

## CURRICULUM VITAE



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### Occupational field

Ethnology

### Work experience

- Name and address of employer
- Occupation
- Main activities
- Dates

IEFSEM-BAS Sofia 1000, 6a Moskovska st.	EIM-BAS Sofia 1000, 6a Moskovska st.	Svishtov Municipality, Svishtov 5250, 2 Tz.Tzerkovski st.
Senior assistant	Researcher	Senior expert
Academic Research	Academic Research	Preparation and realization of projects
3.11.2009- present	2.02.2009- 3.11.2009	01.07.2004 - 14.02.2006

### Education

- Institution
- Dates
- Educational degrees

EIM-BAS	St. Kl. Ohridski Sofia University	St. Kl. Ohridski Sofia University
01.2006-01.2009	2002-2003	1998-2002
PhD	Master's Degree in Ethnology	Bachelor's degree in History and Ethnology

### Trainings

- Bulgaria

- First National Summer School in Roma Culture and Language, organized by Foundation "Diversity" in Varna, August, 2001.

- abroad

- Summer School on Migration in the Neighbourhood of the European Union, organized by European University Institute, Florence, Italy, June 2011
- Four months specialization at the Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj Napoca, Romania under the Project of International PhD Program Promoting Anthropology in Central and Eastern Europe (Marie Curie SocAnth). 2007 – 2008.
- Course “The Roma”, Summer University of the Central European University in Budapest, July 2003.
- Course “The Eastern Crisis and Balkan Nations”, Summer School of the University of Pristina July-August, 2002.
- Summer School “Roma - Prejudice, Delusion, Alternative” in Vlasina, Serbia and July - August, 2000.

### **Professional skills**

- Language competences
- Computer competences
- Social skills
- Organizational skills

Russian, English, Turkish (mother tongue), Romanian  
 Windows, Microsoft Office, Mac  
 Communication skills  
 Teamwork

### **Academic research activity**

#### Participation in projects

- National

- Project “Expanding the skills and qualifications of young scholars for border areas – prerequisites between science and practice”, funded by Operational Program for Human Resource Development, Ministry of Education and Science. 2009-2011.
- Project “Cultural heritage and national identity in terms of pan-European labor mobility” (BG051PO001/07/3.3-02), funded by NSF, Ministry of Education and Science. 2009 - 2011.
- Project “European Dimensions of the Balkan Culture and History”, funded by Operational Program for Human Resource Development, Ministry of Education and Science. 2008 - 2010.
- Individual project “Boundaries and Identities. Diaspora Communities in Dobrudzha”, funded by Maison des sciences de l’home et de la societe –Sofia. 2007.
- Project “Educational and Medical Integration of Vulnerable Minority Groups with the Special Focus on Roma” under PHARE Programme (BG-01-03-0013 - Component 03: Health). 2007.
- Individual project “The Best Roma Belly Dancer in Northeast Bulgaria” (Project Code B0036), funded by Arts and Culture Network Programme, Open Society Institute - Budapest. 2007.

- Project “Educational attitudes of Roma in Nova Zagora”, funded by IMIR Foundation. 2005.
- Project “Cultural specifics of Roma in town of Pleven”, funded by IMIR Foundation. 2004.
- Project “The Roma in Northeast Bulgaria”, funded by IMIR Foundation. 2003.
- Project “Ethnocultural Characteristics of the Christians Roma in town of Rousse” funded by IMIR Foundation. 2002.
- Project “Preservation and Promotion of Roma culture in Central Bulgaria”, funded by Open Society Foundation Gabrovo. 2001.
- Project “Study on Spiritual culture of the Roma Community in the region of Lom”, funded by Open Society Foundation Sofia. 2001.
- Project “Poverty and Ethnicity”, funded by IMIR Foundation. 1999.

●International

- Individual project „New Dimensions of Roma Mobility in CEE (A Case Study on Roma Migrations from Bulgaria to Poland)” (2010-2011) under Fellowship for Social Researchers 2010-2011. Generations in Dialogue Program of ERSTE Foundation, Austria
- Project “International PhD Programme Promoting Anthropology in Central and Eastern Europe (Marie Curie SocAnth). European Partnership for Qualitative Research Training (Social Anthropology)”, under European Community’s Sixth Framework Programme (MEST-CT-2005-020702). Individual Project: “Ethnic Identity and Material Culture of the Roma/Gypsies in Romania”. 2007 - 2008.
- Project “Preservation of Gypsy/Roma Historical and Cultural Heritage in Bulgaria”, funded by Endangered Archives Programme of the British Library. 2007 - 2008.
- Project “Dynamics of National Identity and Transnational Identities in the process of European Integration” (CER 2006-051), funded by Jean Monnet Action, Support for Study and Research Centres. Programme of the European Commission. 2006-2007.

Participation in conferences,  
roundtables, seminars

●National

- Roundtable “Discourse on the underwear”, organized by New Bulgarian University, Sozopol, September, 2009. Report: “Underwear in the dowry”.
- Seminar “Ethnology and Bulgarian Society”, organized by Ethnology Department, History Faculty, Sofia University. Sofia. 2003. Report: The marriage choice of the Kardarash Gypsies”.
- Seminar on the Project “Poverty and Ethnicity”, organized by Ethnology Department, History Faculty, Sofia University and IMIR Foundation. 1999. Report: “Heterogeneity of the Roma community in Sofia and Sliven”.

●International

- International conference “Promene identiteta, kulture i jezika Roma u uslovima planske socijalno-ekonomske integracije“. Belgrade (Serbia), 07-08 Dec 2010. Report: “Religion and Identity of the Muslim Roma in Bulgaria”.
- Annual Meeting of the Gypsy Lore Society and Conference, Lisbon (Portugal), 08-10 Sept 2010. Report: “Gypsies on the both sides of Bulgarian-Romanian border before and after 1989. A Case Study on Selected Gypsy groups in North and South Dobrudzha”.
- Workshop in Oxford, UK, 1-2 Jul 2010, organized by COMPAS Centre on Migration, Policy and Society, University of Oxford.
- Workshop «Travel, Exchanges, Translations” under Remaking Eastern Borders in Europe: A Network Exploring Social, Moral and Material Relocations of Europe’s Eastern Peripheries Project, COST Action IS0803. Sofia, 14-15 May 2010 Report: „Diaspora Identity. A Case Study on Crimean Tatars in Dobrudzha”.
- International conference “Human rights and ethnic tolerance”, organized by EVET organization, Konrad Adenauer Foundation София. World League of Turkic Youth, International Human Rights Eurasia Forum, 19-21 May 2010. Report „The role of NGOs for the ethnic minorities in Bulgaria”.
- International conference “Romani Nobilities in Europe: Multidisciplinary Perspectives”. Oxford, UK, 14-15 Jan 2010. Report: „Labour Migrations of Bulgarian Roma to Poland”.
- International scientific conference “Alignment with the Regime of Communism – 20 Years Later”, organized by Balkan Ethnology Department at EIM-BAS, Sofia, 9-11 Nov 2009, funded by ASO-Sofia. Report: “Borderland reflections on socialism”.

- Fifth International Scientific Symposium “Culture of the Russian Lipovans in International and National context”, 11-15 May 2009, Tulcea, Romania. Report: Funeral customs and ethno-confessional identity of the Russian Old believers in Bulgaria”
- Conference “Healing of Memories” in Sambata monastery, Fagaras district, Romania, organized by Foundation Reconciliation in South-East-Europe, 2009. Report: “Ethno-confessional communities in Bulgaria”.
- Conference “Religion – History – Culture – Society. The Influence of Religion and Ethnical Identity on the Development of Values in Culture and Society”, organized by Foundation Reconciliation in South-East-Europe, 2009. Report: “The religious situation in South Dobrudzha”
- Seminar on the Project “Individual European Partnership for Qualitative Research Training (Social Anthropology)” under the European Community’s Sixth Framework Programme, organized by Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung, Halle, Germany, 2008. Report: “Ethnic Identity and Material Culture of the Roma/Gypsies in Dobrudzha”.
- International conference “Dynamics of National Identity and Transnational Identities in the process of European Integration”, Sofia, 2006. Report: “Boundaries and Identities: The Crimean Tatars in Dobrudzha”.
- International Scientific Conference “Transitions in the History and the Culture”, organized by National History Institute of Macedonia and Ethnographic Institute with Museum – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, October 2006, Skopje, FYROM. Report: Change of the Professional Orientations of Kalderash Roma in Bulgaria.
- International Conference “Ethnicities and Cultures on the Balkans”, organized by DIOS Foundation, 2000. Report: “Funeral ritual system of the Muslims Sunni from Svishtov and Novgrad village, Rousse district”.
- Seminar “Roma - Prejudice, Delusion, Alternative”, Vlasina, Serbia 2000. Report: “The Karderash Roma in Bulgaria”.

### Field studies

#### ●Bulgaria

- Field research in village of Obrochishte, May 2011
- Field research on local tourist resources in Bov, Brestovitsa, Malko Tarnovo, Radilovo, Asenovo, Jasen, Ivailovgrad, April 2011 in collaboration with AGORA Foundation.
- Field research on the Gypsy migrants in Balchik, February 2011.

- Field research on the Gypsies South Dobrudzha. October 2009.
- Field research on the funeral system of the Russian Oldbelievers from Tataritsa and Kazashko. May, 2009.
- Field research on the Crimean Tatars, Gypsies and Russian Oldbelievers in South Dobrudzha. June, 2008.
- Field research on the Crimean Tatars, Gypsies and Russian Oldbelievers in South Dobrudzha. June, 2007.
- Field research on the Crimean Tatars, Gypsies and Russian Oldbelievers in South Dobrudzha, June, 2006.
- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project "Educational attitudes of Roma in Nova Zagora". March 2005
- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project "Cultural specifics of Roma in town of Pleven", July and September 2004.
- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project "The Roma in Northeast Bulgaria", Silistra, May 2003.
- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project of "Ethnocultural Characteristics of the Christians Roma in town of Rousse" May, 2002.
- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project "Preservation and Promotion of Roma culture in Central Bulgaria", August 2001.
- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project "Study on Spiritual culture of the Roma Community in the region of Lom", July 2001.
- Participation in field expedition for research on traditional and modern culture in Lesichovo village, Pazardzik district, organized by Ethnology Department, History Faculty, Sofia University, July 2001.
- Participation in field expedition for research on traditional and modern culture in Kalugerovo village, Pazardzik district, organized by Ethnology Department, History Faculty, Sofia University, July 2000.
- Participation in sociological research on the Roma in Sofia and Sliven on the Project "Poverty and Ethnicity", August 1999.

●abroad

- Field research on Bulgarian Roma migrants in Poland, June 2011
- Field research on Bulgarian migrants in Republic of Cyprus and Northern Cyprus, May 2011
- Field research on Bulgarian migrants in Republic of Cyprus, May 2010.
- Field research on Russian Old believers in Tulcea, June 2009.
- Field research on Gypsies in Medgidia, Romania. December 2008.
- Field Research on Crimean Tatars, Gypsies and Russian Old believers in North Dobrudzha, Romania, May-June. 2008.
- Field research on the Crimean Tatars, Gypsies and Russian Old believers in North Dobrudzha, Romania, May-June 2007.
- Field research on the Crimean Tatars and Gypsies in Constanta, Romania, November 2006.

Monographs

●Bulgaria

Articles

●Bulgaria

**Еролова, Й.** 2010. Добруджа – граници и идентичности. [Dobrudzha – Borders and Identities] София: Парадигма

**Еролова, Й.** 2002. Имотна, социална и религиозна разнородност на ромската общност в някои квартали на градовете София и Сливен. [Property, Social and Religious Heterogeneity of Roma Community in Some Quarters of Sofia and Sliven] – В: Ethnologia Academica, Том 2 - Общности и култури. София: Вулкан 4, с. 38-42.

**Еролова, Й.** 2003. Маркери на самоидентификация при ромите-кардараша. [Markers of Self-Identification of Kardarash Roma] – В: Балкански идентичности, Том 3. София: ИИИ, с. 283-290.

**Еролова Й.** 2008. Граници и идентичности. Кримските татари в Добруджа. [Boundaries and Identities. The Crimean Tatars in Dobrudzha] – В: Дечева, М. (Съст.) Динамики на националната идентичност и транснационалните идентичности в процеса на европейска интеграция. София: Парадигма, с. 615-636.

**Erolova, Y.** Crimea and/or Turkey in self-identification of the Crimean Tatars in Dobrudzha – In: Karamihova, M. (ed.). Readings in the history and culture of the Balkans. In support of University Teaching. Sofia: Paradigma. (Forthcoming)

**Еролова, Й.** От палатката до палата [From the Tent to the Palace] – В: М. Карамихова, (съст.) Четива за историята и културата на Балканите. В помощ на университетското преподаване. София: Парадигма.

●abroad

**Erolova, Y.** 2008. Boundaries and identities: The Crimean Tatars in Dobrudzha. – In: Elena Marushiakova (Ed.) Dynamics of National Identity and Transnational Identities in the Process of European Integration. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp. 449-467.

**Еролова, Й.** 2008. Религиозни и политически измерения на самоидентификацията на русите старообредци в Добруджа. [Religious and political dimensions of self-identification of the Russian Old believers in Dobrudzha] – В: Журнал етнологии и културологии, Том 4, Кишинев: Академия наук Молдовы - Институт културного наследия, с. 169-173.

**Еролова, Й.** 2008. Промените в ‘професионалните ориентации’ на ромите калдераша в България. [Change of the professional orientations of the Kalderash Roma in Bulgaria.] – In: Транзициите во историјата и културата. Прилози од Меѓународната конференција одржана во Скопје на 30 и 31 октомври 2006 година, во соработка со Етнографскиот

### Scientific-popular

#### publications

- Bulgaria

#### Reviews

- Bulgaria

#### Lectures

### **Administrative experience**

### **Membership in professional and scientific organizations**

- Bulgaria

институт со музеј при Бугарската академија на науките, Институт за национална историја, Скопје, с. 301-314.

**Erolova, Y.** 2010. Cultura materială și identitatea țiganilor din Dobrogea – In: Ștelu Șerban (coordinator). Teme in antropologia sociala din Europa de sud-est. Volum in memoriei Profesorului Paul H. Stahl. Bucuresti: Paideia, pp. 333-358.

**Erolova, Y.** 2010. Labour Migrations of the Bulgarian Roma in Poland. – In: Nando Sigona (ed.) *Proceedings of International Conference “Romani Mobilities in Europe: Multidisciplinary Perspectives”*.

<http://romanimobilities.wordpress.com/2010/01/29/romani-mobilities-in-europe-conference-proceedings-final-version/>

**Erolova, Y.** 2011. Identity and Religion of the Muslim Roma in Bulgaria. - In: Promene identiteta, kulture i jezika Roma u uslovima planske socijalno-ekonomske integracije. Beograd: SANU. (Forthcoming)

**Еролова, Й.** 2009. В. И. Ленин и неговиот паметник в с. Новград, Русенско. [V.I. Lenin and his monument in Novgrad village, Rouse district] – В: Паметни места, събития, личности – почитани, отречени, забравени. София: Фондация Ценности, с. 33.

**Еролова, Й.** 2008. Е. Иванова, Кръстев, В. Ромската жена – пространства и граници в живота ѝ. [E. Ivanova, V. Krastev. The Roma woman – spaces and boundaries in her life] – В: Българска етнология, год. XXXV, 2009, кн. 1-2, с. 152-154.

„History of the Roma/Gypsies. The Gypsy groups in Bulgaria” and “Cultural specifics and etiquette of the Roma/Gypsies”, October 2007, Nessebar under “Educational and Medical Integration of Vulnerable Minority Groups with the Special Focus on Roma Project” under PHARE Programme (BG-01-03-0013 - Component 03: Health).

Member of the Scientific Secretariat at IEFSEM-BAS



- abroad

**Membership in civic  
organizations**

- Bulgaria

Studii Romani- Sofia

Gypsy Lore Society, US

Cultural Interaction Association - Sofia