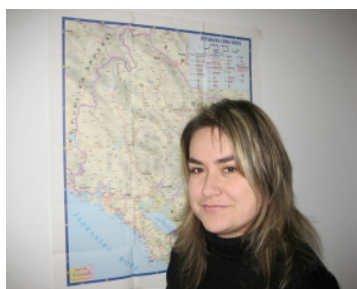


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Education: MA degree

Institution [from date to date]	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained
University of Arts – Belgrade & University Lyon 2 – France & University Pierre Mendes – France, Postgraduate studies on Cultural Management, 2003 -2005	Postgraduate certificate on Cultural Management and Cultural Policies on the Balkans
St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University, Theory and History of Culture Department. 1997-2007	Master Degree in Cultural Studies MA thesis: <i>Cultural Policies towards the Roma in Bulgaria within the period 1989 – 2006.</i>

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

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Bulgarian	5	5	5
English	5	5	5
Serbo-Croatian	5	5	5
Romanes (Gypsy language)	5	5	5
Russian	4	3	3

Present Positions: PhD student, “Balkan Ethnology” Department at Ethnographical Institute and Museum of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Years within the company: Since 2008.

Professional experience:

Institution	Position	Dates
Technology Park Culture I project of the Theory and History of Culture Department, Sofia University	Coordinator of National Civil Forum for Culture	2001 – 2002
Technology Park Culture II project of the Theory and History of Culture Department, Sofia University	Researcher within survey on cultural organization with national scope	2002 – 2003
Next Page Foundation	Project coordinator, researcher	2002 – 2007

Other Skills: Computer literacy - MC Office and Linux packages.

Specific (Research) Experience:

Country	Dates	Name and brief description of the project
Bulgaria	2002–2003	<i>Typology of cultural organizations with national-wide activities and networks and their influence on cultural policies in Bulgaria.</i> History and Theory of Culture Department of Sofia University „St. Kliment. Ohridski“
Bulgaria, Serbia, Macedonia	2005–2006	<i>Young Roma Literature Talents. Research on Romani literature in three Balkan countries.</i>
Austria, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary	2006-2007	<i>Literature of Roma Authors: research on poetry, novels and short stories.</i> Romani Library project with the support of the European Commission
Montenegro, Serbia	2008-at present	<i>Dynamics of Identities in Montenegro. Ethnographic research on ethnic groups and ethnic processes.</i> Ethnographical Institute and Museum of Bulgarian Academy of Science.

Specific (Analysis, Evaluations) Experience:

Country	Dates	Name and brief description of the project
Bulgaria	2002- 2003	<i>Evaluation of Translation Project of OSI - Budapest.</i> Elaboration and implementation of an impact study and evaluation paper of the project in Bulgaria. Funded by OSI - Budapest
Serbia, Bulgaria	2003-2005	<i>Consultancy for BalkanKult. Comparative analysis of the legislation and fiscal framework for development of cultural foundations in Bulgaria and Serbia.</i>

Specific (Publishing and Digital Archives) Experience:

Country	Dates	Name and brief description of the project
Europe	2003–2007	<i>Romani Publications Project: coordination of the grant support scheme for print and web publications in Romani in over 10 countries.</i> Information Program of the Open Society Foundation – Budapest.
Europe	2006-2007	<i>Digital Romani Content: digitalization of 10 titles in small electronic library.</i> VORBA project of Next Page foundation.
Bulgaria, Romania, Macedonia	2006-2008	<i>Multi-cultural books for children: publishing and promotion of contemporary books for Roma youth.</i> Supported by European Cultural Foundation
Europe	2007-2008	<i>Romani Digital Collection at TEL (the European Library): digitalization and metadata access to Romani collections of 47 libraries in Europe.</i> VORBA project & National Library of Serbia & the European Library

Specific (Civil Society) Experience:

Country	Dates	Name and brief description of the project
Bulgaria	2002–2003	<i>Cooperation of National Civil Forum for Culture and public authorities.</i> – Observation and provision of information to cultural organization about the work of the Parliament Commission for Culture
Europe	2004	<i>International training for NGOs dealing with publishing in Romani language and on Roma issue.</i> Supported by the Information Programme of OSI - Budapest
Bulgaria, Macedonia, Romania	2006-2007	<i>Our Stories project: design and implementation of reading campaigns in Roma communities.</i> Supported by the European Cultural Foundation

Participations in conferences and seminars:

- Oct 2007 – Conference *Diversity of Minorities' Literature in Romania*, International Book Fair at Sibiu - European Capital of Culture 2007 (Sibiu, Romania).
- Oct 2006 - Seminar *Romani Language in the teaching, book creation and promotion of children books in schools and communities* (Skopje, Macedonia)
- Sept 2006 – Seminar *Access to Romani language and the Possibilities of the IT Development*, Linux Center and IP program of OSI – Serbia (Belgrade, Serbia)
- August 2005 - 17th Congress of International Reading Association (Zagreb, Croatia)
- May 2005 – Second Romani Studies Conference *The Other Side of Europe*, International Romani Studies Network (Istanbul, Turkey).
- Oct 2004 – 6th Congress of the International Romani Union (Lanciano, Italy)
- May 2004 – Conference: *Eurovisionen: From Cultural Networks to Politics*, on the occasion of the EU Enlargement (Berlin, Germany)
- April 2004 – Seminar & Study Visit *Cultural Policies in Albania* (Tirana, Albania)
- June 2003 - *ENCATC Academy 2003 on Cultural Management* (Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria)
- Dec 2002 – Conference *Funding the Future – the role of cultural foundations in the Balkans*, (Belgrade, Serbia).
- June 2002 – International Seminar *Cultural Policy and Modern Media Arts* (Sofia, Bulgaria)

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