

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **Family name:** Ahmedova
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6. **Education:**

Institution [Date from - Date to]	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
EIM-BAS 2006-2008	PhD degree in Ethnography (Diploma # 33385/13.07.2009)
St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University 2002 – 2003	Master Degree in Ethnology (Diploma # M 181379/20.02.07)
St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University 1998 – 2002	Bachelor Degree in History and Ethnology (Diploma # B164373/29.03.03)

7. **Specializations and professional qualifications:**

Four months specialization at the Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, Romania under the Project of International PhD Program Promoting Anthropology in Central and Eastern Europe (Marie Curie SocAnth). 2007 – 2008.

Course “The Roma”, Summer University of the Central European University in Budapest, July 2003.

Course “The Eastern Crisis and Balkan Nations”, Summer School of the University of Pristina July-August, 2002.

First National Summer School in Roma Culture and Language, organized by Foundation “Diversity” in Varna, August, 2001.

Summer School “Roma - Prejudice, Delusion, Alternative” in Vlasina, Serbia and July - August, 2000.

8. Language skills: (Mark 1 to 5 for competence, where 1 is the highest)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Bulgarian	1	1	1
Turkish (mother)	3	2	3
English	2	2	2
Russian	2	3	3
Romanian	3	3	3

9. Other skills: Windows, Microsoft Office, MAC

10. Current position: Research Associate at Balkan Ethnology Department, EIM-BAS (since 03.11.2009), Address: 1000 Sofia, Moskovska 6 a.

11. Professional experience:

Date From - To	Institution	Occupation	Description
02.02.2009-03.11. 2009	EIM-BAS	Researcher	Realizing of field ethnographic surveys; systematization of ethnographic material; preparation and implementation of research projects.
01.07.2004 - 14.02.2006	Svishtov Municipality	Senior specialist	Relations with ethnic minorities and local NGOs; preparation and realizing of projects for improving of local environment and cultural development.

12. Participation in projects:

- Project “Expanding the skills and qualifications of young scholars for border areas – prerequisites between science and practice”, funded by Operational Program for Human Resource Development, Ministry of Education and Science. (BG051PO001/07/3.3-04.21/28.08.2009). 2009-2011.

- Project “Cultural heritage and national identity in terms of pan-European labor mobility” (BG051PO001/07/3.3-02), funded by NSF, Ministry of Education and Science (DO-02/106//08.05.2008). 2008 - 2010.
- Project “European dimensions of Balkan culture and history” (BG051PO001/07/3.3-02), funded by Operational Program for Human Resource Development, Ministry of Education and Science. 2008 - 2010.
- Project “International PhD Programme Promoting Anthropology in Central and Eastern Europe (Marie Curie SocAnth). European Partnership for Qualitative Research Training (Social Anthropology)”, финансиран по European Community’s Sixth Framework Programme (MEST-CT-2005-020702). Individual Project: “Ethnic Identity and Material Culture of the Roma/Gypsies in Romania”. 2007 - 2008.
- Project “Preservation of Gypsy/Roma Historical and Cultural Heritage in Bulgaria”, funded by Endangered Archives Programme of the British Library. 2007 - 2008.
- Individual project “Boundaries and Identities. Diaspora Communities in Dobrudzha”, funded by Maison des sciences de l’home et de la societe –Sofia. 2007.
- Project “Educational and Medical Integration of Vulnerable Minority Groups with the Special Focus on Roma” under PHARE Programme (BG-01-03-0013 - Component 03: Health). 2007.
- Individual project “The Best Roma Belly Dancer in Northeast Bulgaria” (Project Code B0036), funded by Arts and Culture Network Programme, Open Society Institute - Budapest. 2007.
- Project “Dynamics of National Identity and Transnational Identities in the process of European Integration” (CER 2006-051), funded by Jean Monnet Action, Support for Study and Research Centres. Programme of the European Commission. 2006-2007.
- Project “Educational attitudes of Roma in Nova Zagora”, funded by IMIR Foundation. 2005.
- Project “Cultural specifics of Roma in town of Pleven”, funded by IMIR Foundation. 2004.
- Project “The Roma in Northeast Bulgaria”, funded by IMIR Foundation. 2003.
- Project “Ethnocultural Characteristics of the Christians Roma in town of Rousse” funded by IMIR Foundation. 2002.
- Project “Preservation and Promotion of Roma culture in Central Bulgaria”, funded by Open Society Foundation Gabrovo. 2001.
- Project “Study on Spiritual culture of the Roma Community in the region of Lom”, funded by Open Society Foundation Sofia. 2001.
- Project “Poverty and Ethnicity”, funded by IMIR Foundation. 1999.

13. Participation in conferences and seminars:

a) Bulgaria:

- Round Table “Problems and perspectives for the development of the Turkish culture in Bulgaria”, organised by Association for Cultural interaction in Sofia, 18 Mart 2010.
- International scientific conference “Alignment with the regime of communism – 20 years later”, organized by Balkan Ethnology Department at EIM-BAS, Sofia, 9-11 November 2009, funded by ASO-Sofia. Report: “Borderland reflections on socialism”.
- Round table “Discourse on the underwear”, organized by New Bulgarian University, Sozopol, September, 2009. Report: “Underwear in the dowry”.
- International conference “Dynamics of National Identity and Transnational Identities in the process of European Integration”, Sofia, 2006. Report: “Boundaries and Identities: The Crimean Tatars in Dobrudzha”.
- Seminar “Ethnology and Bulgarian Society”, organized by Ethnology Department, History Faculty, Sofia University. Sofia. 2003. Report: “The marriage choice of the Kardarash Gypsies”
- International Conference “ Ethnicities and Cultures on the Balkans”, organized by DIOS Foundation, 2000. Report: “Funeral ritual system of the Muslims Sunni from Svishtov and Novgrad village, Rousse district”. “
- Seminar on the Project “Poverty and Ethnicity”, organized by Ethnology Department, History Faculty, Sofia University and IMIR Foundation. 1999. Report: “Heterogeneity of the Roma community in Sofia and Sliven”.

b) abroad:

- International Conference “Romani mobilities in Europe: multidisciplinary perspectives”, organised by Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford university, 14-15 January 2010, Oxford, UK. Report: “Labour migrations of the Bulgarian Roma in Poland”.
- Fifth International Scientific Symposium “Culture of the Russian Lipovans in International and National context”, 11-15 May 2009, Tulcea, Romania. Report: “Funeral customs and ethnoconfessional identity of the Russian Old believers in Bulgaria”
- Conference “Healing of Memories” in Sambata monastery, Fagaras district, Romania, organized by Foundation Reconciliation in South-East-Europe, 2009. Report: “Ethnoconfessional communities in Bulgaria”.
- Conference “Religion – History – Culture – Society. The Influence of Religion and Ethnical Identity on the Development of Values in Culture and Society”, organized by Foundation Reconciliation in South-East-Europe, 2009. Report: “The religious situation in South Dobrudzha”

- Seminar on the Project “Individual European Partnership for Qualitative Research Training (Social Anthropology)” under the European Community’s Sixth Framework Programme, organized by Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung, Halle, Germany, 2008. Report: “Ethnic Identity and Material Culture of the Roma/Gypsies in Dobrudzha”.

- International Scientific Conference “Transitions in the History and the Culture”, organized by National History Institute of Macedonia and Ethnographic Institute with Museum – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, October 2006, Skopje, FYROM. Report: Change of the Professional Orientations of Kalderash Roma in Bulgaria.

- Seminar “Roma - Prejudice, Delusion, Alternative”, Vlasina, Serbia 2000. Report: “The Karderash Roma in Bulgaria”.

14. Field work:

a) Bulgaria:

- Field Research on the Gypsies South Dobrudzha. October 2009.

- Field Research on the funeral system of the Russian Oldbelievers from Tataritsa and Kazashko. May, 2009.

- Field Research on the Crimean Tatars, Gypsies and Russian Oldbelievers in South Dobrudzha. June, 2008.

- Field Research on the Crimean Tatars, Gypsies and Russian Oldbelievers in South Dobrudzha. June, 2007.

- Field Research on the Crimean Tatars, Gypsies and Russian Oldbelievers in South Dobrudzha, June, 2006.

- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project “Educational attitudes of Roma in Nova Zagora”. March 2005

- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project “Cultural specifics of Roma in town of Pleven”, July and September 2004.

- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project “The Roma in Northeast Bulgaria”, Silistra, May 2003.

- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project “Ethnocultural Characteristics of the Christians Roma in town of Rousse” May, 2002.

- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project “Preservation and Promotion of Roma culture in Central Bulgaria”, August 2001.

- Participation in ethnographic expedition on the project “Study on Spiritual culture of the Roma Community in the region of Lom”, July 2001.

- Participation in field expedition for research on traditional and modern culture in Lesichovo village, Pazardzik district, organized by Ethnology Department, History Faculty, Sofia University, July 2001.

- Participation in field expedition for research on traditional and modern culture in Kalugerovo village, Pazardzik district, organized by Ethnology Department, History Faculty, Sofia University, July 2000.

- Participation in sociological research on the Roma in Sofia and Sliven on the Project “Poverty and Ethnicity”, August 1999.

b) abroad:

- Field research on the Russian Old believers in Tulcea, June 2009.

- Field research on the Gypsies in Medgidia, Romania. December 2008.

- Field Research on the Crimean Tatars, Gypsies and Russian Old believers in North Dobrudzha, Romania, May-June. 2008.

- Field research on the Crimean Tatars, Gypsies and Russian Old believers in North Dobrudzha, Romania, May-June 2007

- Field research on the Crimean Tatars and Gypsies in Constanta, Romania, November 2006.

15. Publications:

Monographs:

Еролова, Й. Добруджа – граници и идентичности. [Dobrudzha – Borders and Identities] София: Парадигма (под печат)

Articles:

a) Bulgaria:

Еролова, Й. 2002. Имотна, социална и религиозна разнородност на ромската общност в някои квартали на градовете София и Сливен. [Property, Social and Religiuous Heterogeneity of Roma Community in Some Quarters of Sofia and Sliven]– В: Ethnologia Academica, Том 2 - Общности и култури. София: Вулкан 4, с. 38-42.

Еролова, Й. 2003. Маркери на самоидентификация при ромите-кардараша. [Markers of Self-Identification of Kardarash Roma] – В: Балкански идентичности, Том 3. София: ИИИ, с. 283-290.

Еролова Й. 2008. Граници и идентичности. Кримските татари в Добруджа. [Boundaries and Identities. The Crimean Tatars in Dobrudzha] – В: Дечева, М. (Съст.) Динамики на националната идентичност и транснационалните идентичности в процеса на европейска интеграция. София: Парадигма, с. 615-636.

Erolova, Y. Crimea and/or Turkey in self-identification of the Crimean Tatars in Dobrudzha– In: Karamihova, M. (Ed.) European Dimensions of the Balkan Culture and History. Sofia: Paradigma. (Forthcoming)

Еролова, Й. От палатката до палата [From the Tent to the Palace] – In: М. Карамихова, (съст.) Европейски измерения на културата и историята на Балканите. София: Парадигма. (под печат)

b) abroad:

Erolova, Y. 2008. Boundaries and identities: The Crimean Tatars in Dobrudzha. – In: Elena Marushiakova (Ed.) Dynamics of National Identity and Transnational Identities in the Process of European Integration. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp. 449-467.

Еролова, Й. 2008. Религиозни и политически измерения на самоидентификацията на русите старообредци в Добруджа. [Religious and political dimensions of self-identification of the Russian Old believers in Dobrudzha] – В: Журнал етнологии и културологии, Том 4, Кишинев: Академия наук Молдовы - Институт културного наследия, с. 169-173.

Еролова, Й. 2008. Промените в ‘професионалните ориентации’ на ромите калдераши в България. [Change of the professional orientations of the Kalderash Roma in Bulgaria.] – В: Транзициите во историјата и културата. Прилози од Меѓународната конференција одржана во Скопје на 30 и 31 октомври 2006 година, во соработка со Етнографскиот институт со музеј при Бугарската академија на науките, Институт за национална историја, Скопје, с. 301-314.

Erolova, Y. 2010. Cultura materială și identitatea țiganilor din Dobrogea – In: Ștelu Șerban (coordinator). Teme in antropologia sociala din Europa de sud-est. Volum in memoriai Profesorului Paul H. Stahl. Bucuresti: Paideia, pp. 333-358.

Еролова, Й. Погребалните обичаи и этноконфесионална идентичност старообредцев в Болгарија. [Funeral customs and ethnoconfessional identity of the Russian Old believers in Bulgaria] – В: Култура руских-липован в национален и меѓународен контекст. Бухарест: CRLR. (под печат)

Reviews:

Еролова, Й. 2008. Е. Иванова, Кръстев, В. Ромската жена – пространства и граници в живота ѝ. [E. Ivanova, V. Krastev. The Roma woman – spaces and boundaries in her life]– В: Българска етнология, год. XXXV, 2009, кн. 1-2, с. 152-154.

Internet publications:

Erolova, Y. Labour Migrations of the Bulgarian Roma in Poland. – In: Nando Sigona (ed.) Romani mobilities: multidisciplinary perspectives. Conference Proceedings. Pp. 52-56. Available at <http://www.forcedmigration.org/podcasts/romani-mobilities/>, Accessed 20 Mart 2010.

Scientific-popular publications:

Еролова, Й. 2009. В. И. Ленин и неговият паметник в с. Новград, Русенско. [V.I. Lenin and his monument in Novgrad village, Rousse district] – В: Паметни места, събития, личности – почитани, отречени, забравени. София: Фондация Ценности, с. 33.

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