

## Curriculum Vitae

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**Employment:** Since January 2013 – associate professor of social anthropology

September 2006 – December 2012: Comenius University, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Institute of Social Anthropology, Bratislava, Slovakia, lecturer (anthropology of politics, economic anthropology, ethnicity and nationalism).

**Research interests:** Anthropology of social movements; nationalism, populism and religion; social transformations in Eastern Europe; politics of memory; Poland, Slovakia, Western Ukraine;

**Fieldwork:** Przemysł, Poland (2003-2004); Prešov, Košice, Slovakia (2004, 2009 - present); Uzhgorod, Ukraine (irregular research visits in 2007; 2009 - present).

### Academic degrees and scholarships

13 December 2012 – Habilitation (associate professor) in Ethnology, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University in Bratislava (habilitation thesis presented: Social movements in Central Europe from the perspective of social anthropology).

February 2003 - January 2006: Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/S., Germany; doctoral candidate (thanks to scholarship of Max Planck Society); PhD defense (July 2006) at Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany (supervisor Chris Hann); the thesis published as *Nation and Religion: The Politics of Commemoration in South-East Poland*, Münster: Lit 2007 (Vol. 14, Halle Series in the Anthropology of Eurasia).

October 2002 - January 2003: Sussex European Institute, University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom; Marie Curie visiting fellow; research project: 'Contemporary Populism in East Central Europe' (supervisor Jon Mitchell).

2001 – 2002: University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom; MA in Anthropology of Europe (thanks to Open Society Institute and Foreign and Commonwealth Office Chevening Scholarship); MA dissertation title: 'Political Culture in Central and Eastern Europe: An Anthropological Approach' (supervisor Jeff Pratt).

1999 – 2004: Institute of Ethnology of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia; PhD student (supervisor Juraj Podoba).

1994 - 1999: Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia, Faculty of Arts, branch: political science – journalism; Master's Degree – Mgr; dissertation title: 'Konfesionalizmus a politický vývoj Slovenska' (The Confessionalism and Political Development in Slovakia; supervisor Soňa Szomolányi).

### Postdoctoral Fellowships

April – May 2009: University of Helsinki, Finland, Aleksanteri Institute Visiting Scholar.

October – December 2008: Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, Austria, Andrew W. Mellon Visiting Fellow.

June – July 2008: Geistwissenschaftliches Zentrum Geschichte und Kultur Ostmitteleuropas (GWZO), Leipzig, Germany, visiting fellow.

### **Awards**

Libellus Primus 2008 – the book prize of Jan Hus Foundation, Czech Republic and Slovakia, for the best first monograph in social sciences and humanities (*Nation and Religion. The Politics of Commemoration in South-East Poland*);

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize for the publication achievement in 2007 - Národopisná spoločnosť Slovenska - Slovak Ethnological Society (*Nation and Religion. The Politics of Commemoration in South-East Poland*).

### **Other professional experiences**

Since June 2011 – EUROFORPOL - Meniaci sa systém zahraničnej politiky EÚ a malé členské štáty (Changing patterns of EU foreign policy and the small member states), Agentúra pre podporu výskumu a vývoja (APVV-0484-10), spoluriešiteľ/co-researcher.

July 2009 – June 2012: MEDEA – Models and their Effects on Development paths: an Ethnographic and comparative Approach to knowledge transmission and livelihood strategies; collaborative project no. 225670 of the EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Program; head of Slovak consortium partner.

September 2009 – June 2011: Comenius University Centre of Excellence for Social Innovations; researcher.

November 2007 – June 2008: Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA), Bratislava, Slovakia, part-time faculty member.

October 2007 – September 2008: National project ‘Excellent University’, member of the expert advisory team ‘Science, society and challenges of civilization’, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia.

Since 1997: Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (RC SFPA), Bratislava, Slovakia, projects collaborator.

### **Editorial positions**

Since January 2013 – regular feuilletonist of the intellectual bi-monthly *Listy*

Since September 2010 – *OS – občianska spoločnosť* bimonthly, editor-in-chief;

2012: guest editor of the special issue of *Herito: heritage, culture and the present* 9/2012

2008: guest editor of the special social anthropological issue of *Sociológia* 40: 6.

Since 1999: co-editor of the quarterly *International Issues and Slovak Foreign Policy Affairs*, the Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA), Bratislava.

1997 - 2001: Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA), Bratislava; editor and editor-in-chief of the monthly *Listy SFPA* (currently *Zahraničná politika*).

## Languages

Slovak (mother tongue), English (written and spoken ability)  
Polish, Ukrainian, Russian, German (spoken and reading ability)  
Hungarian (beginner)

## Selected bibliography

### Monographs

2012. *Slovenská ideológia a kríza. Eseje z antropológie politiky* (Slovak Ideology and Crisis. Essays in Anthropology of Politics), Bratislava: Kalligram.

2007. *Nation and Religion: The Politics of Commemoration in South-east Poland*. Münster: Lit (vol. 14, Halle Studies in the Anthropology of Eurasia).

### Scientific Articles in Journals (Current Contents and other databases)

Forthcoming - 'Work Flexibility in Slovakia: State-socialist, Neoliberal, or Post-peasant?' in *Focaal* – forthcoming

2012. A szlovák konzervativizmus alakváltozatai (Appearances of Slovak Conservatism), [Limes, 25/3 \(2012\), s. 65-68](#).

2009. 'Scale and Ethnicity in Southeast Poland: Tourism in the European Periphery', *Etnografica* 13(2): 373-393.

2008. 'Multiculturalism and National Cultures in Eastern Europe', *Sociológia*, 40: 6, 495-514.

2008. 'Europeanization and post-peasant populism in Eastern Europe', *Europe-Asia Studies*, 60:5, 757-771.

2007. Nacionalizmus, náboženstvo a multikulturalizmus v juhovýchodnom Poľsku (Nationalism, religion and multiculturalism in south-east Poland), *Sociologický časopis - Czech Sociological Review* 43/1: 31-47.

2006 'Die nicht-existente Gemeinschaft. Die Slowakei und Deutschland in der EU' *Osteuropa* 56/10: 65-75 (with Vladimír Bilčík).

2005. 'Religious populism? Some reflections on politics in post-socialist south-east Poland.' *Slovak Foreign Policy Affairs*, Vol. 6, No. 1, 1/2005, pp 75-84.

2002. 'Does Political Culture Matter? The "Westernization" of Slovakia after the year 1989', *Slovak Foreign Policy Affairs*, vol. 3, 1/2002 (with Tomáš Strážay). Reprinted also in Skalník, P., ed., 2004. *Politická kultúra: antropologie, sociologie, politologie* (Political culture: anthropology, sociology, political science), Prague: Set Out/CeFRoS.

### Articles in Edited Volumes and Scholarly Journals

forthcoming – 'The Political Lives of Dead Populists in Post-socialist Slovakia' in Michal Kopeček and Piotr Wciślik, eds, *Liberal Democracy, in Authoritarian Past and the Legacy of 1989. The Last Two Decades of Political Thought in East Central Europe*, CEU Press.

2013 – 'Tasting Wine in Slovakia: Post-socialist Elite Cultural Particularities', in *Wine and Culture: Vineyard to Glass*. Rachel E. Black and Robert C. Ulin (eds), Berg Publishers.

2013 – 'Od štátu slovenského národa k multietnickej demokracii?' (From the State of Slovak Nation towards Multi-Ethnic Democracy?), In *Odkiaľ a kam. 20 rokov samostatnosti* (Wherefrom and Where. Twenty Years of Independence), Bútorá Martin, Bútorová Zora, Kollár Miroslav, Mesežnikov Grigorij, eds., Bratislava: Inštitút pre verejné otázky and Kalligram, pp. 161-172.

2012. 'Slovakia' in Donnacha Ó Beacháin, Vera Sheridan and Sabina Stan (eds). *Happy Ever After? Life in Post-Communist Europe After EU Membership*, London: Routledge, pp 55-72 (with Vladimír Bilčík).

2010. 'Nation, religion and tolerance in Eastern Europe', in [Religion, identity, postsocialism. The Halle Focus Group 2003-2010, Halle: Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, pp 55-58.](#)

2009. 'O koreňoch a elite' (On Roots and on Elite), in *Slová. Pamätnica k sedemdesiatke Rudolfa Chmela* (Words: Memory Book for Rudolf Chmel's 70th Birthday), Bratislava: Kalligram, s. 25-34.

2009. 'Národ, náboženstvo a modernita v juhovýchodnom Poľsku: antropologická štúdia nacionalizmu v stredovýchodnej Európe' (Nation, nationalism, and modernity in South-East Poland: an anthropological case study of nationalism in Central and Eastern Europe), in Findor, Andrej and Peter Drál' (eds), *Ako skúmať národ. Deväť štúdií o etnicite a nacionalizme*, Brno: Tribun, pp. 131-157.

2009. 'Syncretism among the Greek Catholic Ukrainians in Southeast Poland' in S. Mahieu; V. Naumescu, eds, *Churches in-between. Greek Catholic Churches in Postsocialist Europe*, Münster: Lit, pp. 183-205.

2006 'The Catholic tolerance: reconciliation of nations in south-east Poland' in C. M. Hann and civil religion group, *Postsocialist Religious Question*, Münster: Lit, pp. 293-313.

2004. *Is rural populism on the decline? Continuities and Changes in Twentieth Century Central Europe: the case of Slovakia*. SEI Working Paper No. 73, University of Sussex, Brighton. <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/sei/documents/wp73.pdf>