

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

September 1, 2006 – June 29, 2011: Bachelor/Undergraduate scholarship student at Minsk State Linguistic University, English Faculty. Obtaining diploma in English and Italian. Qualified as linguist, teacher of the English language and literature and Italian. Major is English linguistics, Italian and English literature. The diploma thesis was completed under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Olga Sudlenkova.

September 2011 – August 2013: Obtaining professional and educational experience in teaching English and translating/interpreting. Gaining sufficient working experience and financial independence for further academic career. Passing TOEFL/IELTS exams.

September 1, 2013 – September 30, 2015: MA grantee/scholarship student at the University of Bern, the Department of English Languages and Literatures (Major – English Literature, Minor – English Linguistics) in Bern, Switzerland. Obtaining MA diploma in English Languages and Literatures, Schwerpunkt Literary Studies (insigni cum laude). MA thesis was completed under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Virginia Richter.

September 18, 2015 – present: PhD student at the Department of English, University of Bern, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Virginia Richter.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

July – August 2008 Group coordinator at the international scouts' camp in Stilo, Poland.

November 2008 – May 2009 Private English tutor.

February – May 2011 Assistant English teacher for the 5th and 10th grades at the state educational establishment 'Minsk Gymnasium #75' in Minsk, Belarus.

March 2011 – August 2013 Private English tutor.

February 2011 – August 2013 Interpreter (translator) of English and EFL instructor at the private educational establishment 'Study Zone Centre' in Minsk, Belarus.

August 2011 – August 2013 Teacher of English (5th, 6th and 7th grades) at the state educational establishment 'Minsk Gymnasium #11' in Minsk, Belarus.

March 2013 Group leader at the Spring English language camp in Edinburgh Language Academy in Edinburgh, UK.

July – August 2014 Teacher of English at the L'Institut Le Rosey International Summer School in Rolle, Switzerland.

August 2015 Teacher of English at the L'Institut Le Rosey International Summer School in Rolle, Switzerland.

August 2016 Teacher of English at the L'Institut Le Rosey International Summer School in Rolle, Switzerland.

November 2015 – September 2016 Doctoral Assistant at the Department of English, University of Bern.

January 2017 – present Doctoral assistant at the Department of English, University of Bern.

RESEARCH INTERESTS: space and spatiality in literature, literature and science in English literature of the 1800-1850s, travel and mobility, the problem of identity, and postcolonial studies.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

November 25 – 27, 2016 – an oral paper “The Space of the River in Amitav Ghosh’s *Sea of Poppies*” at the international conference “Shifting Grounds: Literature, Culture and Spatial Phenomenologies” at the University of Zurich.

April 7 – 8, 2017 – an oral paper “The Function of Urban Space in *In the Skin of a Lion* by Michael Ondaatje” at the international postgraduate symposium “Placing, Spacing, Displacing” at the University of Malta (received a full bursary).

LANGUAGES

- RUSSIAN Native speaker
- ENGLISH Native-like/Advanced speaker
- GERMAN Intermediate-level speaker
- ITALIAN Intermediate-level speaker
- JAPANESE Rudimentary conversational and reading ability.

OTHER SKILLS COMPUTER Microsoft, Word, PowerPoint and Excel Typing, Internet.

HOBBIES & ACTIVITIES Anime, manga, English folk music, theatre, English literature, Japanese culture, volleyball, beach volley, swimming, and Zumba workout.