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WORK EXPERIENCE

MANAGER – GUEST HOUSE "VILLA PEPINA" – 01/06/2016 – Current – OBZOR, BULGARIA

- Maintaining communication with hotel guests
- Welcoming and accommodating guests
- Monitoring room check-outs, cleanliness standards, and overall order
- Processing and verifying reservations
- Stocking and inventorying received supplies
- Operating a cash register and processing financial documents

USHER – SATIRICAL THEATRE "ALEKO KONSTANTINOV" – 01/10/2016 – 30/06/2017 – SOFIA, BULGARIA

- Welcoming and guiding visitors to their seats in the auditorium
- Ensuring order and silence in the hall during performances
- Operating a cash register

MUSEUM EDUCATOR – INSTITUTE OF ETHNOLOGY AND FOLKLORE STUDIES WITH ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM, BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES – 01/09/2021 – 04/04/2024 – SOFIA, BULGARIA

- Designing and developing educational programmes
- Working with school students
- Organising and conducting educational workshops
- Working with permanent and temporary exhibitions
- Participating in the preparation and curation of museum exhibitions

PHOTO STUDIO ASSISTANT – RETRO STORY PHOTOGRAPHY – 01/06/2014 – 31/08/2014 – OBZOR, BULGARIA

- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Retro-Story-photography-576425115758001/?timeline_context_item_type=intro_card_work&timeline_context_item_source=1349784582&fref=tag
- Providing instructions and guidance to clients during photo sessions
- Preparing costumes and assisting with clients' makeup prior to photo shoots
- Supporting the organisation and smooth running of photo sessions

ETHNOLOGIST – INSTITUTE OF ETHNOLOGY AND FOLKLORE STUDIES WITH ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM, BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES – 16/10/2025 – Current – SOFIA, BULGARIA

- Researching social, cultural, linguistic, and identity-related processes
- Preparing academic texts, research papers, and presentations

- Participating in scientific and research projects
- Taking part in conferences and academic events

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/08/2002 – 15/06/2009 Obzor, Bulgaria
PRIMARY EDUCATION Primary School "St. St. Cyril and Methodius", Obzor

15/09/2010 – 24/05/2014 Burgas, Bulgaria
SECONDARY EDUCATION High School for Romance Languages "G. S. Rakovski"

01/09/2014 – 2018 Sofia, Bulgaria
BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ETHNOLOGY Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

2019 – 2021 Sofia, Bulgaria
MASTER'S DEGREE Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

Field of study Programme: Primary School Pedagogy

01/10/2023 – 30/09/2026 Sofia, Bulgaria
DOCTORAL STUDIES (PHD) Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum-Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Website https://iefem.bas.bg/ | **Field of study** Ethnology | **Level in EQF** EQF level 8

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **BULGARIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	B2	B2	B2	B2	B1
FRENCH	A2	B1	A2	A2	A2
GREEK	B2	A2	B1	B2	A2
RUSSIAN	B1	B1	B1	B1	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

PUBLICATIONS

2024
Fieldwork among Ukrainians in Bulgaria: Preliminary observations.

This text will focus on Ukrainian citizens entering the territory of the Bulgarian state after the war began in February 2022, and it is based on my field observations over the past two years. In the processof field research,I distinguished severalgroups of Ukrainian citizens: seekers of international protection, labor migrantsand vacationers on the BulgarianBlack Sea coast.I will try to distinguish and characterize each of these groups. Based on ethnographic interviews and observations, I will try to answer the following questions: How do Ukrainian citizens perceive their stay in Bulgaria? Why did they choose to come to Bulgaria and what were the motivesbehind this choice? Do they accept the country as a permanent destination of residence or is it only a transit stop for them? Do they intend to return to their homeland if hostilities end?

Baltadzhieva, R. (2023). Fieldwork among Ukrainians in Bulgaria: Preliminary observations. Tereni, 8.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

01/09/2023 – 04/09/2023 Rhodope Centre, village of Slaveyno, Smolyan region, Bulgaria
Academic Trajectories: Seminar for PhD Students and Early-Career Researchers

01/03/2024 – 01/03/2024 National Museum of Natural History, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria
First National Meeting of Museum Educators

Sofia
Theoretical seminar course: "Contemporary Dimensions of Identity"

16/04/2024 – 19/04/2024 Kyustendil, Bulgaria
5th Interdisciplinary PhD Forum with International Participation

16/05/2024 – 17/05/2024 Sofia
6th International Conference "Between the Worlds: Contesting (Im)Possible Identities"

Conference presentations: **"A Sense of Home Away from It: Preserving Ukrainian Identity in Bulgaria"**

13/05/2024 – 15/05/2024 Sofia
15th National School for PhD Students and Early-Career Researchers in the Social Sciences

23/06/2024 – 28/06/2024 Slovakia
ACRONYM Summer School "Central and Eastern European Migration and Asylum Policies"

Paper: *Leisure under Conditions of War: Tourist Practices among Ukrainians in the Context of Forced Mobility*

11/09/2024 – 14/09/2024 Village of Slaveyno, Bulgaria
Seminar for PhD Students and Early-Career Researchers, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

Paper: **"Migration Processes and the Transfer of Culinary Traditions: Examples from the Towns of Obzor and Varna"**

18/12/2024 – 18/12/2024 Sofia
Scientific seminar "Migration from and to Bulgaria as a Resource", project ConnectBG

Paper: **"Migration as an Opportunity: Bulgarians in Greece and Their Future Prospects"**

12/05/2025 – 13/05/2025 Utrecht, The Netherlands
IMISCOE MITRA Standing Committee PhD Training & Symposium

Paper: **"International Student Mobility in Changing Sociopolitical Landscapes"**

10/06/2025 – 12/06/2025 Sofia
16th National School for PhD Students and Early-Career Researchers in the Social Sciences

26/06/2025 – 27/06/2025 Sofia
International Scientific Conference "Dynamics of Transnational Families in the Context of Armed Conflicts and Sociopolitical Crises"

Paper: **"Family at a Distance: Transnational and Digital Practices of Maintaining Closeness Among Displaced Ukrainian Women in Bulgaria"**

11/09/2025 – 14/09/2025 Village of Slaveyno, Bulgaria
Seminar "Academic Trajectories", Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

Paper: **"Social Attitudes and Patterns of Acceptance toward Ukrainian Refugees in Obzor"**

29/10/2025 – 31/10/2025 Sofia
7th International Conference "Between the Worlds: Crossroads, Dialogues and Stories"

Paper: ***„Studying far from Home: Student Mobility from Ukraine to Bulgaria in the Context of the War Crisis (Focus on Ethnic Bulgarians and Ukrainians with Temporary Protection since 2022)"***

WORK-RELATED SKILLS

Research skills

- Planning and conducting ethnographic fieldwork
- Collecting and analysing qualitative data (interviews, participant observation, field notes)

- Working with qualitative research methods
- Thematic analysis and coding of empirical material
- Conducting in-depth interviews
- Presenting research findings at academic conferences
- Writing academic texts, reports, and analytical papers
- Working on scientific and research projects
- Planning research activities and meeting deadlines
- Teamwork and coordination with various institutions

PROJECTS

2018

"Legend Seekers" Project

Role: Volunteer
Supported by the National Culture Fund, *Cultural Heritage* Programme
The project started in June 2018
Location: Etropole, Bulgaria
The project was supported by the National Culture Fund under the *Cultural Heritage* programme. Work on the project began in June 2018, with the town of Etropole selected as the main location for the implementation of the project activities.

25/01/2023 – 2024

"Into the Forest: Mythical Creatures in Bulgarian Lands"

Role: **Consultant**

- Providing expert consultation for the project booklet
- Contributing specialist knowledge on Bulgarian folk mythology
- Advising on the presentation of mythological creatures in a contemporary perspective
- Supporting the integration of informational content with original authorial tales inspired by traditional mythological beings

Applied Project "Education with Science" 2 Funded by the Ministry of Education and Science / Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Grant agreement No. DO01-43

2023 – CURRENT

Connectivity and Solidarity with Bulgaria among Mobile Bulgarian Citizens in the EU (ConnectBG)

Interdisciplinary research project funded by the Bulgarian National Science Fund (Fundamental Research Programme, 2023). The project examines post-1989 Bulgarian migration, focusing on the potential contributions of mobile Bulgarian citizens in the EU to Bulgaria's economic, social, cultural, and political development. The research is based on document analysis, media archives, and extensive fieldwork, including in-depth interviews with Bulgarians living abroad. Conceptually, the project is framed around mobility, citizenship, and digital transformation, aiming to develop innovative approaches to understanding migration as a resource rather than a loss of human capital.

2025 – 2027

Digital Bulgaria: Generations, Ethnic Groups, and Technologies in the 21st Century. Cultural Practices and Social Inequalities in the Era of Digital Transformation

Project description:
The project explores how access to and use of digital technologies are shaped by age, ethnic background, social status, and cultural specificities. It is grounded in the understanding that digital transformation does not occur evenly across society and may, in certain contexts, lead to the emergence of new social and cultural inequalities or the deepening of existing ones.

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Organisational skills

- Strong organisational skills
- Good communication skills
- Sense of responsibility
- Planning and time-management skills
- Active and attentive listening
- Project-based work skills

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Communication and interpersonal skills

- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work effectively in a team
- Positive and open attitude
- Public speaking skills
- Presentation skills

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

01/10/2024 – 31/01/2025

Erasmus+ mobility

University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece