

## EVGENI BLIADZE

### CONCEPT OF INTEGRITY OF GEORGIA IN POLITICAL THOUGHT OF VAKHUSHTI BAGRATIONI

Vakhushti Bagrationi (1696-1757) was the son of Vakhtang VI. As an adolescent he was educated according to the Georgian-Greek-oriental and the European education systems.

In 1742-1745 while in Russia, he completed the work titled *the Description of Kingdom of Georgia*. Meanwhile he carried out fruitful work as a translator.

Vakhushti's political ideas are of great interest given his extensive scholarly legacy. His attention was focused on urgent challenges of managing, developing and pursuing the integrity of Georgia. His special interest was directed towards such sides of the character as reliability, commitment to the fellow citizens, courageous fight for freedom, bulding cities and fortresses, and strengthening the country".

Vakhushti divides the Georgian society into lay and clergy and considers the reign of the King to be the main basis for strength and integrity of the country. For Vakhushti the fact that the inhabitants of every region of Georgia declare themselves as Georgian is of vital importance.

He evaluates the Georgian Kings according to their deeds accomplished in the interests of the country. The same is true of his assessment of his own father's legacy. Vakhushti supports and respects the rule of law and justice.