

CURRICULUM VITAE

Family name: **Krastev**

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Institution [from date to date]	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained
Military-technical university "Vasil Levski" in the town of Veliko Turnovo.	Mechanical engineer
The section "Bulgarian Ethnology" at BAS – The Institute of Folklore and Ethnography with Ethnographic Museum	PhD Student

Language skills: (Mark 1 – lowest to 5 – highest for competence)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Bulgarian	5	5	5
Russian	5	5	4

Present Positions: Regional society "Technitary" town of Stara Zagora. President of a managing committee

Years within the company: Since 2004.

Professional experience:

Institution	Position	Dates
Co-operative farm " Brazdy", v.Trankovo, region Stara Zagora	President	1988-1993
Co-operative " Brazdy", v.Trankovo, region Stara Zagora	President	1993-2000
Foundation "Zagra Roma" town of Stara Zagora	Vice president /executive director/	2001-2004
Regional society "Technitary" town of Stara Zagora	President of a managing committee	2004 - present

Other Skills: Computer literacy. Knowledge and experience of agriculture technique.

Specific (Research) Experience:

Country	Dates	Name and brief description of the project
Bulgaria	2004 - present	Field research among gipsy ethnic in region of Stara Zagora
Bulgaria	2007	Project. "Vidritza or 77 recipes from gipsy cuisine"
Bulgaria	2007	Field research work for project "Health statute of minority in Bulgaria". In south-list in settlements with concentrated gipsy's population. By project of OSI.
Bulgaria	2008	Project "The Romany woman – spaces and limits in her life"
Bulgaria	2008	Project for sociological research "Health status of gipsys in region of Stara Zagora". By project of OSI

Specific (Museum, Library and Archival Work) Experience:

Country	Dates	Name and brief description of the project
Bulgaria	2004-present	Processing field notes, photographs and records for Archive
Bulgaria	2004-present	Collecting and preservation of patterns from manner of life and the culture of gipsy ethic
Bulgaria, Stara Zagora	2004	exhibition "Traditional gypsies crafts"
Bulgaria, Plovdiv	2006	Specialized exhibition of gipsy crafts, business and culture, "Gipsy's world" in Plovdiv
Bulgaria, Sofia	2007	Exhibition "Bulgaria – multiform and unified in the European community" at National historical museum (NHM) – Sofia - selection and exposing of materials, presenting gipsy ethnos.
Bulgaria, Stara Zagora	2008	Exhibition "Gypsy identity – seen from outside, presented from inside"

Specific (Civil Society) Experience:

Country	Dates	Name and brief description of the project
Bulgaria	2002	Project „Working load of the gypsies deptors on a energy distribution”, Stara Zagora
Bulgaria	2003-2004	Adviser of project "One community - many decisions" BG 0102.06-02-066 by the program PHARE "Social Integration"
Bulgaria	2005	Adviser of project- SENT GRANT – financing from USAID
Bulgaria	2006	Adviser of Project – "Gypsies crafts – new dimensions of the tradition" financing from USAID

Bulgaria	2008-2009	<u>Mentor</u> at the project “Romani mentors”, done in cooperation with Foundation “Lozenets”, Stara Zagora
Bulgaria	2010-2011	<u>Mentor-teacher</u> in the project ”Cultural programme Romany mentors 2010”, ran by foundation ”Sham”, Montana

Other Information:

Member of “The Gypsy Lore Society”

Member on Commission for integrations of the romes to the National board for collaboration according ethnic and demographic problems (NSSEDV) to a Council of ministers, Member of the Council for integration of the Romany in the Bulgarian society at Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Practice purpose fullness: As a president of regional Roms craftsman association “Technitary” works for covering finances for raw materials for craft work, for opening of work shops and trade shop of crafts in Stara Zagora. All members of association are with different craft skills -coppersmiths, whittlers, hasir-makers, potters, weavers, basket-makers, saddlers and farriers, carters and ironmongers.

Notable interest in the study and exhibition of the history and ethno-culture of the Romani. He works for the social integration of the Romani community in the Bulgarian society through research and making accessible their intellectual culture, traditional human virtues, lifestyle and traditional crafts.

Contributes to a series of TV productions on TV7-Stara Zagora, devoted to the traditional Romani crafts, entitled “Golden hands” - September 2008 – January 2009

Organizing of conferences:

2006 – National round table conference “ New practices in a word of social undertakings with ethnics minority. Stara Zagora

Participations in conferences and seminars:

2005 – Seminar „Collaboration with medias and public relations”, Gabrovo

2006 – Seminar “ New practices in a word of social undertakings with ethnics minority”. Stara Zagora

2007 – Seminar ”Strategy for development of "fear trade", Sofia, „Integra”

2007 – National conference “Integrations of gypsies in Bulgarian community”, Institute on sociology of BAS, Sofia

2007 – International conference “Culture on the Balkans and Mediterranean lands”, St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo

2007 – Seminar “Problems in protection of health of gypsies in Bulgarian medias”, Sofia, Foundation “AKSSES”

2007 – UNDP - seminar for observation and valuation a progress in realisation of the Decade of gypsies

inclusion 2005-2015, Sofia
 2008 - National conference „Colonize permanent settling the refugees from Trace in South-eastern Bulgaria 1878 – 1934”, Nova Zagora
 2008 - Round table „ Decade of gypsy inclusion 2005-2015”, Open Society Institute Budapest
 2008 - International conference “Cultures and religions on the Balkans and Mediterranean lands”, St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo
 2008 – International round table “Two Hundred Years on the Road: The Term “Balkan Peninsula” (1808-2008), University of Sofia “St.Kliment Ohridski”
 2008 - National council for journalist ethics – Regional roud table “Strengthening the dialogue for overcoming the territorial differences and discrimination”
 2009 - National conference “The cultural heritage of the modern Bulgarian town”, New Bulgarian University of Sofia
 2010- National conference “The city - social transformations and cultural practices”, New Bulgarian University – Department of Anthropology
 2010 - National conference “The Night in folk beliefs and ideas”, Regional ethnographic museum, Plovdiv
 2011 - International conference “Cultures and religions on the Balkans and Mediterranean lands”, St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo
 2011 – Workshop Successful opening of the activities for Roma uniting – provocations and good practices organized by the European Commission, Sofia
 2011 – Workshop High Level on EU funds Contribution to Roma integration, Sofia

Participatios in presentations, exhibition-bazar

2005 – Fair of social change. Hotel “Radisson”, Sofia
 2005 – Traditional Christmas fair in Strasburg
 2005, 2006, 2007 - Presentation “Lipa”, Stara Zagora
 2005, 2006 - International fair of traditional crafts in Ethnographic museum in open (ЕМО) “Etara” – Gabrovo
 2006 - Fair in town of Le Main, Francs

Teachings

2007 – Teaching social specialists for wok with roms ethnic, S.Z. “ARK”, Bulgaria

Publications:

I. Books:

По дългия път ... Живот с другите (история, етносоциална структура, бит и култура на циганите в Старозагорски регион) [On the Long road... Life with the others (history, ethnosocial structure, life-style and culture of gypsy groups)]. // Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. Стара Загора: Кота. 2006, 296 с.

Видрица или 77 рецепти от циганската кухня. [Vidritza or 77 recipes from gypsy cuisine] // Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. Стара Загора: Кота. 2007, 112 с.

Ромската жена – пространства и граници в живота ѝ. [The Romany woman – spaces and limits in her life] // Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. Стара Загора: Литера принт. 2008, 304 с.

On the Long road... Life with the others (history, ethnosocial structure, life-style and culture of gypsy groups). // Evgeniya I. Ivanova, Velcho Krustev. Germany: LINCOM. 2008, 200 с. (второ

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II. Articles:

Цигански занаяти. Каталог. [Catalog “Gypsies crafts”] // Евгения Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. Стара Загора, 2004, 28 с.

За края на една традиция, за историята на един поминък („Те бяха и мечкари...”). [About the end of one tradition, about the background of an occupation (“They were bear lenders..)] /Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. // Известия на музеите от Югоизточна България (И М Ю И Б), XXIII, Сливен, 2007, с. 109-122

Българи и цигани – пространства на взаимоотношенията и граници на различността [Bulgarians and Gypsies – spatial of the interrelations and beyond the bounds of differences]. / Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. // И н т е г р а ц и я т а на ромите в българското общество. София, 2007, с.202-215

“Бобата” – един религиозен феномен при циганите/ромите. [“Bobata” – one religion phenomenon by the Gypsies] / Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. // К у л т у р и и религии на Балканите, в Средиземноморието и Изтока. Кн. III, Велико Търново, 2008, с.49-57

Бежанците и местните в Старозагорско – поселения и взаимоотношения (1878-ср. на 30-те год. на XX век). [Refugees and Locals in the Region of Stara Zagora: Settlements and Mutual Relations (1878-mid-1930s).] // Б ъ л г а р с к а етнология, кн.4, 2008, с.35-44

Участие на циганите във военните и паравоенните структури на Балканите (IX-XIX век). [Participation of Roma in the military and semimilitary structures in the Balkans (IX-XIX century).] // М и н а л о, кн.3, 2009, с. 32-40

Религията при циганите/ ромите като средство за адаптиране към околния свят. [The religion of the Romani as a way of adapting to the world around.] // К у л т у р и и религии на Балканите, в Средиземноморието и Изтока. Кн.IV. Велико Търново, 2009, с. 257-266

Войни, бежанци и междуетнически взаимоотношения в периода 1878-ср. на 20-те год. на XX век. [Wars, refugees and interethnic relations in the period 1878 – middle of the twenties of the XX century.] // В с е к и д н е в и е т о: памет, места, езици. Шумен, 2009, с.106-116.

Цигани в Балкана (за живота им в някои балканджийски селища) [Romanies in the Balkan (on their lives in some Balkan settlements).] // Н а р о д н а култура на балканджиите, Т.VIII, Габрово, 2010, с.84-92

Мястото на ромската материална култура в градска среда като автентично историческо свидетелство. [The place of the Romani material culture in the urban environment as authentic historical evidence] – // К у л т у р н о т о наследство в съвременния град. НБУ, София, 2011, с.171-180

Балканите – втората родина на циганите. [The Balkans – the second motherland of the Romany] // Д в у в е к о в н и я т път на едно понятие „Балканския полуостров” (1808-2008). Университетско издателство „Св. Кл. Охридски” (под печат)

Циганите – Вярвания и представи, обреди и обичаи в нощта. [The Romany – beliefs and views, rites and customs at night] – // Н о щ т а в народните представи и вярвания. Пловдив, (под печат)

Циганите, войните на България и народната признателност [Gypsies, wars of Bulgaria and the gratitude of the people] - // К у л т у р и и религии на Балканите, в Средиземноморието и Изтока. Велико Търново (под печат)

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