



Grigol Beradze



Biography

Dr. Grigol Barzade, an Iranologist and professor at Ilia State University of Georgia, was born in 1943 in Tbilisi. In 1965, Bradze graduated from the State Faculty of Oriental Studies at Tbilisi State University with a degree in Iranian Studies and Middle Eastern History, and joined the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Georgian Academy of Sciences in Tbilisi, where he began his postgraduate studies. In 1970, he received a doctorate in Iranian studies from the University of Tbilisi. Dr. Bradzeh was invited by the Ministry of Education of Iran as an expert translator from 1974 to 1977. From 1996 until today, he has held the position of Deputy Director, Managing Director and Chief Research Fellow at the Institute of Oriental Studies in Tbilisi.

Grigol Bradze is a Vice-President of the Georgian-Iranian Society for Scientific-Cultural Relationship and Collaboration (since 1993), and Deputy Chairman of the Joint Georgian-Iranian Commission on the Teaching of Persian Language in Georgia (since 1996).

He is elected as a Member of the Societas Iranologica Europaea, Rome (since 1990); Member of the European Society for Central Asian Studies (since 1998); Member of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (since 2000); Member of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, USA (since 2004); Member of Academic Council of the International Research Centre for East-West Relations, Tbilisi (in 1993-2008); Member of Board of the International Centre for Geopolitical and Regional Studies, Tbilisi (in 1995-2010); Member of the Association of Georgia's Relationship with Arab Countries, Tbilisi (since 1991). Dr. Grigol Barzade is also a member of the editorial board of many magazines.

Dr. Grigol Beradze in various years (1972-1974, 1979-1995) taught the history and geography of Iran at Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. From 1991 to 2009 he was a Professor of the modern Persian language and Iranian history at Tbilisi Institute of Asia and Africa, where he also conducted a special seminar "Georgian-Iranian historical and cultural relations".

He has studied problems of the history and culture of Iran, Central Asia and the Caucasus of the Middle Ages and Modern Times, problems of the historical and cultural interrelations of Iran and Georgia, as well as different issues and problems of history of Islamic art, Islamic epigraphy, numismatics, and sphragistics.

Dr. Grigol Beradze has participated in numerous international scientific congresses, conferences and symposia in Tbilisi, Moscow, Baku, Yerevan, Tehran, Istanbul, London, Berlin, Paris, Rome, Vienna, Delhi, Sarajevo, St. Petersburg, Cambridge, Isfahan, Shiraz, Mashhad, etc., and has published up to 100 scholarly works in Georgian, Russian, English, German, French, Persian, Arabic and Japanese languages. He is editor-in-chief of the first Georgian-language encyclopedic reference book about Islam, published in 1999 in Tbilisi. In 1998-1999, the Persian text of the Vasiyyat-Name-ye Siyyasi-Elahi-ye Emam Khomeini was translated into the Georgian language by a group of Georgian Iranologists in the G. Tsereteli Institute of Oriental Studies under the direction and editorship of Dr. Grigol Beradze.

