

## Curriculum vitae

**Official names** (as in citizen passport): Sergiy Yermoshkin

**Traditional names:** Niko Rergo

Born on March 28, 1953, city of Odessa, Ukraine.

Rom (Sinto from the clan of Rosenberg).

Citizen of Ukraine.

Married, father, grandfather.

### Education

1997 - 1999	Odessa National University, Postgraduate Institute, Bac in Law (not graduated because had no money to pay the contract)
1989	St. Petersburg University, postgraduate course in Russian as foreign language; basic course of Indian philology (Sanskrit and Indian languages)
1984 - 1988	Odessa State University, Department of Russian Philology, MA
1970 - 1975	Odessa State University, Department of Spanish Philology, MA

### Professional experience

2011 (Nov) - today	Deputy director of the municipal enterprise "Odessa land use planning"
2011 (Apr.-Nov).	Officially unemployed
2008 (June) - 2011 (Feb.)	deputy head of the Department of strategic planning and infrastructure development, Odessa City Council. Kicked out by the new pro-Russian authority (elected in October 2010) because of my ethnicity
2006 (Nov) - 2008 (June)	deputy head of the Department of the economy, investments and foreign trade, Odessa City Council
2005 (Dec.) - 2006 (Nov).	deputy head of the Department of the European integration and Odessa diaspora, Odessa City Council
2002 - 2005 (Dec.)	high school teacher, city of Odessa
2002	expert to the Ukrainian Ombudsman Office (joint project by the Ombudsman and the OSCE HC on national minorities - 'Monitoring of national minorities rights in Ukraine')
1991 - 2002	senior lecturer, associated prof., Dep. of Ukrainian Language, Odessa State (National since 2000) University
1993 - 1997	head of the information center of the Law School, Odessa State University
1990 - 1991	professor to the Modern languages and civilizations Department, University of Nouakchott, Mauritania, PhD thesis (in linguistics) in March 1991
1983 - 1990	lecturer, senior lecturer, Department of Russian for foreigners, Odessa State University, vice-dean on foreign students affairs (1989-1990)
1980 - 1983	French language teacher, high school in a village, vice-director of this school
1977 - 1980	Army
1975 - 1977	Spanish language teacher, high school, city of Odessa

### Additionally:

1994 - 1997	Senior lecturer of the Latin language at the Pharmaceutical Chemistry Department, Odessa State University
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1994 - 1996	Latin language teacher at the high school in Odessa
1991 - 1992	English language teacher and translator at the Higher Odessa School of Evangelical Baptists
1995 - 1997	Law teacher at the high school Odessa
1993 - 1996	Co-founder and owner of the private enterprise 'Publishing house' Ltd. (specialization in teaching, legal and scientific literature; was stopped because of concurrence. Totally published over 200 titles. The enterprise founded and published the first private legal journal in Ukraine, the 'Law Herald', in 1998 the journal was re-registered to the Law Institute of the Odessa State University, actually is published by the Odessa National Law Academy)
1999 - 2001	Senior editor, 'Latstar' Publishing house, Odessa
2001 - 2003	Translator and editor, joint venture 'INVET', Odessa
2002 - 2007	Visiting lecturer, Odessa Regional State Administration Institute of the Ukrainian National Academy of the State Administration (courses on 'Ethnic policy issues', 'National Minorities Movement' and alike)

### **Research experience**

- research areas: 1) Linguistics (Romani, Romance, theory, sociolinguistics) and 2) Law (Roma, national minorities, language) and 3) Kalitrash (holocaust against Roma) history.
- over 60 publications in linguistics, teaching techniques, Romani philology, national minorities, law, economy, etc.;
- author and co-author of more 50 analytical reports, draft programs, draft laws, proposals and alike concerning Roma issues, education, national minorities, etc;
- co-founder, vice-president of the Odessa linguistic Society (1994-1999), vice-editor-in-chief and designer of the journal 'Language' (1993-2002, 8 issues), between 1994 and 2002 been executive secretary and editor of 3 special journals (registered by the High Attestation Commission of Ukraine) - 'Opera in linguistica generalis', 'Opera in linguistica Ukrainiana', 'Opera in onomastica';
- co-founder and elected head of the Research board of the Ethnic Research Institute (since 2003).

### **Activity in Roma issues**

- founder (1998), elected vice-president (1998-2001), elected president (since 2001, re-elected in 2006) of the Odessa Regional Roma Congress;
- founder, editor and publisher of the first in Ukraine Romani newspaper 'Romanipe' (since 1993, stopped in 1998); co-founder, publisher of the first in Ukraine Albanian newspaper 'Rilindja' (1993-1995);
- founder, editor and publisher of the 'Romani tIarmenvadeski patrin' (Romano legal bulletin, in 2002-2003, re-registered in fall 2005, stopped in 2008 due financial crisis);
- author of the Romani alphabet (based on Indian linguistic tradition, firstly published in 1990);
- member to the Council of representatives of the national minorities organizations under the Odessa State Regional Administration (since its establishing in 1999);
- associated expert to the Implementation and Monitoring Group the CoE Frame Convention on National Minorities Protection (in Ukraine, 1996-1997);
- one of the initiators and authors of the operational program 'Roma of Ukraine' within the International Renaissance Foundation (in 1996-98), head of this program Advisory board (2002);
- elected secretary of the First Roma Congress of Ukraine (2002);
- co-founder and elected secretary of the Roma Council of Ukraine (since December 2009);
- co-founder and elected director of the Romology Institute (2011)/

In my personal records: legal representation in over 40 court cases (criminal, civil, administrative, since 1999), 2 lawsuits against me as chairman of Roma organization (the both lost by the plaintiffs). Judge in the traditional Roma court.

**Languages:** Romani, Ukrainian, Spanish (mother tongues), Russian, English, French (active), Moldavian, Romanian, Bulgarian, Serb, Polish, Portuguese (semi-active), Hungarian, German, Czech, Hindi (not active). Some Indian and Turk languages (as research objects)

**Computer:** all standard applications (Word, PageMaker, Corel, PhotoShop, Quark, etc.), HTML editing.

**Believer** (Buddhist).

**Political views:** Roma nationalist and traditionalist.

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