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Academic Career

- 1973 - 1978 studies at Shdanov University Leningrad (today St. Petersburg, Russia)
- 1978 graduated as a graduate historian for South Asian history
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