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## Jan Grill

### Research interests

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- Ethnicity and migration, ethnography and nationalism, marginality and work, ethnography of the state and borders, politics of multiculturalism, social inequality, resistance and situated subjectivity, political anthropology

### Education

#### University of St Andrews, UK Sep 2005 – to date

- Ph.D. programme in Social Anthropology, School of Philosophical and Anthropological Studies
- Thesis title: On the Margins of the States. Contesting Gypsiness and belonging in Slovak-Ukrainian-Hungarian Borderlands and in selected migration contexts
- Thesis supervisor: Dr Paloma Gay y Blasco
- Twenty-seven month anthropological fieldwork among one network of Slovakian Roma living in a rural area of East Slovakian borderlands and in their migratory destinations in post-industrial urban areas of Great Britain

#### Central European University, Budapest, Hungary Aug 2003-June 2004

- M.A. in Nationalism Studies with Distinction
- Thesis supervisor: Dr Michael Stewart

#### University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Czech Republic Sep 1999-June 2003

- B.A. in Social and Cultural Anthropology with Distinction; minor-sociology

#### Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden Aug 2001-June 2002

- Exchange program in Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology

### Other courses

#### Summer course(s) at Central European University, Budapest/Cluj July 2007/08/09

- Three years Marie-Curie EU funded programme for early stage researchers (PhD students) and future lecturers on the subject
- Course: Romani studies for 21<sup>st</sup> century – research, policy and teaching oriented

#### Summer Intensive Programme in Social Anthropology, Austria Aug 2006

- Socrates Intensive Programme organized by Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna
- Course: Lifeworlds: Debating Authenticity

#### Language Summer School, Budapest, Hungary July 2006

- Summer School organized by ELTE, Budapest
- Course: Hungarian, intermediate level

#### Critical Basis for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Romani Studies, Hungary July 2004

- Summer University organized by Central European University in Budapest

### Research, Work and Teaching

Department of Social Anthropology, University of St Andrews Sep-Dec 2010  
**Teaching Assistant/Tutor**

**experience**

- Tutoring seminar on 'Reading Ethnography'

**Reading group, University of St Andrews**

Sep-Dec 2010

**Convenor**

- Anthropology of violence (autumn 2010)
- Classical texts in anthropology (spring 2009)

**Summer course at Central European University, Budapest**

June- July 2009

**Junior Faculty Fellow**

- Course: Romani studies for 21<sup>st</sup> century – research, policy and teaching oriented
- Lecturer and assistant organiser (principal organiser – Michael Stewart)
- Teaching: Anthropology of migration; Anthropology of state; Doing ethnography (together with P. Gay y Blasco and E. Tauber); Roma migration and mobility round table

**Czech Made? project, Multicultural Centre Prague**

2008–2009

**Researcher/reporter**

- <http://www.migraceonline.cz/czechmade/>
- Applied project aimed at raising public awareness about the exploitation of migrant workers in various sectors of the Czech economy
- Responsible for report on Slovakian Roma labour migrants in Czech Republic
- Research, report, comics, public debates on the exhibitions of the project

**Milan Šimecka Foundation for the British Embassy in Slovakia**

Aug 2008

**Researcher**

- Research and report writing on Slovakian Roma migration from/ Slovakia to Great Britain. Research in the UK among Slovakian Roma and the sending communities in Slovakia.

**UNDP – United Nations Development Programme, Bratislava**

Nov 2007

**External evaluator**

- Evaluation of EU-funded project (EQUAL scheme) called *Feder Dživipen*, a social enterprise for unemployed Roma used as a social policy tool in East Slovakian town Presov
- Activating, Training and Employing. Social Enterprises as a Tool of Social Policy Towards Roma and other Marginalized Groups - Lessons Learnt from “*Feder Dživipen*” and other EQUAL projects, J. Grill and J. Hurrele; unpublished internal evaluation report submitted to UNDP Office in Bratislava

**Community Centre, Hanusovce nad Toplou, Slovakia**

2006 - to date

**External Volunteer/Support Worker**

- Volunteer - External cooperation with Community Centre Hanušovce nad Topľou – project focusing on pre-school education of Romani children
- Tasks: assisting in writing and translating annual reports; communicating with the donor of the project

**Student Support Services, University of St Andrews**

2006, 2008/09/10/11

**Personal Assistant**

- Note taking and personal tutoring for students with special needs/disability

**Department of Social Anthropology, University of St Andrews 2005/2006; 2008/09**  
**Teaching Assistant/Tutor**

- Tutoring seminars for first year undergraduate students

**Hall of Residences for students, University of St Andrews 2005/06; 2008/09/10/11**  
**Subwarden/Assistant Warden**

- Social and pastoral care for students
- Organisation of events; contact point between students and University

**Developments and Patterns of Migration Processes in Central Eastern Europe**  
**Co-organizer and panel / sessions chair**

- Summer workshop organized in August 2005 in Prague by Multicultural Center Prague and Faculty of Humanities in Prague

**International Organization for Migration (IOM), Switzerland Mar 2005–Aug 2005**  
**Human and Social Programmes (HSP), HQ Geneva**

- Research, management and reporting on projects assisting elderly victims of Nazi persecutions – Roma, disabled, Jehovah's Witness and homosexuals in Central and Eastern Europe
- Communication with partner organisations; review of project proposals; preparing final workshop for regional HSP IOM coordinators in Geneva; reports writing

**University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, CR Feb 2003- Sep 2003**

**Researcher – Social Anthropology**

- Research concerning possibilities of social revitalization in north-west Bohemia
- Fields of specialization: consequences of involuntary resettlement due to the coal mining; marginalization and poverty
- Wrote reports and reviews

**Academy of Science of the Czech Republic, Prague, Czech Republic Winter 2003**

**Part- time researcher at Institute of Ethnology Aug - Dec 2004**

- Participated in grant for research concerning the issue of adaptation and integration immigrants, multiculturalism
- Research on multiculturalism and 'honour killing'; texts editing and translating

**Human in Need (NGO), Praha, Czech Republic Sep-Oct 2002**

**Researcher**

- sociological research monitoring damages and harms on livelihoods in post-flood situation in Czech Republic after August 2002
- Interviewed and filled out questionnaires with the flood victims; estimated the impacts on livelihood and houses

**Researcher-Social Anthropology Apr 2001-May 2003**

- Long-term research for BA thesis concerning experiences and strategies of people dealing with involuntary displacement in the case of Temelín resettlement caused by the construction of nuclear power plant Temelín, South Bohemia, Czech Republic

**Membership in organisations**

**EastBordNet - network**

- Remaking Eastern Borders in Europe: A Network Exploring Social, Moral and

**and networks**

Material Relocations of Europe's Eastern Peripheries

**EASA – European Association of Social Anthropologists**

**International Roma Research Network**

**CASA - Czech Association of Social Anthropologists**

**SASA - Slovak Association of Social Anthropologists**

**Migration, Refugees and Asylum network**

**Urba-Rom network**

**Multicultural Centre in Prague**

Oct 2004 – 2008

- Associate researcher and External Member of the Migration online project board

**Language skills**

- Czech (native)
- English (fluent), Slovak (fluent), Romanes (fluent, East Slovakian dialect)
- German - reading and passive knowledge
- Swedish, Spanish and Hungarian (beginner/basic)

**Scholarships,**

**Radcliffe-Brown Trust Fund/Sutasoma Award**

July 2011

**Fellowships,**

**The Marie-Curie Fellowship**

Nov 2007 – Sep 2008

**Awards**

- The European Doctorate in the Social History of Europe and the Mediterranean, “Building on the Past”
- Supporting living and research expenses in 2007/08
- Institute of Ethnology, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia

**The Visegrad Scholarship**

2006

- International Visegrad Foundation

**Russell Trust Award**

2006

- University of St Andrews

**Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) - PhD Studentship** 2006 – 2009

- Awarded Ph.D. Scholarship for supporting his studies of Social Anthropology at the University of St Andrews for three years 2006-2009

**The Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Inc.**

May 2006

- Individual Research Grant – Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

**Department of Social Anthropology, University of St Andrews, UK**

June 2005

- Awarded Ph.D. Scholarship for three years 2005-2008

**Foundation Vize 97, Czech Republic**

June 2005

- Awarded financial support for academic year 2005/2006; Dagmar and Vaclav Havel foundation *Vize 97*

**Summer University Scholarship** July 2004

- Partial scholarship for CEU Summer University in Budapest

**Central European University** June 2004

- Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
- Academic Pro-Rector's Excellence Award

**CEU M.A. thesis travel grant** Apr 2004

- Grant covering travel (and partly other research) expenses for M.A. thesis research

**Soros Foundation** June 2003

- Awarded Open Society Foundation scholarship to undertake MA in Nationalism Studies, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

**University of West Bohemia, Pilsen, Czech Republic** July 2003

- Dean's Award of Excellent Study Achievements

**Socrates/Erasmus program for study abroad** May 2001

- Awarded Socrates/Erasmus scholarship for ten months exchange program at the Uppsala University, Sweden

## Publications

- 'It's building up to something and it won't be nice when it erupts.' Making of Roma migrants' problem in "multicultural" Scottish neighborhood; Submitted to a special issue of *Focaal. Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*.
- 2011. 'Going up to England' On mobilities in the case of East-Slovakian Roma migration. Forthcoming in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. Special issue on Romani mobilities.
- 2011. 'From street busking in Switzerland to meat factories in the UK.: comparative study of two Roma migration networks from Slovakia' in D. Kaneff and F. Pine (eds). *Emerging Inequalities in Europe: poverty and transnational migration*. London: Anthem Press.
- 2009. 'Performing Street Music-cum-begging in Switzerland: Negotiating and Shifting of Social Categories among Hungarian Speaking Roma Migrants from Slovakia,' *Slovak Ethnology* 5: 527 – 545.
- 2009. "'Mange mište pro Čechy": slovenští Romové na českých stavbách' [I'm happy the Czech lands: Slovakian Roma on Czech construction sites] - reportage and comics for the project 'Czech made,' for the Multicultural Centre Prague and European Commission; published in journal A2, 40. An extended version published on [www.migrationonline.cz](http://www.migrationonline.cz)
- 2006. Co-editor (with A. Sczapanikova & M. Canek), *Migration Processes in Central and Eastern Europe: Unpacking the Diversity*, Multicultural Center Prague.
- 2005. (with M. Canek) 'The Past and Present of Czech Multiculturalism-Pavel Barsa interviewed,' available at [www.migrationonline.cz](http://www.migrationonline.cz); published also in proceedings *Social and Cultural Diversity in Central and Eastern Europe*, Multicultural Center Prague.
- 2005. Co-editor (with Z. Uherek) *Fieldwork and local communities*, Prague: Prague Occasional Papers in Ethnology No. 7.
- 2005. 'The Limits of Multiculturalism. What can we learn from the Fadime Sahindal's murder?' in *Fieldwork and local communities*, Prague: Prague Occasional Papers in

## Conferences and Workshops

- Ethnology No. 7.
- 2004. 'Nucená migrace a rozvojové projekty-nástin problematiky [Forced migration and development projects – an overview]', available at [www.migrationonline.cz](http://www.migrationonline.cz)
  - 2002. 'Consequences of Resettlement', in I. Budil and M. Ulrychová (eds) *Antropologické symposium II*. Pelhřimov: Aleš Čeněk Publisher.
  - *June 2011*: co-organizer of international conference on Anthropology of Political Violence at Dept. of Social Anthropology, St Andrews University. Paper presentation: 'Gypsies with(out) an angel of history? State of exception, violence and movements of Slovakian Roma.'
  - *February 2011*: "Roma – in or outside of Europe?" – lecture delivered for European Society, Czech and Slovak Student Society at St Andrews University.
  - *October 2010*: paper presentation: 'Living like a *raj*. On self-invented mastery of Roma' at the postgraduate workshop, CAS centre, Dept. of Social Anthropology, St Andrews University.
  - *October 2010*: paper presentation: 'On fragile hearts and heaviness among Slovakian Roma' at the Lisbon-Rio-St Andrews Social Sciences Trilateral Meeting, hosted in St Andrews
  - *August 2010*: paper presentation: 'It's building up to something and it won't be nice when it erupts.' Contested modes of belonging in 'multicultural' and 'run-down' neighborhood of Scottish city;' workshop on 'In-migration, indigeneity and imagination: or class, community and crisis in Europe' at EASA conference at the University of Maynooth, Ireland.
  - *June 2010*: paper presentation: 'Roma movements and idiom of "going up" to England follow-up workshop for the 'Romani mobilities' (Jan 2010) organised at Refugees Studies Centre, Oxford University. The shortened version of the paper submitted to a special issue of *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* on 'Roma mobilities.'
  - *January 2010*: paper presentation "'Going up to England" From Asylum seekers to EU labour migrants: the case of East-Slovakian Roma'; conference 'Romani Mobilities in Europe: Multidisciplinary perspectives', organised at the Refugees Studies Centre, Oxford University.
  - *September 2009*: paper presentation at 'Cosmopolitan anthropology' conference, organized by University of St Andrews, Centre for Cosmopolitan studies.
  - *June 2009*: paper presentation at mini-conference organised as a part of the Romani studies Summer School, Central European University, Budapest
  - *May 2009*: Slovak and Czech Roma Meeting in Glasgow, organised by OXFAM and European Dialogue.
  - *May 2009*: paper presentation 'Social life of smuggled cigarettes. On Ukrainian cigarettes, Slovakian Roma and their migration networks to the UK', at the EastBordNet meeting of Work Group 4, Theme: *Passports and passing: everyday encounters with borders*, University of Manchester.
  - *February 2009*: roundtable discussion/exhibition opening of the *Czech made* project, Prague, organised by Multicultural Centre in Prague and A2 journal.
  - *August 2008*: workshop co-convenor and paper presentation 'Differentiating Gypsiness. The case of Slovakian Roma at home and in migration contexts' at the workshop 'Beyond Identity: new directions in the anthropology of Roma/Gypsy groups' at EASA conference in Ljubljana, Slovenia
  - *February 2008*: paper presentation 'Is it worthy to be working [labour migrating] in the UK?' at the conference '*Employment of Roma in Slovakia: Challenges and*

*Obstacles*' organised by Milan Simecka Foundation in Bratislava

- *November 2007*: presentation 'Migration processes from the eastern Slovakia to the Great Britain. A case study of selected Roma groups.' Presented at the conference 'Labour Migration, Poverty and Possibilities of Integration [incorporation]', organised ProForum (NGO Progressive Forum), Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation and Multicultural Centre Prague, Kosice, Slovakia.
- *2006/07/08* – three presentations summarizing my research progress as a part of the European doctorate Fellowship scheme, University Ca Foscari Venezia (Italy), University of Athens (Greece) and University of Groningen (Netherlands)
- *July 2006*: paper presentation 'Making a living, performing street music and social categories. Roma migrants in Switzerland' at a conference 'Global Connections and Emerging Inequalities in Europe' organized at Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.
- *April 2006*: paper presentation 'On the margins of the states' at 'Anthropology of Borders: work in progress' workshop, arranged by Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague/Valtice.
- *February 2006* : paper presentation 'Re-defining the Folk: the case of Czechoslovak ethnography in the 1950s' at 7<sup>th</sup> Postgraduate Conference 'Inclusion Exclusion' organized by School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London.
- *August 2005*: co-organiser of a workshop on *Developments and Patterns of Migration Processes in Central and Eastern Europe*, organised by Prague by Multicultural Center Prague and Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague.
- *June 2005*: Workshop organised by HSP IOM in Geneva for regional IOM coordinators (organisation and participation)
- *July 2002*: paper presentation 'Consequences of resettlement' at "III. Anthropological Symposium", Nečtiny, organised by Department of Social and Cultural anthropology, University of West Bohemia