## Gafgaz Rzayev

#### International Affairs Professional

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## Summary

I like history. It is very interesting to reconstruct the events, which were in the past, then find out how it influenced our life. I would like to participate in such projects.

## Experience

#### **Security Guard at Peace Corps**

August 2007 - April 2015 (7 years 9 months)

#### Junior Researcher at INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES

April 2001 - May 2009 (8 years 2 months)

The researches were mostly devoted to the Caspian geopolitics and "Silk Road" strategy of Azerbaijan Republic .

### Lecturer at «Qafqaz» University

February 2008 - June 2008 (5 months)

# International terrorism. # Nationalism and related issues of the modern international relations.

#### Translator at Silos Cordoba; Baku Grain Terminal.

March 2007 - March 2007 (1 month)

Translating for chief-rigger and representatives of Silos Cordoba firm during installation works in Baku Grain Terminal.

# Fundraiser/ sales-manager at Firm "Caspi"/Foundation for Disadvantaged Azeri Children & Youth July 2004 - August 2005 (1 year 2 months)

Establishing cooperation with foreign investors, making marketing on the local market of motorcycles.

#### Engineer- translator at Scientific - Engineering center "Khazri" (Group on bar coding)

November 1999 - February 2000 (4 months)

Providing translations during phone calls with the head quarter in Brussels and translating special literature on bar coding.

#### Interpreter – translator at Caspian Geophysical JV (Scientific Research Vessel "Baki")

August 1996 - February 1997 (7 months)

Translating technical documents of geophysical and sea vessel equipment and providing translations for international crew.

## Interpreter – translator at Pennzoil Caspian Corporation (Lay barge "Suleyman Vezirov")

September 1993 - December 1993 (4 months)

Translating for foreign welders and engineers on the lay barge during installation of oil pipeline under the sea.

## Courses

## 'Bachelor of Science, International Relations and Affairs

TAILUIT	
Baku State University	
Turkish language	600 hours
Russian Literature	194 hours
Introduction into Turki# philology	36 hours
History of Azerbaijan	70 hours
Political History	210 hours
Introduction into Literary Criticism	36 hours
Geography of Turkey	36 hours
Introduction into Linguistics	70 hours
Philosophy	102 hours
Psychology	50 hours
Turkish Folklore	36 hours
History of Turkey	106 hours
Azerbaijani	70 hours
History of Turkish Literature	140 hours
Pedagogics	54 hours
Political and Economic Geography	72 hours
Theory of State and Law	72 hours
Political systems	54 hours
History of Slavic Peoples	54 hours
History of European and American countries	124 hours
History of Asian and African countries	124 hours
History of International Relations	346 hours
German	960 hours
Economic Theory	68 hours
International Law	72 hours
International organisations	98 hours
Diplomatic Protocol	52 hours
Politologiya	72 hours
Foreign policy of European countries	120 hours
Foreign policy of Asian countries	120 hours

Diplomatic Consular Service 64 hours
Theory of International Relations 54 hours
English 250 hours
Diplomatic practice 38 hours

Secondary education certificate., Russian Language and Literature, Algebra, Geometry, History, English, Physics, Chemistry etc.

Secondary school # 175 in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.

Russian language

Algebra and beginnings of the analysis

Geometry

Fundamentals of Informatics and Computer Facilities

Social Science

Geography

**Biology** 

**Physics** 

Astronomy

Chemistry

Labor Training and Vocational Education

**Initial Military Preparation** 

Physical culture

Drawing

Fine Arts

Music and Singing

#### Test Scores

## **International English Language Testing System**

June 2011 Score: 6.0

Listening 5.5; Reading 5.5; Writing 5.5; Speaking 7.0; Overall Band Score 6.0.

## Languages

English(Full professional proficiency)Azerbaijani(Native or bilingual proficiency)Russian(Native or bilingual proficiency)

**German** (Elementary proficiency)

## Honors and Awards

#### **Third Award Diploma**

Baku State University, National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan Republic and Azerbaijan International Operating Company

## May 1997

Competition of the scientific-research works of young scientists and students on the theme of "Yesterday, today and tomorrow of Azerbaijan oil". The report "The perspectives of the international cooperation on the struggle against oil and oil products pollution in the basin of the Caspian Sea" was published in the miscellaneous of the awarded scientific-research works in 1997.

## **Certificate of Appreciation**

**US Peace Corps** 

August 2014

In recognition of your outstanding service and dedication to Peace Corps Azerbaijan as Guard. With deep appreciation for your significant contributions, we thank you. Carolyn Hessler-Radelet, Director. Keri M. Lowry, Regional Director, EMA.

## Volunteer Experience

### Volunteer at World Hope International

July 2009 - July 2009 (1 month)

I worked as an interpreter for American and Azerbaijanian teachers.

## Skills & Expertise

**International Relations** 

**Foreign Policy** 

**International Development** 

**International Security** 

Russian

**Diplomacy** 

**Policy Analysis** 

**Political Science** 

**Politics** 

**Intercultural Communication** 

Government

Research

**Policy** 

**Translation** 

**International Law** 

**NGOs** 

History

**Capacity Building** 

**Strategy** 

**Fundraising** 

**Public Relations** 

**Economics** 

**Human Rights** 

**Qualitative Research** 

**Public Policy** 

**Teaching** 

**Proposal Writing** 

**Report Writing** 

**English** 

**Program Evaluation** 

**Editing** 

**Community Outreach** 

**European Union** 

**Community Development** 

**Interpreting** 

**Grant Writing** 

**Higher Education** 

**Program Development** 

Literature

**Microsoft Office** 

**Organizational Development** 

**Data Analysis** 

**Public Speaking** 

**Sustainable Development** 

**Civil Society** 

Journalism

**Analysis** 

**Foreign Languages** 

**Event Planning** 

**Program Management** 

### **Publications**

## The Caspian Sea - An Ecological Disaster Waiting To Happen?

AZERBAIJAN Today April 2, 2001

Authors: Gafgaz Rzayev

Nobody knows for sure what the effects of oil pollution are - but increased industrial activity undoubtedly has a negative impact on the sea's ecology, and on the plants and animals that depend on the Caspian Sea habitat. There's also an increasing possibility that this environmental damage may become irreversible - an extremely serious situation. Nobody can say for sure at which point the marine environment will lose the ability to absorb the impact of ecological damage, so nobody knows the point at which environmental degradation will become irreversible. The Caspian is the biggest body of water surrounded by land in the world, so the environmental threat is even more serious. Some 85 percent of sturgeon are concentrated in the Caspian. At the beginning of the 20th century, more than 6 thousand tons of sturgeon were caught annually in the Caspian sea and in the Kura river, yelding some 400 tons of caviar. In 1992-1993, about 120 tons of fish were caught, yelding just 4.3 tons of caviar. The disappearance of just one type of sea organism can have a disastrous affect on many ecosystems in the marine environment. We should also bear in mind that

the behaviour of certain chemical compounds formed by polutants in combination with the sea water has not been studied, so it's impossible to predict what kind of chemical reactions may take place in the Caspian in future - an effect which scientists call "synergy". So there is no guarantee that further increases in oil production will not have an increasingly adverse effect on the Caspian's biological resources. The countries involved should seek international input to resolve their differencies, and could even ask for advice from international organisations like Greenpeace, to ensure that the unique ecology of the Caspian is governed by the same kind of laws that protect the environment in other parts of the world.

### Environmental priorities of the strategy of Azerbaijan in the basin of Caspian sea.

Department of Ecological Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy and Law, National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan 1997

Authors: Gafgaz Rzayev

Further practical development of the wealth of the Caspian Sea, objectively, requires the enhancement of interstate cooperation in the field of protection of its environment, participation in international organizations, dealing with protection and rational use of marine resources.

## Perspectives of international cooperation in dealing with pollution of the Caspian Sea with oil and oil products.

Azerbaijan International Operating Company, Baku, 1997 1997

Authors: Gafgaz Rzayev

Environmental regional agreements are evidence of a certain level of political and legal maturity of countries in the sphere of nature protection, as they provide for fulfillment of more important obligations rather than general agreements. Monitoring of environment pollution and evaluation of possible consequences are inseparable part of regional agreements. Intergovernmental committees established by such conventions are acceptable forum for consultations of the interested countries for exchange of information, cooperation in case of a sudden pollution. Comparative study of regional conventions shows that ecological priorities of different regions differ from one another. As for Caspian countries one of the main problems may be the problem of reduction of bio-productivity and purity of sea as a result of pollution with oil and oil products. Variety of ecological problems is the evidence of importance of countries' efforts directed to elaboration of effective regional agreements. The importance of regional convention directed to maintenance of favorable conditions of environment will remain topical in the region of the Caspian Sea, where development of new deposits continues rapidly and natural environment is exposed to increasing influence of a man. It is quite natural, that signing of such convention must be preceded by determination of status of the Caspian sea by the Caspian countries. However, one thing is evident - if solution of political problem may be delayed until better times, solution of ecological problem may not be delayed, we may lose what we have - unique reservoir according to its significance and natural resources, which can not be found anywhere in the world. Moreover, change of ecological situation will lead to number of new problems. Tragedy of Aral lake is known to everyone.

## Education

**Baku State University** 

'Bachelor of Science, International Relations and Affairs, 1991 - 1996

Grade: Diploma of the Specialist in International Relations

Secondary school # 175 in Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia.

Secondary education certificate., Russian Language and Literature, Algebra, Geometry, History, English,

Physics, Chemistry etc., 1986 - 1988

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