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CURRICULUM VITAE

T. Zachar Podolinská is the director of the Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology of Slovak Academy of Sciences (IESA SAS), since 2012 and assistant professor at the Department of Comparative studies of Religions (Comenius University, Bratislava). Her career includes having been a visiting professor at the University of Oslo (Norway), Masaryk University (Czech Republic), Charles University (Czech Republic), UNAM (Mexico), Missouri State University (USA), Södertörn University (Sweden), St Andrews University (UK) and the University of West Scotland (UK).

She has participated in several European research projects related to the Romani Studies (5FP EU, 6FP EU; and international research projects related to social anthropology and religious studies (Mexico, Guatemala). As a researcher she is focused on anthropology of religion (Romani studies, contemporary religiosity and spirituality). In 2002 she was a member of the international project focused on searching Roma Religiosity in Slovakia (*God sees everything/O Del sa Dikhel*, 2003). In 2010 she was the main coordinator of national project *Social inclusion of Romanies in Slovakia via religious path*. In the last years the publications **God between the barriers** (2010) and **Religion as a Path to Change** (2011) as a results from this project were published out. On the behalf of Gypsy Lore Society (GLS), in 2014 she was the main organizer of Annual Meeting and GLS Conference of Romani Studies held in Bratislava. In 2016 she was the co-editor of monograph entitled **Black and White Worlds – Roma in majority society in Slovakia**. The monograph achieved wide recognition in scientific community, being awarded by 2 prizes by Slovak Association for the Study of Religion and Ethnographic Society of Slovakia and one of the three nominations of Roma Spirit prize in 2016. In 2020, she published the monograph **Marian Devotion Among the Roma in Slovakia. A Post-Modern Religious Response to Marginality** (Palgrave Macmillan).

She is a member of the Editorial board *Anthropological Journal of European Cultures* and of the Editorial board of the *Romani Studies* journal issued by the Liverpool University.

Since 2016, T. Zachar Podolinská has been a member of the *Board of Network of Academic Institutions in Romani Studies (NAIRS)*, and the *Platform for Academic Networking on Religions among Roma/Gypsies (PAN-ROM)*, <https://uesa.sav.sk/?q=sk/pan-rom>.

Since 2015 she is honoured to be a member of the Board of Directors of Gypsy Lore Society, at the position of secretary of GLS. In September 2020 she has been honoured to be voted by the Board of Directors of GLS as the President of the Gypsy Lore Society.

T. Zachar Podolinská is the author of over than 105 publication units, being the author and co-author of 7 national monographs and monograph chapters and 3 foreign monographs and monograph chapters/articles, 6 chapters in foreign scientific and expert monographs, 3 national chapters and 51 journal studies.

Education

Faculty of Arts, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia:

M. A. study of Philosophy and History, Graduated: May 1995

M. A. study of the Science of Religions, Graduated: January 1997

PhD. study of the Science of Religions, Graduated: June 1999

Fellowships

July – August 1995, fellowship, international summer school, University of Oslo, Norway

September 1997 - July 1998, PhD fellowship, University of Oslo, Norway

July – August 1999, post-doctoral fellowship, INAH, Mexico

February – August 2015, Missouri State University, USA

September – December 2019, St Andrews University, Scotland

Research Projects (selection)

National

(2003-06) Collective of the Centre of Excellence, SAS Collective Identities (member)

(2009) Efficiency of Fieldwork in Marginalised Roma Communities, in the context of a project for the Social Development Fund (member)

(2010) Social Inclusion of the Roma by Religious Means (SIRONA 2010)(PI)

(2011-14) research project VEGA *Roma in majority society* (PI)

(2015-18) research project VEGA *Label Roma – its emic and ethic consequences and social impact* (PI)

International

(2001-03) *Religiousness of the Slovak Romanies*, Roma Culture Initiative – OSI, Budapest, Hungary (member)

(2005) 5FP EU- RE-URBAN MOBILE (migration expert)

(2006-07) 6FP EU- REVACERN (Romani studies expert)

(2009-12) *Anthology on Romani Pentecostalism* (Södertörn University Stockholm, Sweden) (Romani studies expert)

(2012) *Evaluation of Roma Education Fund Project for Slovakia* (PI)

(2015) *Roma in Central and Eastern Europe* (hosting lector, Missouri State University, USA)

(2015) *„Insiders“ and „Outsiders“ of Identity Games. European Policies Towards Roma, Central and Eastern European Case* (Södertörn University in Stockholm, Sweden) (lector and investigator)

(2016) *Copernicus Graduate School* (Warszawa, Poland, Romani studies hosting lector)

(2016-18) *Network of Academic Institutions in Romani Studies* (vice-president)

(2016-19) Interreg Danube Transnational Programme – *Danube Region Information Platform for Economic Integration of Migrants (DRIM)* (project manager)

(2019) SAS-ERC Visiting Scholar Programme

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