

**LUKADVALISHVILI**  
GEORGIAN-ARMENIAN RELATIONS  
IN MIKHEIL TAMARASHVILI'S BOOK  
"THE GEORGIAN CHURCH FROM  
THE BEGINNING TO THE PRESENT"

Due to geographical reasons and, later (at the dawn of the Common Era), on the grounds of religious affinity, the cultural, political, social and economic relations grew intertwined between the Georgians and Armenians who are the oldest indigenous neighbouring peoples of Transcaucasia. Therefore, the very nations with great history and culture often led wars together against their common enemies. However, not uncommonly, tensions between the two nations even led to a war; the reasons included instigations on the part of their internal and external enemies, and ingratitude and short sight of one part of seemingly „more patriotic” Armenian elite.

It seems that these are unfortunate facts that stimulated Mikheil Tamarashvili, a well-educated and decent patriot working in the cultural centers of Europe to compose a well-founded answer for the new and old generations of Armenians specializing in culture; those who engaged themselves in minimizing the legacy of the Georgian history and culture and overemphasizing the universal role of the Armenian ethnos.

Since its publication, more than a century has passed, though the proposed scientific topics were reinforced and validated over the course of time.