

FOREWORD



In light of the evolving dynamics within the multilateral development of the Constitutional Court of Georgia, alongside the ongoing legal and socio-political processes globally and nationally, the necessity for active academic discourse becomes increasingly evident. The reasoned analysis of the issues central to constitutionalism stands

as a crucial prerequisite for ensuring the sustainability and effectiveness of the liberal-democratic constitutional order.

“Journal of Constitutional Law” has been established as a reputable academic publication, providing Georgian scientists, legal practitioners, and young researchers to disseminate their work to a wide audience and establish themselves within the field of research endeavors. The Journal contributes significantly to the ongoing legal discourse regarding constitutional matters, thus it helps legal professionals in enhancing their understanding across various fields of law.

This edition of the “Journal of Constitutional Law” includes five academic works by Georgian authors. Notably, the Journal includes works of Georgian researchers on the following interesting legal issues: The constitutional scope of the delegation of law-making competence (authored by Lela Macharashvili), juridification tendencies and justice sector reforms in Georgia (authored by Sopho Verdzeuli), understanding the practice of recognition of the norm as unconstitutional by the Constitutional Court of Georgia (authored by Davit Abesadze), the permissibility of holding a referendum under the conditions of occupation of the territories of Georgia (professor authored by George Goradze), and the constitutional status of the President of Georgia in the field of foreign relations (by Tea Kavelidze). Furthermore, this edition presents the academic work of Andrew Kopelman – a professor from Northwestern University (United States of America) on the moral-philosophical issues of freedom of religion, which are pertinent to the ongoing process of understanding the constitutional and legal framework of the liberal-democratic order.

I believe that the present edition of the “Journal of Constitutional Law” will prove to be a valuable source in fostering academic discourse and advancing legal knowledge. It is particularly gratifying to note that this year, the Constitutional Court of Georgia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University.

This Memorandum signifies the establishment of a close collaborative platform between the Constitutional Court of Georgia and Tbilisi State University in academic, educational, and research fields. Among its provisions, the Memorandum includes collaborative efforts in publishing activities, as well as organizing conferences, public lectures, seminars, and implementing various educational projects at the Constitutional Court. By synergizing the resources of the Constitutional Court of Georgia and Tbilisi State University, it will be possible to implement meaningful academic and educational events, thereby creating new opportunities for individuals engaged in the teaching and learning process of the legal profession.

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