a four international conferences on criminology and victimology, particularly on following topics: **“National and Social Importance of Criminology, and its Place in the Scientific System”** which was dedicated to the 140th anniversary of the introduction of the term “Criminology” by a French physician-anthropologist Paolo Topinard (2019), **“Relevant Topics of Victimology”**, **“Relevant Topics of Criminality Research”** which was dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the “Criminality Research and Prognostication Center, and **“Relevant Topics of Criminality Prevention”**.
- The Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences, the Georgian National Science Academy and the Grigol Robakidze University Justice and Criminology Scientific Research Institute organized a weekly **“USA and Georgia Criminology”**, participating in which was the executive director of **the American Society of Criminology and a Nebraska University professor Chris Eskridge**. With participation by the academic staff and students, round table discussions took place at Grigol Robakidze University and the Georgian National Academy.

- The Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences, with cooperation from Justice and Criminology Scientific Research Institute of the Grigol Robakidze University and the Georgian Academy of Sciences has conducted a grant project in 2021 – 2022: **“About the Necessity of the Functioning Scientific Research Establishment inside the Ministry of Justice of Georgia”**. A special concept in this field was created based on this project, and it was published as a book.
- The **US Criminology Society journal “The Criminologist”** published an information regarding the successful work of the Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences, the Justice and Criminology Scientific Research Institute of the Grigol Robakidze University and the Georgian National Academy of Sciences (January 2023).
- Since 2007, the Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences, along with the Justice and Criminology Scientific Research Institute of the Grigol Robakidze University, has been producing an international scientific-practical journal – the **“Criminologist”**, in both Georgian and English, along with the add-ons to the journal. The chief editor of the journal is Professor **Malkhaz Badzaghua**. Published in the journal is information regarding the criminological studies, scientific conferences, round table discussions and other activities conducted by the Academy and the University.
- Since 2020, the following monographic studies have been prepared in, and released as books, at the Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences:
 - In 2020, a work titled **“Children – the Future of Terrorism”** by a member of the Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences and an associate professor of the Grigol Robakidze University, professor **Davit Sujashvili** was published in Georgian and English.
 - In 2021, a monographic work titled **“Group Criminality in Georgia”** by the President of the Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences and the Director of the Grigol Robakidze University Justice and Criminology Scientific Research Institute was published.
 - In 2021, a monographic work titled “Deontology in Terms of International Media Justice” by a member of the Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences and a professor of the Grigol Robakidze University **Maia Nadareishvili** was published.
 - In 2023, a work titled **“Basics of Career Development”** by a member of the Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences and an associate professor of the Grigol Robakidze University, professor **Davit Sujashvili** was published.
 - In 2023, a monographic work titled **“Group Criminality Transformation in Georgia”** by the President of the Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences, the Director of the Grigol Robakidze University Justice and Criminology Scientific Research Institute, and the Professor of the Georgian Technical University **Malkhaz Badzaghua** was published in Georgian and English.\

On July 25th, 2023, by the decision of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, the Georgian Academy of Criminological Sciences has been granted the special consultant status at the United Nations. Since October 2024, the Georgian Academy of Criminology Science has become a member of Alliance of NGO’s On Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.