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PERSONAL PROFILE

I am interested in the interface between public and local representations of minority groups and social inclusion in Europe, with a particular interest in Roma minorities. With a passion for using innovative research methods for marginalised groups such as photo elicitation, I also enjoy using a critical application of approaches from sociology, social anthropology and cultural studies.

A turning point in my life was when I lived in Hungary from 2000-2002 as part of a pan-European youth programme. My experiences in Hungary, including grassroots work with Roma children and families, motivated me to do postgraduate studies that included 15 months of ethnographic research in a primary school in the Southern Great Plain region of Hungary. Currently I am using skills gained through my PhD to begin exploring experiences of migrants from Hungary in the UK, with a particular interest in migrants working as carers. I also volunteer on an art project with a Traveller site in the South of England. I maintain international academic links through the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) academic network 'Romanis in Europe' (<http://www.romanis.eu/>) and I am an active research member of the Centre for European and International Studies (www.port.ac.uk/ceisr, 5* rated in 2008) I also teach on research methods and different aspects of social inclusion in the Professional Area of Social Work at the University of Portsmouth.

EDUCATION

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON, Department of Education and Professional Studies

2003 - 2008 **PhD 'Representations of Roma: Public discourses and local practices'**
Supervisors Professor Ben Rampton, Dr. Roxy Harris (leading researchers in language and ethnicities). Fully funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). Successful viva with no amendments required to thesis, examined by Professor Wim Willems (social historian, Leiden University) and Dr. Claire Alexander (anthropologist, London School of Economics).

2002 - 2003 **Masters in Research (MRes) in Education and Social Science (Distinction), dissertation 'The Role of Linguistics in Romani Studies'**

UNIVERSITY OF WALES CARDIFF, Department of English Literature

1997 - 1998 **MA (Masters) Critical and Cultural Theory (Pass), dissertation 'Gender bias and ethics in war reporting'**

1994 - 1997 **BA (HONS) English Literature (2:1)**

GRANTS & AWARDS

- British Academy Award 2012: Small Grant Award
- Research Mini-grant 2010-11, SHSSW, University of Portsmouth.
- Start up Fund 2009-10, Faculty of Science, University of Portsmouth.
- British Academy Award 2008: institutional visit to the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.
- Economic Social Research Council (ESRC) 2003-2007: full PhD studentship including 3 months of language training and a 3 month overseas institutional visit to the Romology Department at the University of Pécs, Hungary.
- King's College London, Sargeant Travel Fund July 2003.
- King's College London, School of Social Science and Public Policy MRes studentship 2003.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal/Online Articles

Forthcoming (accepted for publication 2012) “‘Here are the Gypsies!’ The importance of self-representations & how to question prominent images of Roma minorities’. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

2011. ‘Trying to solve a European problem: a comprehensive strategy for Roma minorities’. Retrieved 12.01.11 from www.opendemocracy.net

2009. ‘Claims of knowing and anti-essentialist acts in research in a second language’. In *The Graduate Journal of Social Science* (GJSS), special issue *Lost (and found) in Translation*, December, pp.63-85. Retrieved 21.01.11 from <http://www.gjss.org/images/stories/volumes/6/3/0906.3a05Tremlett.pdf>

2009. ‘Bringing hybridity to heterogeneity: Roma and the question of ‘difference’ in Romani Studies’ *Romani Studies* 5. Vol.19, No.2, pp. 147-168.

Book Chapters

Forthcoming 2013 ‘Roma, non-Roma and the modern working-class (familiar) stranger’ in Miskovic, M. (Ed.) *Roma Education in Europe* (London: Routledge)

Forthcoming 2012. ‘Why must Roma minorities be always seen on the stage and never in the audience? Children’s opinions of reality Roma TV’ In Havens, T. Imre, A. Lustyik, K. (Eds.) *Popular Television in Eastern Europe during and since Socialism* (London: Routledge)

2011. with Imre, A. ‘Reality TV Without Class: The Postsocialist Anti-Celebrity Docusoap’. In Wood, H. and Skeggs, B. (Eds.) *Reality Television and Class*. (London: BFI)

2009. ‘Comparing European institutional and Hungarian approaches to Roma (Gypsy) minorities’. In Agarin, T. & Brosig, M. (Eds.) *Minority Integration: Debating Ethnic Diversity in Eastern Europe* (Amsterdam: Rodopi).

2004. ‘‘Gypsy Children Can’t Learn’: Roma in the Hungarian Education System’ in Goddard, J., McNamee, S., James, Ad., & James, Al. 2004 *The Politics of Childhood* (Palgrave MacMillan: Basingstoke, UK) pp. 145-165

TEACHING / ACADEMIC ROLES

- 2009 -** **University of Portsmouth, School of Health Sciences and Social Work**
Senior lecturer in social inclusion
- 2008** **British Academy Post-doctoral Fellowship**
Research Institute for Ethnic and National Minorities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest
- 2005 - 2008** **Affiliated PhD student to the ESRC’s (Economic and Social Research Council) ‘Identities and Social Action’ programme** (25 research projects based at universities around the UK, see www.identities.org.uk).
- 2003 - 2007** **Lecturer on MPhil/PhD Training Programme:** Participant Observation Methods; EU Approaches to Minorities; Ethnography Reading Group (for up to 40 postgraduate students).
- 2006 - 2007** **Student Representative on the Research Ethics Committee Social Science division, King’s College London**

2002 - 2004 Postgraduate student representative and student teacher, Education & Professional Studies Department, King's College London

2003 - 2004 Teaching assistant, Academic literacy programme, King's College London

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

2001 - 2002 Copy-editor for Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative, OSI, Budapest

Worked on LGI publications, copy-editing and proof-reading a variety of material and liaising with authors from Central and Eastern Europe.

2001 - 2002 Project Co-ordinator, Crossing Boundaries, Hungary

Project co-ordinator of 'Crossing Boundaries', an intercultural education programme funded by the European Community: self researched, designed and carried out.

2000 - 2001 European Voluntary Service (EVS), Hungary

Volunteer worker for the Job Seekers Association in Kecskemét, Hungary. Work included: setting up and organising Prince's Trust (a charity headed by Prince Charles) European Partnership scheme in Hungary; working with children in a Roma majority school; co-running a Saturday School programme with a local Roma organisation. During my placement I also volunteered one day a week at the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) in Budapest, researching and editing publications and the website.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Hungarian language skills:

- 2008: passed the Hungarian state accredited advanced level of Hungarian in oral and written ('Level C1')

Romani studies experience:

- **2006** (Sept – Dec): Institutional visit to the Romology Department, University of Pécs, Hungary;
- **2001, 2003** attended two three-week CEU (Central European University) Summer Courses – 2001 'The Plight of the Gypsies', and 2003 'The Roma: Bringing Together Historical Anthropological and Linguistic Approaches' (director: Michael Stewart).