

CURRICULUM VITAE

Family name: **Krastev**

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Place of birth: **Dobrich, Bulgaria**

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| Institution [from date to date] | Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained |
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| Military-technical university "Vasil Levski" in the town of Veliko Turnovo. | Mechanical engineer |
| The section "Bulgarian Ethnology" at BAS – The Institute of Folklore and Ethnography with Ethnographic Museum | PhD Student |

Language skills: (Mark 1 – lowest to 5 – highest for competence)

| Language | Reading | Speaking | Writing |
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| Bulgarian | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Russian | 5 | 5 | 4 |

Present Positions: Regional society "Technitary" town of Stara Zagora. President of a managing committee

Years within the company: Since 2004.

Professional experience:

| Institution | Position | Dates |
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| Co-operative farm " Brazdy", v.Trankovo, region Stara Zagora | President | 1988-1993 |
| Co-operative " Brazdy", v.Trankovo, region Stara Zagora | President | 1993-2000 |
| Foundation "Zagra Roma" town of Stara Zagora | Vice president /executive director/ | 2001-2004 |
| Regional society "Technitary" town of Stara Zagora | President of a managing committee | 2004 - present |

Other Skills: Computer literacy. Knowledge and experience of agriculture technique.

Specific (Research) Experience:

| Country | Dates | Name and brief description of the project |
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| Bulgaria | 2004 - present | Field research among gipsy ethnic in region of Stara Zagora |
| Bulgaria | 2007 | Project. "Vidritza or 77 recipes from gipsy cuisine" |
| Bulgaria | 2007 | Field research work for project "Health statute of minority in Bulgaria". In south-list in settlements with concentrated gipsy's population. By project of OSI. |
| Bulgaria | 2008 | Project "The Romany woman – spaces and limits in her life" |
| Bulgaria | 2008 | Project for sociological research "Health status of gipsy's in region of Stara Zagora". By project of OSI |

Specific (Museum, Library and Archival Work) Experience:

| Country | Dates | Name and brief description of the project |
|------------------------|--------------|---|
| Bulgaria | 2004-present | Processing field notes, photographs and records for Archive |
| Bulgaria | 2004-present | Collecting and preservation of patterns from manner of life and the culture of gipsy ethic |
| Bulgaria, Stara Zagora | 2004 | Exhibition "Traditional gypsies crafts" |
| Bulgaria, Plovdiv | 2006 | Specialized exhibition of gipsy crafts, business and culture, "Gipsy's world" in Plovdiv |
| Bulgaria, Sofia | 2007 | Exhibition "Bulgaria – multiform and unified in the European community" at National historical museum (NHM) – Sofia - selection and exposing of materials, presenting gipsy ethnos. |
| Bulgaria, Stara Zagora | 2008 | Exhibition "Gipsy identity – seen from outside, presented from inside" |

Specific (Civil Society) Experience:

| Country | Dates | Name and brief description of the project |
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| Bulgaria | 2002 | Project „Working load of the gypsies deptors on a energy distribution”, Stara Zagora |
| Bulgaria | 2003-2004 | Adviser of project "One community - many decisions" BG 0102.06-02-066 by the program PHARE "Social Integration" |
| Bulgaria | 2005 | Adviser of project- SENT GRANT – financing from USAID |
| Bulgaria | 2006 | Adviser of Project – "Gypsies crafts – new dimensions of the tradition" financing from USAID |

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| Bulgaria | 2008-2009 | <u>Mentor</u> at the project “Romani mentors”, done in cooperation with Foundation “Lozenets”, Stara Zagora |
| Bulgaria | 2010-2011 | <u>Mentor-teacher</u> in the project ”Cultural programme Romany mentors 2010”, ran by foundation ”Sham”, Montana |

Other Information:

Member of The Gypsy Lore Society

Associate member of the European Academic Network on Romani Studies

Member of the Commission for the integration of the Roman National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and integration problems (NSSEIV) Council ministers.

Member of Regional Council and ethnic integration issues oblast Stara Zagora

Practice purpose fullness: As a president of regional Roms craftsman association “Technitary” works for covering finances for raw materials for craft work, for opening of work shops and trade shop of crafts in Stara Zagora. All members of association are with different craft skills - coppersmiths, whittlers, hasir-makers, potters, weavers, basket-makers, saddlers and farriers, carters and ironmongers.

Notable interest in the study and exhibition of the history and ethno-culture of the Romani. He works for the social integration of the Romani community in the Bulgarian society through research and making accessible their intellectual culture, traditional human virtues, lifestyle and traditional crafts.

Contributes to a series of TV productions on TV7 - Stara Zagora, devoted to the traditional Romani crafts, entitled “Golden hands” - September 2008 – January 2009

Organizing of conferences:

2006 – National round table conference “ New practices in a word of social undertakings with ethnics minority. Stara Zagora

Participations in conferences and seminars:

2005 – Seminar „Collaboration with medias and public relations”, Gabrovo

2006 – Seminar “ New practices in a word of social undertakings with ethnics minority”. Stara Zagora

2007 – Seminar ”Strategy for development of "fear trade", Sofia, „Integra”

2007 – National conference “Integrations of gypsies in Bulgarian community”, Institute on sociology of BAS, Sofia

2007 – International conference “Culture on the Balkans and Mediterranean lands”, St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo

2007 – Seminar “Problems in protection of health of gypsies in Bulgarian medias”, Sofia, Foundation “AKSSES”

2007 – UNDP - sseminar for observation and valuation a progress in realisation of the Decade of gypsies inclusion 2005-2015, Sofia

2008 - National conference „Colonize permanent settling the refugees from Trace in South-eastern Bulgaria 1878 – 1934”, Nova Zagora

2008 - Round table „ Decade of gypsy inclusion 2005-2015”, Open Society Institute Budapest
2008 - International conference “Cultures and religions on the Balkans and Mediterranean lands”, St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo
2008 – International round table “Two Hundred Years on the Road: The Term “Balkan Peninsula” (1808-2008), University of Sofia “St.Kliment Ohridski”
2008 - National council for journalist ethics – Regional round table “Strengthening the dialogue for overcoming the territorial differences and discrimination”
2009 - National conference “The cultural heritage of the modern Bulgarian town”, New Bulgarian University of Sofia
2010- National conference “The city - social transformations and cultural practices”, New Bulgarian University – Department of Anthropology
2010 - National conference “The Night in folk beliefs and ideas”, Regional ethnographic museum, Plovdiv
2011 - International conference “Cultures and religions on the Balkans and Mediterranean lands”, St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo
2011 – Workshop Successful opening of the activities for Roma uniting – provocations and good practices organized by the European Commission, Sofia
2011 – Workshop High Level on EU funds Contribution to Roma integration, Sofia
2011 - Annual Meeting of the Gypsy Lore Society, Graz, Austria
2012 - Conference "Managing for results: Effective monitoring and evaluation of National Strategy of the Republic of Bulgaria to integrate the Roma (2012-2020) The» - NSSEIV and organized by the World Bank office in Bulgaria

Participations in presentations, exhibition-bazar

2005 – Fair of social change. Hotel “Radisson”, Sofia
2005 – Traditional Christmas fair in Strasburg
2005, 2006, 2007 - Presentation “Lipa”, Stara Zagora
2005, 2006 - International fair of traditional crafts in Ethnographic museum in open (EMO) “E tara” – Gabrovo
2006 - Fair in town of Le Main, France

Teachings

2007 – Teaching social specialists for work with Roma ethnic, S.Z. “ARK”, Bulgaria

Publications:

I. Books:

По дългия път ... Живот с другите (история, етносоциална структура, бит и култура на циганите в Старозагорски регион) [On the Long road... Life with the others (history, ethnosocial structure, life-style and culture of gypsy groups)]. // Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. Стара Загора: Кота. 2006, 296 с.

Видрица или 77 рецепти от циганската кухня. [Vidritza or 77 recipes from gypsy cuisine] // Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. Стара Загора: Кота. 2007, 112 с.

Ромската жена – пространства и граници в живота ѝ. [The Romany woman – spaces and limits in her life] // Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. Стара Загора: Литера принт. 2008, 304 с.

On the Long road... Life with the others (history, ethnosocial structure, life-style and culture of

gypsy groups).// Evgeniya I. Ivanova, Velcho Krustev. Germany: LINCOM. 2008, 200 с. (второ преработено и допълнено издание, преведено и издадено на английски език)

II. Articles:

Цигански занаяти. Каталог. [Catalog “Gypsies crafts”] // Евгения Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. Стара Загора, 2004, 28 с.

За края на една традиция, за историята на един поминък („Те бяха и мечкари...”). [About the end of one tradition, about the background of an occupation (“They were bear lenders..)] /Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. // Известия на музеите от Югоизточна България (И М Ю И Б), XXIII, Сливен, 2007, с. 109-122

Българи и цигани – пространства на взаимоотношенията и граници на различността [Bulgarians and Gypsies – spatial of the interrelations and beyond the bounds of differences]. / Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. // И н т е г р а ц и я т а на ромите в българското общество. София, 2007, с.202-215

“Бобата” – един религиозен феномен при циганите/ромите. [“Bobata” – one religion phenomenon by the Gypsies] / Евгения И. Иванова, Велчо Кръстев. // К у л т у р и и религии на Балканите, в Средиземноморието и Изтока. Кн. III, Велико Търново, 2008, с.49-57

Бежанците и местните в Старозагорско – поселения и взаимоотношения (1878-ср. на 30-те год. на XX век). [Refugees and Locals in the Region of Stara Zagora: Settlements and Mutual Relations (1878-mid-1930s)]. // Б ъ л г а р с к а етнология, кн.4, 2008, с.35-44

Участие на циганите във военните и паравоенните структури на Балканите (IX-XIX век). [Participation of Roma in the military and semimilitary structures in the Balkans (IX-XIX century).] // М и н а л о, кн.3, 2009, с. 32-40

Религията при циганите/ ромите като средство за адаптиране към околния свят. [The religion of the Romani as a way of adapting to the world around.] // К у л т у р и и религии на Балканите, в Средиземноморието и Изтока. Кн.IV. Велико Търново, 2009, с. 257-266

Войни, бежанци и междуетнически взаимоотношения в периода 1878-ср. на 20-те год. на XX век. [Wars, refugees and interethnic relations in the period 1878 – middle of the twenties of the XX century.] // В с е к и д н е в и е т о: памет, места, езици. Шумен, 2009, с.106-116.

Цигани в Балкана (за живота им в някои балканджийски селища) [Romanies in the Balkan (on their lives in some Balkan settlements).] // Н а р о д н а култура на балканджиите, Т. VIII, Габрово, 2010, с.84-92

Мястото на ромската материална култура в градска среда като автентично историческо свидетелство. [The place of the Material culture of the Romani in the Urban Environment as Authentic Historical Evidence] – // К у л т у р н о т о наследство в съвременния град. НБУ, София, 2011, с.171-180

Циганите – Вярвания и представи, обреди и обичаи в нощта. [The Romany – beliefs and views, rites and customs at night] – // Годишник на РЕМ – Пловдив. Н о щ т а в народните представи и вярвания. Т. VI, Пловдив, 2011, с.161-174

Балканите – втората родина на циганите. [The Balkans – the second motherland of the Romany] // Д в у в е к о в н и я т път на едно понятие „Балканския полуостров” (1808-2008). Университетско издателство „Св. Кл. Охридски” (под печат)

Циганите, войните на България и народната признателност [Gypsies, wars of Bulgaria and the gratitude of the people] - // К у л т у р и и религии на Балканите, в Средиземноморието и Изтока. Велико Търново (под печат)

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