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Education and degrees

- 2014 PhD, Sociology, Joint program: Vilnius University and Lithuanian Social Research Centre.
Dissertation: *Early drop-out of Roma children from school: analysis of the educational field*
- 2009 MA, Sociology (social anthropology), Vytautas Magnus University.
Thesis: *Forms of urban social organization: an organic food-coop in an African American neighborhood, in the New York City*
- 2007–2008 Fulbright student at the New School for Social Research (New York), MA Sociology program.
- 2004 BA with honours in Political Science, Vytautas Magnus University.
2002 Fall: Erasmus/Socrates student at the Freie Universität Berlin.

Academic career

- 2009–to date Research fellow at the Institute for Ethnic Studies, Lithuanian Social Research Centre
- 2014 Lecturer at Vytautas Magnus University, course *Globalisation and anti-globalism*
- 2012 Lecturer at Vilniaus Kolegija (University of Applied Sciences), supervision of undergraduate thesis.

Publications

- 2014 Child's right to education: lessons from a research in the Kirtimai settlement. *Integrating social sciences into legal research*, Vilnius: Vilnius university, 2014 04 10-11. P. 283-290. ISBN 978-609-459-304-8.
- 2013 Prevention of early withdrawal of Roma children from schools: connecting education and social policy measures. *Socialinis darbas. Patirtis ir metodai*, 11(1): 101-127 [in Lithuanian].
- 2013 Ethnic and social groups in Lithuania: societal attitudes and their changes in 2013, *Ethnicity Studies*, 2013/2, 180–191 [in Lithuanian].
- 2013 (with Andrius Marcinkevičius). Foreword: Research of ethnic groups in southeastern Lithuania: history and present, *Ethnicity Studies*, 2013/2, 7–12 [in Lithuanian].
- 2013 (with Ingo Schröder). Pluralism of Traditions in a Catholic Majority Society: Catholic Hegemony vis-à-vis Nationalism and Ethnic Experience. *Ethnicity Studies*, 2013/2, 69–81.
- 2012 *Roma children in education system: comparison of Vilnius and Ukmergė municipalities*. Vilnius: Equal Opportunities Ombudsman's Office, Lithuanian Social Research Centre [in Lithuanian].
- 2012 (with Vilana Pilinkaitė-Sotirovič). Russians in Lithuania: development of an ethnic group and challenges of social integration 2001–2011. *Ethnicity Studies*, 2012/1-2, 14–50 [in Lithuanian].
- 2011 Anthropology in the city or anthropology of the city? Construction of field-site in urban environment. *Lithuanian ethnology: studies in social anthropology and ethnology*, 1(20), 159–178.
- 2010 Dropping out of school – an issue of disaffection, non-participation or social exclusion?

Analysing school policies towards Roma schoolchildren in Lithuania. *Ethnicity Studies*, 2010/1-2, 105–120.

Research projects

- 2014–to date Project leader of the applied research project *Living and working conditions of labour migrants in Lithuania* (funded by the European Social Fund).
- 2011–2014 Social expert at the National Focal Point Lithuania of the Fundamental Rights Agency Research Network (FRANET).
- 2012 Researcher at the applied research project *Roma children in education system: comparison of Vilnius and Ukmergė municipalities* (funded by the Equal Opportunities Ombudsman’s Office)
- 2011–2012 Researcher at the research project: *Social challenges for ethnic minorities and new immigrants after EU accession in Lithuania* (funded by the Research Council of Lithuania).
- 2010–2011 National representative at the applied research project *Lingua INCLUSION: European models and best practices for linguistic integration in primary schools with young migrants* (funded by the European Commission).
- 2008–2011 Research assistant at the international research project *ENRI-East – Interplay of European, national and regional identities* (funded by the European Commission).
- 2008–2010 Social expert at the European Information Network on Racism and Xenophobia RAXEN (EUMC).
- 2008 Researcher at the applied research project *Roma situation in Lithuania: Roma at the crossroads of education and labour market* (funded by the Department of National Minorities and Lithuanian Abroad under the Lithuanian Government).

Journal editorial

- 2014–to date Chief editor of the *Ethnicity Studies* journal.

Policy involvement

- 2014–to date Member of governmental work group *For preparation of Action plan for promotion of non-discrimination in 2015–2017* (coordinated by the Ministry of Social Security and Labour).
- 2012–to date Member of governmental work group *For preparation of National Roma integration strategy in 2014–2020* (coordinated by the Ministry of Culture).

Invited presentations

- 2013 *Ethnic groups and decrease in population: analysing 2001 and 2011 Lithuanian census data*, presented at the 25th Conference of the Estonian Statistical Society “Demographic processes in the Baltic Sea region in the 21st century” in Tallinn, Estonia, November 12–13, 2013.
- 2013 *The role of local government in reproducing social inequalities: explaining differences in educational attainment levels of Roma in Lithuania*, presented at the Gypsy Lore Society Annual Meeting and Conference on Gypsy Studies at University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, September 12–14, 2013.
- 2011 *Starting with failure: first steps of Roma children in school*, presented at the conference “Schooling in Anthropology: Learning the ‘Modern Way’” at Brunel University, London, December 5–6, 2011.

Membership

European Academic Network on Romani Studies

COST Action IS1206 Femicide across Europe

Languages

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| Lithuanian | Native |
| English | Fluent (C2) |
| German | Good (B2) |
| Russian | Basics (B1) |