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Current Position

03/2018 – Researcher, Department of Mobility and Migration, Institute of Ethnology of the Czech Academy of Sciences (IE CAS)

Education

2006 – 2016 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Goldsmiths, University of London, Department of Anthropology
Dissertation: *War, asylum, and everyday life: The experiences of Chechen and Ingush refugees in Poland*

1998 – 2004 Master's degree (Mgr.), Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Arts, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology

Previous Appointments

10/2019 – 12/2023 Founding member and head of the Department of Mobility and Migration, IE CAS

09/2018 – 11/2020 Postdoctoral research fellow, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (Saale), Germany

03/2017 – 06/2018 Researcher (0.3 FTE), the Centre of Global Studies, Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences

01/2017 – 12/2017 Researcher (0.3 FTE), Department of Ethnic Studies, IE CAS

Scholarships

03/2022 – 07/2022 International mobility of researchers, technical and administrative staff of IE CAS (EUMOB). Stay at the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna.

02/2020 – 03/2020 Max-Cam Mobility Grant, University of Cambridge, Department of Social Anthropology

09/2018 – 11/2020 V4 Network Postdoctoral Scholarship, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (Saale), Germany

03/2009 – 06/2009 Marie Curie SocAnth Inter-Laboratory Visitor Short-Term Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle (Saale), Germany

12/2006 – 12/2008 Marie Curie SocAnth Doctoral Fellowship, Goldsmiths, University of London

Grants

01/2025 – 12/2028 Migration and Us: Mobilities, Refugees and Borders from the Perspective of the Human Sciences. Funded by the programme Jan Amos Komenský (OP

	JAK). A member of the working group Language, Race and Lived Experience of Migration
09/2022 – 12/2025	The National Institute for Research on the Socioeconomic Impact of Diseases and Systemic Risks (SYRI). Programme EXCELES (LX22NPO5101), Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. Principal Investigator from IE CAS
03/2017 – 03/2019	Migration and Religion: Past and Present in V4 Countries (Visegrad University Studies Grant, 61610028). A member of the team preparing online lectures on migration in V4 countries
03/2017– 01/2018	Global Conflicts and Local Interactions, Strategy AV21. Conference organisation
09/2011 – 12/2013	EUROFORPOL (Slovak Research and Development Agency, APVV-0484–10). A member of the research team and teaching appointment

Conferences

Conference and Workshop Organisation

- 2023 Living Through and Acknowledging Disruption: Envisioning Ethnography of Resilience in the Era of Multiple Crises. Conference, Prague, 12th of September. Co-organiser Luděk Brož.
- 2018 Consequences of Ethnography: Knowing Violence via the Self and Its Aftermath. Colloquium, Prague, 30th of January. Co-organiser Luděk Brož

Conference Panel Organisation

- 2023 'Recovering everyday life in an era of multiple crises,' panel organised with Martina Wilsch. SIEF 16th Congress, Brno June 7-10

Conference Presentations

- 2023 Living Through and Acknowledging Disruption: Envisioning Ethnography of Resilience in the Era of Multiple Crises. Prague
- 2022 17th Biennial Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA), Belfast. Panel 'Promises, Performativity, and Precarious Futures after Mass Violence'
- 2021 Immigrants from the Caucasus in Europe. Between a Vision of Freedom and Alienation, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw
- 2020 Annual Conference of the *Kulturwissenschaftliche Gesellschaft*, Frankfurt am Oder, Germany
- 2020 16th Biennial EASA Conference, Lisbon. Panel 'Affective Dimensions of Ethnographic Knowledge Construction'
- 2019 Workshop of Visegrad Anthropologists' Network, Halle (Saale)
- 2019 Royal Geographical Society Annual International Conference (with IBG), panel 'Emerging Notions in the Analysis of Forced Migration and Borders,' London
- 2019 Social and Cultural Consequences of Voluntary and Forced Migration in Europe, Poznan
- 2018 15th EASA Biennial Conference, Stockholm, panel 'Encountering Refugees Beyond Urban Europe: Everyday Interactions, Pragmatics and Outcomes'
- 2018 Consequences of Ethnography: Knowing Violence via the Self and Its Aftermath, Prague
- 2016 4th Biennial Conference of the Czech Association for Social Anthropology, Prague
- 2016 *Rovnost nezná hranice*, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague
- 2015 Masculinities and Mobilities: Ethnographic Approaches to Men and Change, Goldsmiths, London
- 2010 Emerging Social Structures and New Anthropologies, Central European University, Budapest
- 2008 10th EASA Biennial Conference, Ljubljana. Panel 'East Looks West and West Looks East: Mutual Constructions of Anthropology

Teaching

- 09/2011 – 12/2013 Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Institute of Social Anthropology. Courses: Economic Anthropology, Political Anthropology, Anthropology of Violence, Undergraduate Research Seminar
- 01/2009 – 06/2010 Assistant Lecturer, Goldsmiths, University of London, Department of Social Anthropology. Courses: Anthropology of Socialism and Post-Socialism (F. Pine), Political and Economic Anthropology (C. Alexander, M. Mollona)

Fieldwork

- 12/2022 – 12/2024 Fieldwork with research participants from Prague's creative and cultural sectors.
- 06/2007 – 12/2008 Accommodation centres for asylum seekers in Poland. Fieldwork with Chechen and Ingush war refugees

Professional Service

Board Membership

- 2011 – 2012 MigrationOnline.cz by Multicultural Centre Prague, Member of Advisory Board

Consultancy and Expert Advice

- 2022 Main author of the Czech Academy of Sciences' expert opinion (AVEX) on migration, co-authored with B. Ostřanský and K. Koutková

External Reviewing

- Project Evaluation: French Research Center in Humanities and Social Sciences (CEFRES)
- Book Proposal and Manuscript Evaluation: Anthem Press
- Journal Articles Manuscript Review: *Anthropologica Slovaca*; *Cargo: Journal for Cultural and Social Anthropology*; *Central and Eastern European Migration Review*; *Český lid / Czech Ethnological Journal*; *Gender a výzkum / Gender and Research*; *Ibero-Americana Pragensia*; *Romano Džaniben*
- Doctoral Thesis Examination: Faculty of Arts, Charles University; Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Professional Affiliations

- Since 2017 Member of the Czech Association for Social Anthropology
- Since 2008 Member of the European Association for Social Anthropology

Fellowships

- Since 11/2020 Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (Saale)
- 10/2016 – 09/2019 Honorary Fellow, Goldsmiths, University of London, Department of Social Anthropology

Awards

- 2018 Jacques Derrida Award for Best Article in Social Sciences in the Czech Republic. CEFRES

Summer Schools

- 2016 War and Violent Conflict in Socialist and Post-Socialist Societies, International Social Science Summer School in Ukraine
- 2005 Transnational Flows, Structures, Agents, and the Idea of Development, Central European University in Budapest

Non-Academic Work

- 09/2013 – 12/2014 Project manager, The Young Scientists of Slovakia (NGO aimed at popularisation of science among youth)
- 09/2013 – 06/2015 *Café Scientifique* Programme Coordinator, Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information.

Languages

- English – full professional proficiency
Slovak – native proficiency
German, Russian, Polish – limited working proficiency

20th of January 2025