

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

01/2017–Present

Researcher

Diversity Development Group (DDG)

Sierakausko 15, Vilnius (Lithuania)

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Data collection and research services on migration issues

01/2018–Present

Researcher

02/2014 – 01/2018

Junior researcher

07/2012–02/2014

Specialist

Lithuanian Social Research Centre, Institute for Ethnic Studies

Goštauto 9, Vilnius (Lithuania)

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Data collection and research services on contemporary migration and fundamental rights issues; assistance on the activities and projects of the Institute for Ethnic Studies

10/2011–06/2012

Traineeship

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Schwarzenbergplatz 11, Vienna (Austria)

Assistance on the projects implementation, data collection and research services on fundamental rights issues at the departments of "Data Protection" and "Freedoms and Justice"

01/2010–04/2010

Internship

International Organization for Migration (IOM), Special Liaison Mission to the OSCE, UN and International Organizations in Vienna

Nibelungengasse 13/4, Vienna (Austria)

Assistance on the implementation of the IOM Vienna counter-trafficking projects

09/2008–10/2011

Project coordinator

Missing persons' families support centre (org. Dingusių žmonių šeimų paramos centras)

Žalgirio 133, Vilnius (Lithuania)

Management, coordination and implementation of the national and international projects in the field of counter-trafficking and to this phenomenon related issues; representative of organization on national and international level.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2012–2017 **PhD degree in Social Sciences (Sociology)**

The joint PhD programme in Sociology, Lithuanian Social Research Centre, Kaunas Technology University and Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania)

Thesis title: "Immigration for family reunification to Lithuania: the role of gender and ethnicity in the process of social adaptation" (org. Imigracija dėl šeimos susijungimo Lietuvoje: lytis ir etniškumas socialinės adaptacijos procese)

2008–2010 **Masters' degree in Sociology (graduated with honours)**

The Joint Master's Programme in Comparative Social Policy and Welfare, Mykolas Romeris University (Vilnius, Lithuania) in cooperation with the University of Tampere (Finland) and Johannes Kepler University (Linz, Austria)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Lithuanian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C2	C1	C1	C1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

- Easy acclimatize to multicultural surroundings: studies of joint international master programme; 9 months traineeship in FRA and 3 months long internship in IOM;
- Skills of team work improved during the studies, present and previous jobs; volunteering in Lithuanian Caritas and Organisation of the Order of Malta Lithuania.

Organisational / managerial skills

- Arranging trainings, conferences and meetings in the frame of the projects;
- Skills of decision making process; working independently and planning own work load.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

- **Blažytė, G.**, Žibas, K. 2018. Refugee integration. policies and practices: legislative developments and NGO initiatives as the response to relocation and resettlement in Lithuania.// *Newcomer Integration in Europe: best practices and innovations since 2015*, p. 107-127. BSF (Latvia); FEPS (Belgium). ISBN 978-2-930769-08-0.
- **Blažytė, G.** 2018. Contextual factors of family reunification and social adaptation // CROMA journal, 2018, 6(1), p. 53-64.
- **Blažytė, G.**, Minelgaitė, I., Littrell, R. F. 2017. Ethnicity and Occupational Differences in the Transforming Homogenous Culture: Case of Lithuania // *Pedagogika / Pedagogy*, 2017, t. 128, Nr. 4, p. 20–38 / Vol. 128, No. 4, p. 20–38.
- **Blažytė, G.**, Pilinkaitė Sotirovič V., Žibas K. 2016. Visuomenės nuostatos apie socialines ir etnines grupes Lietuvoje: nepakantumo ir socialinės distancijos stebėsena (Societal attitudes towards social and ethnic groups in Lithuania: monitoring intolerance and social distance) // Lietuvos gyventojų grupių socialinė integracija. LSTC.
- **Blažytė G.** 2015. Etniškumas kaip socialinis kapitalas migracijos kontekste (*Ethnicity as a social capital in the context of migration*) // Socialinių mokslų studijos/ Societal Studies, 2015 7(2), p. 394-410.
- **Blažytė G.** 2015. Visuomenės nuostatos imigracijos atžvilgiu ir jų atsiradimo prielaidos (*Public attitudes towards immigration and their preconditions*) // Etniškumo studijos/ 2015/1.Lietuvos

socialinių tyrimų centras, Vaibra 2015, p. 107-134.

- **Blažytė, G.** 2014. Migracijos procesų kaita ir imigracijos tendencijos šeimos susijungimo pagrindu Lietuvoje 2004-2013 m. laikotarpiu (*Changes in migration processes in Lithuania from 2004 to 2013*) // OIKOS. Lietuvos migracijos ir diasporos studijos 2014 Nr.1 (17), Vytauto Didžiojo Universitetas, p. 7-22.
- **Blažytė G.** 2014. Imigracija šeimos susijungimo pagrindu Lietuvoje (*Immigration on the grounds of family reunification to Lithuania*) // Tiltas į ateitį, p. 75-79, ISSN 1822-7260, Nr. 1 (8).
- **Blažytė, G.** 2011. Victims of human trafficking (re-)integration into the labour market in the context of the EU Member States // *Socialinis darbas: patirtis ir metodai*, Mykolo Romerio Universitetas, p. 89-112.
- Kanopienė, V., **Blažytė, G.** 2010. (Re-)integration victims of human trafficking into the labour market // *Socialinis darbas: mokslo darbai* 9(2), Mykolo Romerio Universitetas, p. 6-14.
- **Blažytė, G.** 2008. Galios santykiai tarp medikų ir prekybos žmonėmis aukų. Socialinio darbuotojo vaidmuo (*Power relations among physicians and victims of human trafficking. A role of social worker*) // *Socialinio darbas Patirtis ir metodai* 2(2), Vytauto Didžiojo Universitetas, p.11-30.

Reports

- Report for the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) "**Severe forms of labour exploitation. Supporting victims of severe forms of labour exploitation in having access to justice in EU Member States**" (2014);
- Report for the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) "**EU mapping of child protection systems**" (2014);
- **The EU Fundamental Rights Agency Annual Report 2013:** comparative analysis of national social, legal and policy developments in the area of 'Equality and non-discrimination';
- Report for the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) "**Guardianship systems for child victims of trafficking**" (2013);
- Report for the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) "**Victim Support Services in the EU: an overview and assessment of victims' rights in practice**" (2013);
- Report for European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE) "**Information on the measures taken by the EU Member States to promote gender equality**" (2012);
- Social thematic study for the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) "**The situation of Roma in the EU**" (2012);
- International research E-notes "**European NGOs Observatory on Trafficking, Exploitation and Slavery**" (2010) (Coordinator of the research on national level: secondary data collection and desk research; conducting interviews with experts from governmental institutions and NGOs, writing final report and representation of the final results of the study).

Research projects

- May 2017 – present: research project "**The Platform for Migration Information and Cooperation** (org. "Migracijos informacijos ir bendradarbiavimo platforma (MIPAS)) (project executor, responsible for collecting and updating data for the website which aims to inform about the contemporary migration issues in Lithuania, EU and worldwide);
- January 2017 – present: research project "**National integration evaluation mechanisms**" (NIEM) (project executor, responsible for collecting and evaluation data on national integration mechanisms of the beneficiaries of international protection);
- June 2014 – June 2015: research project "**Living and working conditions of labour migrants in Lithuania**" (project executor, responsible for monitoring of public opinion poll to analyze attitudes of Lithuania residents towards third country nationals);
- February 2014 – June 2015: research project "**Migrant Integration Policy Index**" (MIPEX) (project executor, national expert, responsible for collecting and summarizing recent policy changes in seven areas (Labour market mobility, family reunion, education, political participation, long-term residence, access to nationality, anti-discrimination);
- July 2012 – July 2014: European Agency for Fundamental Rights multidisciplinary research network „**FRANET**" (social expert, data collection and comparative research services on fundamental rights issues);

- October 2013 – June 2014: research project „**Trajectories and Evaluation Mechanisms of Integration of Third-country Nationals**” (project executor, responsible for monitoring of public opinion poll to analyze attitudes of Lithuania residents towards third country nationals);
- September 2013 – January 2014: **“European website on integration”** (EWSI) (project executor).

Conferences

- 24/26-10-2018 **“Contextual factors of refugees’ integration in Lithuania: from public attitudes to socioeconomic conditions and legal entitlements”**. International conference „Refugees, borders and Membership”. Malmö University, Sweden.
- 07-06-2018 **“Contextual factors of family reunification and social adaptation”**. International conference „Social transformations in contemporary society 2018”. MRU Doctoral Candidates Association“, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 28-05-2018 **“Public attitudes towards refugees in Lithuania: monitoring intolerance and social distance”**. International conference “Daily innovators and daily educators”. Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- 23/26-02-2017 **“Family migration to Lithuania: social adaptation challenges and opportunities”**. Nordic Summer University Winter Symposium “Justice Across Borders: Ethics and Human Movement”. Nordic Summer University (Denmark). Wroclaw, Poland.
- 5/6-11-2015 **“Family migration to Lithuania: challenges and future perspectives”**. European conference „Families beyond borders”, "Bulgarian Centre of Women's Studies and Policies" and "The Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union", Sofia (Bulgaria).
- 09/10-10-2015 **“Family migration to Lithuania: ethnicity, gender and mobility strategies”**. Doctoral workshop „Academic writing and effective presentation”, Vilnius (Lithuania).
- 03-03-2015 "Trečiųjų šalių piliečiai Lietuvos visuomenėje: 2014 m. visuomenės nuostatų apklausos tyrimo rezultatai" (**Third country Nationals in Lithuanian society: results of public opinion poll of 2014**). Konferencija „Trečiųjų šalių piliečių integracija: ekonominis aspektas" (*Conference "Integration of third country nationals: economic aspect"*), Vilnius (Lithuania).
- 13-02-2015 **“Family migration to Lithuania: ethnicity, gender and mobility strategies”**. Doctoral workshop "Research methodology and data collection methods", Riga (Latvia).
- 20-06-2014 "Trečiųjų šalių piliečiai Lietuvos visuomenėje: visuomenės nuostatų monitoringas" (**Third country nationals in Lithuanian society: monitoring of public opinion poll**). Baigiamoji projekto "Trečiųjų šalių piliečių integracijos trajektorijos ir vertinimo mechanizmai" konferencija (*Final conference of the project „Trajectories and Evaluation Mechanisms of Integration of Third-country Nationals”*), Vilnius (Lithuania).
- 09-05-2014 "Imigracija šeimos susijungimo pagrindu Lietuvoje" (**Immigration on the grounds of family reunification in Lithuania**). XII-oji studentų mokslinė konferencija "Socialiniai ir humanitariniai mokslai – 2014: iššūkiai globalizacijos kontekste", Kauno Technologijos Universitetas, Kaunas (Lithuania).
- 04-04-2014 **“Third country nationals in Lithuanian society: societal attitudes and their changes”**. The 2014 Annual Academic Conference „Demography, multiculturalism, citizenship”, LCC International University, Klaipėda (Lithuania)
- 5/6-06-2013 **“Migration in Lithuania: mobility strategies and gender”**. International conference "Social transformation in contemporary society 2013, Vilnius (Lithuania).
- 23-11-2011 "Lost in cyber world. Presentation of the project results and promising practices in Lithuania". Final conference of the international project "Lost in cyber world" (EU Daphne programme), Brussels (Belgium).
- 16-06-2011 **“Awareness of human trafficking over mass media”**. Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference, Working group on trafficking in human beings 2009 – 2011, Vilnius (Lithuania).
- 12-11-2010 **“Trafficking in human beings in the EU and Lithuania”**. Scientific conference by Mykolas Romeris University "Lithuania's integration into European Union: problems and perspectives", Vilnius (Lithuania).

Participation in training/ summer schools, etc.

- October, 2013 Course on research methods „Introduction to research methods in Ethnic and migration studies”, Institute for Research on Migration, Ethnicity and Society (REMESO),

Norrköping, Sweden.