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Research interests History and Ethnology of Roma in Eastern Europe, including:
Ethnic identities; Transformation of institutions of traditional law and self-government; Modern mobility Patterns; Post-Holocaust identities.

EDUCATION

2010, October PhD in History, The K. Krapiva Institute of Arts, Ethnography and Folklore of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.
Thesis: “Family and Social Organization of Gypsies (Roma) in Belarus in the end of the 20th – the beginning of the 21st century”.

2007-2010 Postgraduate studies at the Belarusian State University, Minsk.
2002-2007 Undergraduate studies at the Belarusian State University.
Diploma thesis in Ethnology: “Traditional Culture of Gypsies (Roma) in Belarus”.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2008-present Research project “Culture of Ethnic Minorities in Belarus: History, Present Situation, Prospects of Development”, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus.

2005-2010 Numerous field trips to the places of Romani residence in Belarus.

PUBLICATIONS

Abstract of the PhD thesis

2010 Family and Social Organization of Gypsies (Roma) in Belarus in the end of the 20th – the beginning of the 21st century (in Belarusian with English Resume). Minsk: *Prava i ekanomika*, 2010, 22 p.

Articles in Journals and Edited Volumes

2010a The Roma who are Named “the Jews”: Outlining a Romani Group in Belarus; *Tsiganologiske Mitteilungen (Forum Tsiganologischer Forschung)*, No. 8, 23-33.

2010b Marital Rites of Roma in Belarus (in Belarusian);
In: A. Lakotka (ed.), *Pytanni Mastactwasnaustwa, Etnalogii i Falklarysryki* [Issues of Art History, Ethnology and Folklore], Vol. 8, 280-288.

2009a The Roma in Belarus: in the Light of Transformation;
Interstitio. East European Review of Historical Anthropology, Vol. 2, 17-29.

2009b Public Traditions of Roma in Belarus (in Belarusian);
Vesnik Belaruskaga Dzjarzhaunaga Universiteta [Journal of the Belarusian State University], Vol. 3, 20-24.

2008a Social Culture of Roma in Belarus: the Problem of External Influence (in Belarusian);
In: A. Lakotka (ed.), *Pytanni Mastactwasnaustwa, Etnalogii i Falklarysryki* [Issues of Art History, Ethnology and Folklore], Vol. 5, 2008, 323-331.

2008b (in co-authorship with I. Chakwin) Roma in Belarus: Ethno-cultural Adaptation and Socio-cultural Integration (in Belarusian);
In: A. Lakotka (ed.), *Pytanni Mastactwasnaustwa, Etnalogii i Falklarysryki* [Issues of Art History, Ethnology and Folklore], Vol. 4, 448-454.

Conference Proceedings

- 2010 The Problem of Ethnic Identification of Roma in Belarus (in Belarusian);
In: A.M. Mozhejko (ed.) [Proceedings of the VIII Conference on Ethnic, Social, and Confessional Processes in Modern Society], December 2009, Hrodna, 152-154.
- 2008 Folklore of Roma in Belarus (in Belarusian);
In: I.S. Rouda (ed.) [Proceedings of the International Congress on Folklore and Modern Culture], April 2008, Minsk, 19-21.
- 2006 Social Organization of Belarusian Roma (in Belarusian);
In: A.M. Mozhejko (ed.) [Proceedings of the VI Conference on Ethnic, Social, and Confessional Processes in the Modern Society], December 2005, Hrodna, 78-81.

Chapters in Books

forthcoming (with I. Chakwin) *Romy* In: Lakotka (ed.) *Narody Belarusi* [Peoples of Belarus].

Popular Publications

2008 Belarusian Roma: History and Traditions (in Belarusian);
Focus, No. 4, 11-16.

Recent Conference Presentations

- 2011a Ethnic Identities of Gypsies (Roma) in Contemporary Belarus;
Annual Meeting of the Gypsy Lore Society and Conference on Gypsy Studies,
September 1-3, 2011, Graz, Austria.
- 2011b Field study in Gypsy communities: Ethical aspects;
Forum Tsiganologischer Forschung Workshop, May 26-29, Leipzig, Germany.
- 2009 The Concepts of *Honour* and *Profanation* in Family Life and Social Structure of
Roma in Belarus;
Forum Tsiganologischer Forschung Workshop, March 13-15, Leipzig, Germany.