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WORK EXPERIENCE

10/2019 – CURRENT – Bratislava, Slovakia

Researcher

Slovak Academy of Sciences: Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology

Professional, scientific and technical activities / uetnsekr@savba.sk
/ <https://uesa.sav.sk/?q=en> / Klemensova 19, 813 64, Bratislava,
Slovakia

10/2019 – 12/2021 – Bratislava, Slovakia

Analyst

Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education

Professional, scientific and technical activities / info@saavs.sk / <http://saavs.sk/en/> / Nám. slobody 6943/11, 811 06 , Bratislava, Slovakia

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

09/2013 – 08/2019 – Mlynské luhy 4 , Bratislava, Slovakia

Ph.D.

Comenius University: Institute of Social Anthropology

Field(s) of study

◦ Anthropology

Religious ritual and socioeconomic status: A study of the Kavadi ritual in Mauritius | <https://fses.uniba.sk/en/contact/>

09/2013 – CURRENT – Jaselská 201/18, Brno, Czechia

Ph.D. (in progress)

Masaryk University: Department for the Study of Religions

Field(s) of study

◦ Religious studies

Ritualization effects and the impact of ritual costs on efficacy judgments, religious signaling ... | <https://religionistika.phil.muni.cz>

09/2011 – 08/2012 – University Road, Belfast, United Kingdom

M.A.

Queen's University Belfast: Institute of Cognition and Culture

Field(s) of study

◦ Cognition and Culture

Does the moral intuition of compensation elicit agency detection? | <https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/InstituteofCognitionCulture/>

09/2007 – 06/2010 – Mlynské luhy 4 , Bratislava, Slovakia

- **Bc.**
Comenius University: Institute of Social Anthropology
Field(s) of study
 - Anthropology<https://fses.uniba.sk/en/contact/>
- **09/2009 – 02/2010** – University Way, London, United Kingdom
- **Undergraduate Certificate (ERASMUS placement)**
University of East London - Anthropology department
Field(s) of study
 - Anthropology<https://www.uel.ac.uk>

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & PLACEMENTS

- **09/2016 – CURRENT**
- **HUME lab (Laboratory for Experimental Humanities) - Research fellow**
<https://humelab.cz/en>
- **09/2013 – CURRENT**
- **LEVYNA (Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion) - Research fellow**
<https://www.levyna.cz/en>
- **10/2016 – 06/2018**
- **University of Connecticut - Visiting researcher**
<https://www.experimentalanthropology.com>
- **09/2015 – 05/2016**
- **University of Mauritius - Visiting researcher**
<https://uom.ac.mu>
- **09/2011 – 06/2012**
- **Queen's University Belfast - Research assistant**
<https://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/InstituteofCognitionCulture/>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

06/2016

● **The Data Scientist's Toolbox**

Online course of statistics at Coursera.org: Johns Hopkins University

07/2015

● **Interdisciplinary Ethnographic Field School - Aarhus University**

Summer University in Mauritius - participation & teaching

06/2014

● **Morality: Evolutionary Origins and Cognitive Mechanisms - Central European University**

Summer University

08/2012

● **Experimental Methods in the Study of Cognition and Culture - Aarhus University**

Summer University

HONOURS AND AWARDS

2018

● **John McGraw Award - for best student contribution at the 2018 annual conference**

– International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion

"Socioeconomic factors involved in participation in extreme rituals"

2013

● **Degree Plus Award - for involvement in activities beyond the program of academic study**

– Queen's University Belfast
research assistance & rowing (3rd in 8+ at the British University Championships; 1st in 8+ and 1st in 4+ at the Irish National Championships - novice category)

2011

● **Academic achievement scholarship**

– Comenius University
Awarded 250 EUR for outstanding academic results

2009

● **Academic achievement scholarship**

– Comenius University
Awarded 250 EUR for outstanding academic results

SCHOLARSHIPS

2017 - 2018

● **Masaryk University's "Freemover" scholarship**

Awarded 62 500 CZK for a research placement at the University of Connecticut - Experimental Anthropology Lab

2017 - 2018

● **Fulbright Scholarship - Visiting student researcher**

Research placement at the University of Connecticut - Experimental Anthropology Lab

2016 - 2017

● **National Scholarship Program of the Slovak Republic**

Awarded 16 532 USD for a research placement at the University of Connecticut - Experimental Anthropology Lab

2016 - 2017

● **Tatra bank's "Students into the world" grant**

Awarded 3500 EUR for a research placement at the University of Connecticut - Experimental Anthropology Lab

2016 - 2017

● **Masaryk University's "Freemover" scholarship**

Awarded 69 000 CZK for a research placement at the University of Connecticut - Experimental Anthropology Lab

2016 - 2017

● **Comenius University's PhD research mobility scholarship**

Awarded 3000 EUR for a research placement at the University of Connecticut, USA

2015 - 2016

● **Masaryk University's "Special Grant"**

Awarded 70 000 CZK for a research placement at the University of Mauritius

2014 - 2015

● **Masaryk University's "Freemover" scholarship**

Awarded 21 000 CZK for an academic internship at the University of Connecticut conducted at the Mauritian Laboratory for Experimental Anthropology in Mauritius

2014

● **Comenius University's Chancellor's "Young Researchers' Grant"**

Awarded 1000 EUR for a PhD. research project

PROJECTS

2021

- **Specific research EVAKON – Evolutionary and cognitive research of religion (MUNI/A/1444/2020)**

Masaryk University: researcher

2019 – 2022

- **Collective rituals as a tool of social regulation (Project VEGA 2/0102/19)**

Slovak Academy of Sciences: researcher

2014

- **Epistemological problems of research in religious studies regulation (MUNI/A/0780/2013)**

Masaryk University: researcher

2013 – 2016

- **The Evolution of Religion and Morality**

Project of the Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium: researcher

2012 – 2014

- **Project LEVYNA - Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion (CZ.1.07/2.3.00/20.048)**

Masaryk University: researcher

TEACHING

2022 – CURRENT

- **PhD. seminar**

Slovak Academy of Sciences -Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology

2018 – 2020

- **Experimental research**

Masaryk University: HUME lab

2015 – 2016

- **Ethnographic methods; Human behavioural ecology**

Aarhus University: Interdisciplinary Ethnographic Field School

2013 – 2014

- **Anthropology of religion; Field data analysis**

Comenius University: Bc. courses

PUBLICATIONS

- **Ritual Choice and Ritual Form Among Hindu Mauritians (submitted)**
2021
Maño, P., & Xygalatas, D.
submitted to *Slovak Ethnology*
- **Ritual exegesis among Mauritian Hindus**
2021
Xygalatas, D. & Maño, P.
accepted manuscript by *Religion*
- **Cigarettes for the dead: Effects of sorcery beliefs on parochial prosociality in Mauritius (accepted manuscript)**
2021
Kundtová Klocová, E., Lang, M., Maño, P., Kundt, R., & Xygalatas, D.
accepted manuscript by *Religion, Brain and Behavior*
- **Ritualization increases the perceived efficacy of instrumental actions**
2021 <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0010027721002420?dgcid=coauthor#!>
Xygalatas, D., Maño, P., & Baranowski Pinto, G.
Cognition, 215(June). ISSN 0010-0277. doi:10.1016/j.cognition.2021.104823.
- **Social inequality and signaling in a costly ritual (in press, corrected proof)**
2021 <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1090513821000593>
Xygalatas, D., Maño, P., Bahna, V., Kundtová Klocová, E., Kundt, R., Lang, M., & Shaver, J. H.
Evolution and Human Behavior. 10 s. ISSN 1090-5138. doi:10.1016/j.evolhumbehav.2021.05.006.
- **Review of Vladimír Bahna: Supernatural experiences and the narrative mind – The social infectiousness of memories. Bratislava: VEDA.**
2020 [https://www.sav.sk/journals/uploads/07010745etno2-2020-recenzie\(2\).pdf](https://www.sav.sk/journals/uploads/07010745etno2-2020-recenzie(2).pdf)
Maño, P.
In *Slovak Ethnology*, 68(2). 188-190.
- **Review of Juraj Franek: Naturalism and Protectionism in the Study of Religions. Brno: Masarykova univerzita.**
2019 https://www.sav.sk/journals/uploads/010510161208112806_SN4-2019-Recenzie.pdf
Maño, P.
In *Slovak Ethnology*, 67(4), 465-468.
- **Big Gods in Small Places: The Random Allocation Game in Mauritius**
2018 <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/2153599X.2016.1267033?journalCode=rrbb20>
Xygalatas, D., Kotherová, S., Maño, P., Kundt, R., Cigán, J., Kundtová Klocová, E., & Lang, M.

● **Review of Radek Kundt: Contemporary Evolutionary Theories of Culture and the Study of Religion. London and New York: Bloomsbury Academic**

2018 <https://journal.equinoxpub.com/JCH/article/view/538>

Maňo, P.

In *Journal of Cognitive Historiography*, 3(1-2), 222-226. doi:10.1558/jch.34140.

● **Location, location, location: Effects of cross-religious primes on prosocial behaviour**

2016 <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10508619.2015.1097287>

[10.1080/10508619.2015.1097287](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10508619.2015.1097287)

Xygalatas, D., Kundtová Klocová, E., Cigán, J., Kundt, R., Maňo, P., Kotherová, S., et al.

International Journal for the Psychology of Religion, 26(4), 3014-319.

Abingdon: Taylor & Francis Group. ISSN 1050-8619. doi:

10.1080/10508619.2015.1097287.

● **Review of Kathryn T. McClymond: Ritual Gone Wrong: What We Learn from Ritual Disruption. New York: Oxford University Press**

2017 <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/0048721X.2017.1294902>

[2017.1294902](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/0048721X.2017.1294902)

Maňo, P.

In *Religion*, 48(1), 175-178. Abingdon: Taylor & Francis Group. ISSN

0048-721X. doi:10.1080/0048721X.2017.1294902.

● **Ritual and Mind: Cognitive and Evolutionary Theory of Ritual (published in Czech: Rituál a mysl: Kognitivní a evoluční teorie rituálu)**

2014 <https://www.academia.edu/12610553/>

[Ritual and The Mind Cognitive and Evolutionary Theory of Ritual published in](https://www.academia.edu/12610553/)

[Jerotijević, D., & Maňo, P.](https://www.academia.edu/12610553/)

Pantheon, 9(1), 139-166. Pardubice: Univerzita Pardubice. ISSN

1803-2443.

● **Rituals as Costly Signals: Experimental Anthropology and its Application in Data Collection in Mauritius (published in Slovak: Rituály ako nákladné signály: Experimentálna antropológia a jej využitie pri zbere dát na Mauríciu)**

2014 <https://speculum.antropologia.sk/32014/>

Maňo, P.

Speculum, 6(3), 22-33. Bratislava: Slovenská asociácia sociálnej antropológie. ISSN 1337-9461.

● **Intercultural Research of Moral and Religious Intuitions (published in Slovak: Medzikultúrny výskum morálnych a náboženských intuícií)**

2012 <https://uesa.sav.sk/?q=en/metodologicke-problemy-etnografickeho-vyskumu>

Maňo, P.

In T. Bužeková, T. & D. Jerotijević, (Eds.), *Metodologické problémy etnografického výskumu*, (pp. 122-131). Brno: Ústav etnológie Slovenskej akadémie vied.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

09/05/2018 – 14/05/2018 > – Erice

● **Socioeconomic factors involved in participation in extreme rituals**

Maňo, P., Xygalatas, D., Shaver, J.H., & Bahna, V. *Future Directions on the Evolution of Rituals, Beliefs, and Religious Minds* (poster session).

04/11/2021 – 05/11/2021 > – Banská Štiavnica

● **Ritual form and ritual choice among Hindu Mauritians**

Maňo, P., & Xygalatas, D. *Rituals Between Mind and Society* conference (talk).

<https://uesa.sav.sk/?q=sk/rituals-between-mind-and-society-0>

24/09/2019 – 27/09/2019 > – Prague

● **Effects of Kavadi ritual on mate attractiveness**

Maňo, P. 6th *PTNCE* conference (talk).

13/06/2019 – 14/06/2019 > – Bratislava

● **Experiments in the field: Religious signaling and mate choice in Mauritius**

Maňo, P. *Methodology, Ethics, Writing and Visions in Ethnology and Social Anthropology Conference* (talk).

06/02/2019 – 07/02/2019 > – Brno

● **Evolutionary and cognitive study of religion: Costly signals, status, attractiveness and religious motivation in Mauritius (Evolučné a kognitívne štúdium náboženstva: Nákladné rituály, status, atraktivita a náboženská motivácia na Mauríciu)**

Maňo, P. *Evoluce lidské psychiky, chování a kultury v interdisciplinární perspektivě* (talk).

22/10/2018 – 24/10/2018 > – Tempe

● **Ritual signaling as an adaptation- and status management strategy in a Tamil-Hindu religious group in Mauritius**

Maňo, P., & Xygalatas D. *Cultural Evolution Society Conference* (talk).

04/10/2018 – 05/10/2018 > – Olomouc

● **Socioeconomic factors involved in participation in extreme rituals (Socio-ekonomické faktory ovplyvňujúce participáciu na extrémnych rituáloch)**

Maňo, P. *Olomoucká religionistická konference, 3. ročník: Náboženský rituál v interdisciplinární Perspektivě* (talk).

19/09/2018 – 21/09/2018 > – Vienna

● **Ritual signaling as an adaptation strategy of marginalized groups: A case study from Mauritius**

Maňo, P. *Vienna Anthropology Days* (talk).

12/08/2018 – 16/08/2018 > – Boston

● Socioeconomic factors involved in participation in extreme rituals

Maňo, P. *7TH Biennial Meeting of the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion* (talk - John McGraw Award for best student contribution).

31/05/2018 > – Bratislava

● Breaking the wall of intolerance

Maňo, P. *Falling Walls Lab* (talk).

24/05/2018 – 27/05/2018 > – San Francisco

● Socioeconomic factors involved in participation in extreme rituals

Maňo, P., Xygalatas, D., Shaver, J.H., & Bahna, V. *30th APS Annual Convention* (poster session).

https://www.academia.edu/36104076/Socio-economic_factors_involved_in_participation_in_extreme_rituals

01/03/2018 – 04/03/2018 > – Atlanta

● Socioeconomic factors involved in participation in extreme rituals

Maňo, P., Xygalatas, D., Shaver, J.H., & Bahna, V. *2018 SPSP Annual Convention* (poster session).

02/06/2017 > – Washington, D.C.

● The effect of religious ritual cue intensity on perceived attractiveness

Maňo, P., Xygalatas, D., Porubanová, M., Shaver, J.H., & Krátký, J. *Cognition of Belief conference* (poster session).

https://www.academia.edu/29833621/The_effect_of_religious_ritual_cue_intensity_on_perceived_attractiveness. IACSR 2016 poster

25/05/2017 – 28/05/2017 > – Boston

● The effect of religious ritual cue intensity on perceived attractiveness

Maňo, P., Xygalatas, D., Porubanová, M., Shaver, J.H., & Krátký, J. *29th APS Annual Convention* (poster session).

23/10/2016 – 24/10/2016 > – Brno

● Religion and prosociality: Experimental evidence from the island of Mauritius (Náboženstvo a prosocialita: Experimentálna evidencia z ostrova Maurícius)

Maňo, P. *NETIKA: Naturalizovaná etika* (talk).

26/05/2016 > – Prague

● Rituals as costly signals: Does ritual intensity affect participants' attractiveness? A field study from Mauritius

Maňo, P. *Doktorandská konference Sociologie a příbuzných společenských věd* (talk).

20/06/2014 – 22/06/2014 > – Brno

● **Ritual and social networks: Measuring the costs and benefits of religious ritual in Mauritius**

Maño, P. *Religion Explained? The Cognitive Science of Religion after Twenty-Five Years*. 5th biennial IACSR meeting and General Assembly (poster session).

10/12/2012 – 15/12/2012 > – Paris

● **Belief in immanent justice: Does the moral intuition of compensation elicit agency detection?**

Maño, P. *Culture, Communication & Cognition*. 1st Philosophy of Language and Mind Masterclass with Prof. Dan Sperber at the Institut Jean Nicod (talk).

08/11/2012 – 09/11/2012 > – Bratislava

● **Intercultural Research of Moral and Religious Intuitions (Medzikultúrny výskum morálnych a náboženských intuícií)**

Maño, P. *Metodologické problémy v etnografickom výskume sociálnych reprezentácií* (talk).

25/10/2012 – 27/10/2012 > – Brno

● **Belief in immanent justice: Does the moral intuition of compensation elicit agency detection?**

Maño, P. *Homo Experimentalis: Experimental Approaches to the Study of Religion*, Cognitive Science of Religion conference (poster session).

12/06/2012 – 16/06/2012 > – Tübingen

● **Morality as a sense of fairness**

Maño, P. *The Evolution of Morality*. International interdisciplinary workshop at the Forum Scientiarum with Prof. Frans de Waal and Prof. Gerhard Ernst at the University of Tübingen (talk).

PUBLIC LECTURES

2019

● **Anthropology of ritual in Mauritius: Why do we undergo ritual suffering? ("Antropológia rituálu na Mauríciu: Prečo podstupujeme obradné utrpenie?")**

Science week, Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava

https://uesa.sav.sk/files/pozvanka_tvt_uesa_sav_5_11_2019.pdf

2019

● **Anthropology of Ritual in Mauritius ("Antropológia rituálu na Mauríciu")**

European Researchers' Night, Lab.cafe, Bratislava

<https://www.nocvyskumnikov.sk/program/prednaska/lab/277.html>

2018

● **Painful rituals on the island of Mauritius: Religion and social status ("Bolestivé rituály na ostrve Mauríciu: Náboženstvo a sociálny status")**

Univerzitná knižnica, Bratislava

https://www.ulib.sk/images/sk/podujatia/archiv-podujati/2018/oktober/10-10-2018-bolestive-ritualy-ostrove-mauricius-nabozenstvo-socialny-status_web.pdf

2018

● **Painful rituals, or how to elevate status in Mauritius**

Horizons of teatrology - Cykle of lectures of the Department of theatre studies, Masaryk University, Brno ("Bolestivé rituály, alebo ako si zvýšiť status na Mauríciu")

MEDIA PRESENCE

2021

Rituals in Basketball? People often ascribe them great importance, but often without realizing it ("Rituály v basketbalu? Lidé jim přisuzují velký význam, ale často o tom nevědí")

Newspaper interview for Masaryk University

<https://www.phil.muni.cz/aktuality/ritualy-v-basketbalu-lide-jim-prisuzuji-velky-vyznam-ale-casto-o-tom-nevedi>

2019

Why do we believe? ("Prečo veríme?")

Appearance in the Slovak National TV's show "Experiment"

<https://www.rtvs.sk/televizia/archiv/15377/201168>

2018

From Bratislava to Mauritius ("Z Bratislavy na Maurícius")

Interview for Comenius University student magazine

<https://www.levyna.cz/media/3096244/nasa-univerzita-rozhovor.pdf>

2018

Beyond borders ("Za hranicami")

Interview for the Slovak TA3 Television about life and research in Mauritius

<https://www.ta3.com/relacia/15025/studio-ta3-za-hranicami-m-belovicova-a-p-mano-o-mauriciu>

2017

He is researching extreme rituals in Mauritius ("Na Mauríciu skúma extrémne rituály")

Newspaper interview for DenníkN (Slovak newspaper)

<https://www.academia.edu/35054499/>

[_He is researching extreme rituals in Mauritius interview in Slovaki an for Dennik N Slovakian newspaper_](#)

2017

Slovak who lived two years in Mauritius: He researched how belief in Gods and participation in painful rituals affect prosocial behavior ("Slovák žil dva roky na Mauríciu. Skúmal, ako viera v bohov a účasť na bolestivých rituáloch vplýva na..")

Newspaper interview for DenníkN (Slovak newspaper)

<https://dennikn.sk/724086/slovak-zil-dva-roky-na-mauriciu-skumal-ako-viera-v-bohov-a-ucast-na-bolestivych-ritualoch-vplyva-na-nesebecke-spravanie/>

2015

With experimental anthropology to Mauritius" ("S experimentálnou antropológiou na Maurícius")

Interview for Radio FM (Slovak radio station)

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

2021 - CURRENT

● **Academia Ethnologica et Anthropologica**

Slovakia
secretary

2018 - CURRENT

● **The Slovak Fulbright Alumni Association**

Slovakia
member

<https://sfaa.sk>

2018 - CURRENT

● **Žijem vedu**

Slovakia
member

<https://zijemvedu.sk>

2016 - CURRENT

● **International Association for the Cognitive and Evolutionary Science of Religion**

USA
member

<https://iacesr.com>

2008 - CURRENT

● **Slovak Association of Social Anthropology**

Slovakia
member

<https://antropologia.sk/en/social-anthropology-slovakia/>

2016 - 2021

● **Czech Association of Doctoral Students**

Czechia
member

2016 - 2019

● **Association of Doctoral Students**

Slovakia
member

2017 - 2018

● **American Anthropological Association**

USA
member

2017 - 2018

● **Association for Psychological Science**

USA
member

VOLUNTEERING

2018 – 2021

● **The Slovak Fulbright Alumni Association**

board member

<https://sfaa.sk>

2018 – 2019

● **Žijem vedu ("I live Science")**

core team member

<https://zijemvedu.sk>

2018

● **Schopné deti ("Gifted children") project**

mentor of a Slovak Roma child

2011

● **AIIESEC (student internship)**

Russia
camp counselor

2003 – 2008

● **Scouting Slovakia**

member & coordinator

LANGUAGE SKILLS

MOTHER TONGUE(S): Slovak

OTHER LANGUAGE(S):

English

Listening
C2

Reading
C2

**Spoken
production**
C2

**Spoken
interaction**
C2

Writing
C2

German

Listening
C1

Reading
C1

**Spoken
production**
B2

**Spoken
interaction**
B2

Writing
B2

French

Listening
A1

Reading
A2

**Spoken
production**
A1

**Spoken
interaction**
A1

Writing
A1

DIGITAL SKILLS

Internet user

MS Office

Microsoft Excel / Microsoft Word / Microsoft Teams / Outlook / Microsoft Powerpoint / Microsoft Office

Google

Google Docs / Google Drive

Social media & communication

Zoom / Twitter / Facebook / Skype

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

● **Outdoor sports, hiking, traveling, quality tv, books, family time.**

DRIVING LICENCE

● **Driving Licence: AM**

● **Driving Licence: B1**

● **Driving Licence: B**