

Alena Zelenskaia

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Work Experience

🔗 research

2019-2023

Research Associate*

Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich

CRC 1369 „Cultures of Vigilance“, Subproject B07: „ Spousal reunification from third countries to the European Union. The example of Russian marriage migration to Germany.“ Responsibilities: Research design; Coordination of participants; Conducting narrative interviews; Media analysis; Data analysis; Article editing; Reporting; Workshop organization; Conference application; Scholarship application; Presentation; Graphic design; Correspondence management.

2018 – 2019

Research Associate

Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek

Two internal research projects with focus on part-time workers and international curricula. Responsibilities: Research design; Participants' recruitment; Conducting semi-structured interviews and focus groups; Transcription; Data analysis; Reporting.

🔗 teaching

2018 – 2019

Instructor

Summer Schools of the OSCE Academy in Bishkek

Courses on „Human Trafficking“ and „Academic Writing“. Responsibilities: Course design; Presentations; Lectures; Conducting Seminars; Feedback to students.

2017 – 2019

Instructor

American University of Central Asia, Bishkek

Courses on “Refugees and Refugee Studies”, “Academic Writing”, “Mass Media Research Methods”, “Unobtrusive Research Methods” and “Migration and Globalisation”. Responsibilities: Course design; Presentations; Lectures; Conducting Seminars; Feedback to students.

* see attachment “List of publications”

LANGUAGES

Russian (MT)

German (C1, telc 2024)

English (C1, TOEFL 2018)

French (A2/B1, IF 2024)

Education

Since 2023

Doctorate (PhD)

Institute of Cultural Analysis and
European Ethnology

Ludwig-Maximilian University of Munich

2014 – 2016

Master (MA)

Cultural Anthropology

European University at St. Petersburg

2013 – 2014

Research Stay

History of Eastern Europe

Humboldt University at Berlin

2009 – 2011

Master (MA)

International Relations

Saint Petersburg State University/

University of Miami

2005 – 2009

Bachelor (BA)

Journalism

Southern Federal University,

Rostov-on-Don

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::: project management

2024-2025

Project Manager

Re:Pair

Project on preserving the memory of Jáchymov labor camps in cooperation with Czech NGO "Political Prisoners.eu", funded by the *Civil Society Forum e.V. (Berlin)* and the German-Czech Foundation "Zukunftsfonds". Responsibilities: Planning and coordination; Applying for grants (**grants received: Civil Society Forum Grant and Zukunftsfonds Grant**); Participant recruitment and management; Advertising and marketing; Content review; Logistics; Audience engagement and interaction; Budget management; Sponsorship and partnership management; Feedback collection and evaluation.

2017-2019

Organizer & Moderator

Falling Walls Lab Bishkek

Science Slam event, funded by the DAAD and the German *Falling Walls Foundation*. Responsibilities: Event planning and coordination; Participant recruitment and management; Advertising and marketing; Content review; Graphic design; Logistics; Audience engagement and interaction; Budget management; Sponsorship and partnership management; Feedback collection and evaluation.

::: journalism

2011 – 2012

Website Editor

Radiostation Business FM Sankt Petersburg

Responsibilities: Editing; Content management; CMS optimization; Traffic and trend analysis.

2005 – 2009

Freelance Journalist

Various local newspapers and magazines, Rostov-on-Don

Tasks: Revision of press releases; Reporting on events; Desk research; Establishing and maintaining contacts; Conducting interviews; Fact-checking; Writing and editing texts; Collaboration with editors, proofreaders, designers, and photographers.

::: social media engagement

2021 – 2022

SMM-Manager, Editor

Heritage preservation movement "MoiFasad", Rostov-on-Don

Tasks: Content planning and creation; Text editing; Image editing; Community management; Performance analysis.

2020 – 2022

Blogger

Own channel on Telegram with a maximum of 5000 followers at its peak.

::: design

2018

Graphic designer

"Nomadism, Mobilities and Media" Conference, Bishkek

Tasks: Concept development; Design creation; Program and badge layout; Print preparation.

Advanced Training

Nov. 2024 – May 2025 – Documentary

Filmmaking, [Novinářský inkubátor](#),

Jachymov, Czech Republic

Feb. 2022 – Sept. 2023 – [Europaeum](#)

[Scholars Programm](#) (Project: „FairFields:

Cultivating Justice”), 8 Cities in Europe

4.-8. Dec. 2023 – [Online School in Forced](#)

[Migration](#), Refugee Studies Center,

University of Oxford

Sept.-Oct. 2023 – Documentary

photography, DocuLab, Berlin

Sept.-Dec. 2022 – [Online-Course on](#)

[Graphic design](#), Gonzo

June-Aug. 2021 – Online-Summer School

, [Filmmaking for Fieldwork](#) (Dr. Andrew

Lawrence, University of Manchester)

Oct. – Dec. 2018 – Media-Story-Telling,

Internews & Gonzo, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Software-Knowledge

MS Office***

Adobe Illustrator**

Adobe Photoshop*

Adobe Indesign**

Joomla*

Tilda**

Figma**

Canva***

Scraping and Parcing with

Pyrhon*

MaxQDA**

*** - Expert

** - Advanced

* - Beginner

List of Recent Publications

Academic journal articles (double- or triple-blind peer-reviewed)

- Zelenskaia, A. 2024. [The Effects of Externalised Border Control Management by Germany on Marriage Migrants from Third Countries](#). [Geopolitics](#).
- Zelenskaia, A. and I. Götz. 2023. [Die Heiratsmigrantin: Vigilanz und Subjektivierungsprozesse im Kontext des Ehegattennachzugs aus der Ukraine nach Deutschland](#). *Bayerisches Jahrbuch für Volkskunde* 2023, 117- 134.
- Zelenskaia, A. 2024. [‘Love is not tourism’: Navigating immobility through \(migrant\) resistance](#)”, [Critique of Anthropology](#) , Volume 44, Issue 4.
- (forthcoming) Zelenskaia, A. “Are You Marrying Germany?” Vigilance and Digital Vigilantism Among Russian Speaking Users of a Facebook Group. *Cambridge Journal of Anthropology*.

Book chapters (peer-reviewed):

- with Eveline Dürr et al. 2023. [Becoming Vigilant Subjects](#). Hannover: Wehrhahn Verlag.
- Zelenskaia, A. & Turdubaeva, E. 2018. [Media Portrayal of Migration from Central Asia](#). In Croucher, St., Caetano, J.R. & Campbell, E.A. (Eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Migration, Communication, and Politics*. London: Routledge pp. 184-201.

Entries in online academic magazines and/or publication series:

- Zelenskaia, A. 2022. [Hidden racialization of marriage migrants through bureaucratic practices in Europe](#). *Yale European Studies Center, Online Journal of Conference Proceedings*.
- Zelenskaia, A. 2022. [Social Media Surveillance and Digital Vigilantism](#). Workshop report. [Mitteilungen \(02/2022\)](#). Munich: Vigilanzkulturen, pp. 50-51.
- Zelenskaia, A. 2022. [Masterclass des Integrierten Graduiertenkollegs mit Eva Illouz](#). Workshop report. [Mitteilungen \(02/2022\)](#). Munich: Vigilanzkulturen, p. 52.
- Zelenskaia, A. 2021. [Love, laughter and happily ever after... crossing the border. Strategies of managing marriage migration to Germany and couples’ responses to them](#). *Routed - Migration and (Im)Mobility Magazine*.