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Research interests

- Infrastructure and development
- Postsocialist transformations
- Indigeneity, ethnicity and identity
- Migrations and mobility
- Post-Soviet space, Russia, Circumpolar North

Education

2001-2005 *Candidate of Science (kandidat nauk)*, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow.

Degree May 17, 2005

1996-2001 *Specialist* in American Studies, Humanities Department, Chita State University, Chita, Russia.

Degree June 6, 2001. Diploma with distinction

Academic positions

Since 2015 Postdoctoral researcher and lecturer, Institute for Cultural and Social Anthropology, University of Vienna

2012-2015 Senior researcher, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow

2005-2012 Researcher, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow

2001-2003 Researcher and lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Social Anthropology, Chita State University, Chita

Recent and current projects

Since 2020 "Informal Roads: the Impact of Undocumented Transportation Pathways on Remote Communities of Siberia" funded by the US National Science Foundation (a consultant)

Since 2019 Permafrost Thaw and the Changing Arctic Coast, Science for Socioeconomic Adaptation" ("Nunataryuk", WP9 "Mitigation and Adaptation"), EU Horizon 2020 (researcher)

2015-2020 Configurations of Remoteness (CoRe): Entanglements of Humans and Transportation Infrastructure in the Region of Baikal-Amur Mainline (BAM) funded by FWF, Austria (a project component leader)

2012-2014 Dynamics of Circumpolar Land Use and Ethnicity (CLUE): social impacts of policy and climate change, funded by National Science Foundation, USA (researcher and coordinator)

2007-2011 Rural Futures: Ethnographies of Transformation from Finland, Estonia, Ukraine and Russia, funded by Finnish Academy of Sciences (associated researcher)

Memberships

European Association of Social Anthropologists; American Anthropological Association; German Anthropological Association; Association of Anthropologists and Ethnologists of Russia; Austrian Polar Research Institute; Working group "Arctic and Subarctic", Vienna

Peer review activities

For Social science and anthropology journals "Sibirica", "Polar Geography", "Asian Ethnicity"; "Etnograficheskoe Obozrenie"

Teaching

Theories in Social Anthropology (2000-2001); Cultures of Siberia (2017) Qualitative Research Methods (collection and interpretation of data) (2003, 2017, 2018), Anthropological Fieldwork Practice (2003, 2004, 2018), Social Life of Roads and Railroads (2018); Anthropology of Remoteness (2019); Anthropology of Infrastructure (2019)

Selected talks, 2018-2019

- Ambiguous Entanglements: Infrastructure, (Im)mobility and Indigeneity along Baikal-Amur Mainline. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, November 23, 2019
- Re-Constructing the Baikal-Amur Mainline: Imaginaries, Ideologies and Affects of the Socialist Megaproject. Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. November 25, 2019, San-Francisco
- "Sustainable Development" and Indigenous Peoples (Case of the BAM, Siberia). Conference of the German Society for Social and Cultural Anthropology. Konstanz, Germany, September 30, 2019
- Ambiguous Entanglements: Infrastructuring (Im)mobility and Indigeneity along Baikal-Amur Mainline. Workshop "Ethnographies of Megaprojects". Stockholm, September 14 2019
- Postsocialist Infrastructure: Identity Building and the Politics of Emotion along the Baikal-Amur Mainline, East Siberia. Guest lecture, Historical Department, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich, June 16, 2019
- Reconstructing the BAM: Memory, Identity and Politics of Emotions (in Russian). Congress of Anthropologists and Ethnologist of Russia, Kazan', July 3, 2019
- Postsocialist Infrastructure: Memories, Identities, and Politics of Emotion along the Baikal-Amur Mainline (in Russian). Guest lecture, Department of Ethnology, Moscow State University, February 25, 2019
- Reconstructing the Baikal-Amur Mainline: Materiality and Affect of the Postsocialist Railroad. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November 18, 2018
- (Re)Constructing the BAM: Affective Networks of the (Post)Socialist Infrastructure. Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Stockholm, August 15, 2018
- Living Along the Baikal-Amur Mainline: Resources, Social Change and (Im)Mobility Among Indigenous (Evenki) People. International symposium "On Land, Water and Ice: Indigenous Societies in the Changing Arctic", Sapporo, Japan, July 5, 2018

Conference panels, 2018-2019

- [with P. Schweitzer]. Transportation infrastructures in the system of communications in the North. Congress of Anthropologists and Ethnologist of Russia, Kazan', July 3, 2019 (in Russian)
- [with P. Schweitzer and S. MacCallum]. Revisiting railroads: sociality, mobility and infrastructure in remote regions. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November 18, 2018
- [with G. Saxinger and P. Schweitzer]. Human Entanglements with Infrastructures: Mobility, Sociality, and the Built Environment. Vienna Anthropology Days, September 21, 2018
- [with P. Schweitzer and S. MacCallum]. Revisiting railroads: sociality, mobility and infrastructure in remote regions. Conference of the European Association of Social Anthropologists, Stockholm, August 15, 2018

Book

2011 *Evenki of Zabaikal'skii Region: social, economic, and cultural transformation in XX-XXI centuries (in Russian)*. Moscow: Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, RAS

Selected papers

- 2019 The Baikal-Amur Mainline: Memories and Emotions of a Socialist Construction Project. In *Sibirica*, Vol. 18 (2019), issue #1, pp. 22-52; doi: <https://doi.org/10.3167/sib.2019.180103>.
- 2019 [with Peter Schweitzer]. 2019. A right to remoteness? A missing bridge and articulations of indigeneity along an East Siberian railroad. *Social Anthropology* 27(2):236-252.
- 2019 [with Vera Kuklina and Gertrude Saxinger]. Power of Rhythms – Trains and Work along the Baikal-Amur Mainline (BAM) in Siberia. *Polar Geography*, vol. 42 (1); doi: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/1088937X.2018.1564395>
- 2017 [with Peter Schweitzer and Sigrid Schiesser]. Beyond Wilderness: Towards an Anthropology of Infrastructure and the Built Environment in the Russian North. In *Polar Anthropology*, Vol. 7, No 1, pp. 58-85, <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/2154896X.2017.1334427>
- 2016 Social Dynamics and Sustainability of BAM Communities: Migration, Competition for Resources, and Intergroup Relations. In Marlene Laruelle (ed.), *New Mobilities and Social Changes in Russia's Arctic Regions*. London and New York: Routledge, pp. 133-157.
- 2016 “Gorodskie aborigeny” BAMA: industrial’nyi bum, technosotsial’nye seti i bor’ba za resursy [“Urban aboriginals” of the BAM Region: industrial boom, technosocial networks and competition for resources]. In *Etnograficheskoe Obozrenie*, No1, pp. 23-41.
- 2015 [with Sirina A.A., V.N. Davydov V.N. and V.V. Simonova]. S.M. Shirokogoroff’s book ‘Social Organization of the Northern Tungus’ and its Russian translation: history, structure, interpretations. *Asian Ethnicity*, vol. 17, issue 1, pp. 30 – 46, <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14631369.2015.1086088>
- 2014 Belonging to Land in Tura: Migrations, Reforms, and Identity Politics in Evenkiia. In *Journal of Ethnology and Folkloristics*, vol. 8, No 2, pp. 33-51, http://www.jef.ee/index.php/journal/article/view/159/pdf_122
- 2010 Olga Povoroznyuk [with Habeck, J.O и V. Vaté]. Introduction: On the Definition, Theory, and Practice of Gender Shift in the North of Russia. In *Anthropology of East Europe Review* 2010 29(2). Theme issue (guest editors: Habeck, J.O, O. Povoroznyuk, and V. Vaté), “Gender Shift in the North of Russia”, pp. 1-37, <http://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/aer/article/view/929/1037>