Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

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British Citizen

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Qualifications

- BSc. Government, Politics and Modern History Hons 2(i), Brunel University, 1985-9
- MA Slavonic and East European Studies, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, 1993-4
- Postgraduate Diploma in Research Methods, University of Portsmouth, 1995-6
- PhD. Doctoral Thesis - 'The Development of Roma Politics in Hungary 1989-95'

Occupation

- Sessional Lecturer, Birkbeck (University of London),
  Teaching modules on The Politics and Institutions of the European Union and Central & Eastern Europe: Privatization and EU Accession
- Co-operative Development Officer, London Borough of Southwark
  Project management and policy development for community-led social housing
- Approved Assessor, Tenants Services Authority (UK)
  Providing the statutory assessment of competence of community owned social housing organisations

Advisory roles

- Advisor to the Inter-Parliamentary Union & UNDP on a global study of minority parliamentary representation
- Advisor to the office of Commissioner Spidla on the development of the European Roma Platform and the Common Basic Principles for Roma Integration

Research Reports/Consultancies

- UNICEF (Serbia) - Lead consultant for a sub-regional study of social exclusion in the Balkans, *Breaking the Cycle of Exclusion – Roma Children in South East* Europe

- Minority Rights Group International - Participatory Evaluation of PHARE-funded Roma integration programmes, *EU-Funded Roma Programmes: Lessons from Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic* (with Dr Will Guy)

- Save the Children (UK), *Denied a Future? The Right to Education of Roma/Gypsy and Traveller Children in Europe*

- Solon Community Network, London - Community led social housing project management and training

Academic Positions

- Marie Curie Research Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration, Budapest (now Corvinus University), 2002/3

- Research Fellow, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham (UK), 2000

- Researcher, School of Slavonic and East European Studies (University of London), 1998/9

Language skills

- English - Native Speaker

- Hungarian – Advanced

- French - Basic

Other Skills and Activities

- Regular contributor to *Oxford Analytica*

- Member of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies

- Prince 2 Project Management qualification

- Project Manager of 'The Price of Roma Integration' project (OSI/Freudenberg Foundation)

- Convenor of the Local Government Co-Operative Officers Group

Publications

Articles in academic journals and books

(2004) 'Roma Politics and Policy in Hungary 1999-2003', *European Yearbook of Minority Issues 2002/3,* (Flensberg: European Centre for Minority Issues), pp.73-93

(2002) 'Kik csinálják a cigánykérdést Magyarországon?', [Who constructs the 'Gypsy Question' in Hungary?], *Eszmélet,* 54, pp.48-54

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(2000) 'Academic Introduction' to a series of articles on Roma migrations and International Relations, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 13, 2, pp.15-17

(1997) 'The good, the bad and the ugly: three faces of 'dialogue'- the development of Roma politics in Hungary', *Contemporary Politics*, 3,1, pp.55-71

(1996) 'Minority Self-Governments in Hungary - a Roma Perspective', *Slovo*, 9,1, pp.53-71

(1996) 'The Roma and the Minority Self-Government System in Hungary', *Immigrants and Minorities*, 15, 1 (March), pp.42-58

(2004) 'Politika romské identity: mezi nacionalismem a chudobou' in M, Jakoubek and T, Hirt (eds), *Romové: Kulturologické Etudy* (Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk s.r.o.), pp.92-101 originally published as 'The Politics of Roma Identity: between Nationalism and Destitution', *OpenDemocracy*, 30 July 2003, www.opendemocracy.net

(2004) 'Roma health: problems and perceptions' in J, Healy and M, McKee (eds), *Health Care: Responding to Diversity* (Oxford: OUP), pp.237-256

(2001) 'Politics, Equality and Difference: the Roma in Hungary' in W Guy (ed.), *Between Past and Future: the Roma of Central and Eastern Europe* (Hatfield: University of Hertfordshire Press), pp. 333-350

(2001) 'The Emergence of European Roma Policy' in Will Guy (ed.) *Between Past and Future: the Roma of Central and Eastern Europe* (Hatfield: University of Hertfordshire Press), pp.93-116

(1999) 'Az elsõ Országos Cigány Kisebbségi Önkormányzat tevékenysége', in F, Csefkó, I Kovács (eds.), *Kisebbségi Önkormányzatok Magyarországon* (Budapest: Osiris), pp.185-202 An English version of the article was published as:
(2001)'The First National Gypsy Minority Self-Government in Hungary', *Journal on Ethnopolitics and Minority Issues in Europe*, (Autumn), www.ecmi.de/jemie/

(1998) 'Gypsy Self-Governments in Post-Socialist Hungary' in S Bridger & F Pine (eds) *Surviving Post-Socialism: Gender, Ethnicity and Underclass in Eastern Europe and the Former USSR* (London: Routledge), pp.124-147

(1998) 'Minority Rights and Roma Politics in Hungary' in K Cordell (ed.) *Ethnicity and Democratization in the New Europe Politics* (London: Routledge), pp.145-56

Other publications

Breaking the Cycle of Exclusion – Roma Children in South East Europe (Belgrade: UNICEF), 2007

EU-Funded Roma Programmes: Lessons from Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic (London: Minority Rights Group) with Dr Will Guy, 2006

'Hungary: between Ethnic Community and European State', *OpenDemocracy*, 11 December 2003, www.opendemocracy.net

'Sorskérdés kulcskérdései' [Key Questions of Fate], *Világunk*, September 2003, pp.11-15

'The Origins and Implications of the Proposal to Establish a European Roma Forum' Policy Briefing Paper submitted to the Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Questions (Council of Europe), June 2003

A romaügy politikai kialakulása Magyarországon [The Political Evolution of the Roma Issue in Hungary] (Budapest: Humanista Társadalmi Egyetem), May 2003

A cigánykérdés európai szinten', [The European-Level Gypsy Question], *Népszava* 30 August 2002

'The European 'Roma Question'', *The Royal Institute of International Affairs European Programme Briefing Paper*, (March 2000)

'Roma/Gypsy and Traveller Education in Europe: an Overview of the Issues' and the chapter on Roma/Gypsy education in Hungary in *Denied a Future? The Right to Education of Roma/Gypsy and Traveller Children in Europe*, (London: Save the Children), 2001, pp.15-28 + 108-135