

# Jekatyerina (Katya) Dunajeva

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## Education

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University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, USA

Ph.D., Political Science, September 2014

- Dissertation: “‘Bad Gypsies’ and ‘Good Roma’: Constructing Ethnic and Political Identities through Education in Russia and Hungary”
- Committee: Craig Parsons (chair), Dennis Galvan, Karrie Koesel, Tuong Vu, Carol Silverman (Anthropology)

M.A., Political Science, 2012

Saint Cloud State University, St Cloud, MN, USA

B.A., International Relations (major), Soviet and Eurasian Studies, Economics, French (minors), *Summa cum laude*, 2009

## Academic Experience

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### *Teaching Experience*

Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest, Hungary

Lecturer, School of English and American Studies, September 2014 - *Present*

University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, USA

Primary Instructor (designed and taught course)

- Politics of Eastern Europe, Spring 2014

Teaching Assistant, 2009-2012

- Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to International Relations (with several professors), US Foreign Policy, International Political Economy, International Organizations, Women and Politics, Politics of Film

Research Assistant, 2009-2012

- Primarily worked with Russian-language sources (e.g. textbook content analysis, political news analysis, annotated bibliographies)
- Assisted with researching and identifying contributors for “Globalization, Gender, and Development” conference, organized by Professor Erin Beck at the University of Oregon

Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary

Visiting Researcher and Guest Lecturer, 2012-2013

- International Relations

Higher School of Economics, St Petersburg, Russia

Visiting Researcher, Winter 2013

Summer Enrichment Program, University of Oregon, USA

Teacher, Summer 2010, 2011, 2012

- Russian Language and Culture; World War I & II; Hungarian Language and Culture; Arabic Language and the Arab World; Dictators Around the World; Russian and Soviet Politics and History; Ethnic Wars and National Self-Determination

Saint Cloud State University, Department of Foreign Languages

Tutor of French and Russian, 2008-2009

### ***Conference Organizing Experience***

Organized Panels for

- ASEEEES (Association of Slavic, East-European and Eurasian Studies) Conference in Philadelphia, PA, USA; panel title: “National boundary-making and the dynamics of belonging, inclusion, and exclusion in Hungary” with Heather Tidrick (University of Michigan); November 2015.
- GLS (Gypsy Lore Society) Annual Meeting in Chisinau, Moldova; panel title: “‘Identity Boundaries’: Dynamics of Categorization, Belonging, Inclusion, and Exclusion of Roma/Gypsies” with Heather Tidrick (University of Michigan); September 2015.

Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary

Affiliated Researcher with the Research Centre for Social, Regional and Ethnic Conflict and Development, September 2014 – Present

- *Conference organization*: co-organized “Roma Participation in Policy-Making and Knowledge Production” – conference and workshop at Corvinus University, Hungary, October 11-13, 2014

### ***Fieldwork and Research Experience***

Archival research in the Budapest National Archives as a contracted researcher by Coriolan Babeti, PhD (historian, art curator, and founder of East-West Art Gallery in NYC), September – December 2015

- Archival research of 19<sup>th</sup> century Austro-Hungarian Empire—selected places and selected persons.

Fieldwork for research titled “Under Caesar’s Sword: Christian Minorities in Contemporary Russia,” July 2015

- Principal Investigator: Karrie Koesel, PhD, University of Notre Dame (USA)  
In collaboration with Dr Koesel, this research investigates Christian minorities, their coping mechanisms and institutional constraints, the extent and challenges of religious freedom, and more broadly religious life in contemporary Russia. Fieldwork research involved 3 cities in Russia over 6 weeks.

Fieldwork and Data Collection, Summer 2014

- Research grant from University of Oregon’s Department of Political Science; collecting primarily archival resources on textbooks and patriotic education in Moscow, supervisor: Karrie Koesel, PhD.

Fieldwork for dissertation in Russia and Hungary, September 2012 – October 2013

- Thirteen months fieldwork in Russia and Hungary, focusing on effects of formal and informal educational institutions and practices on Roma identity formation; evaluation of increasingly nationalist and xenophobic political climate and its effect on Roma integration policies; evaluation of attitudes towards the West and the EU; democratization and Europeanization. Methods: extensive participatory observation, interviews with Roma community members, educators, and policy-makers, surveying, content analysis, qualitative data collection, surveying, training research assistants, assessment of instructional landscape, media analysis, archival research.

### ***Research Interests***

Region: former Soviet Union, Russia, Eastern Europe, European Union, North America

Issue Areas: Democratization, Europeanization, International Relations (EU and former Socialist countries), Identity Politics, Minority Integration, Education Policy, State and Nation Building, Roma/Gypsies, Youth Policy, Language and Politics, Language and Power, Youth Empowerment, Discourse

Methodology: Interpretivist Methods, Constructivism, Ethnographic Field Research, Qualitative Methods, Mixed Methods, Multidisciplinary Approach, Discourse Analysis

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## Professional Experience

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### **Political Analyst**

Political Capital – Policy Research and Consulting Institute, March 2015 – November 2015, as the recipient of the Open Society Foundation’s Young Professional Development Program fellowship

- Duties involve: conducting research, analyzing data, media analysis, drafting reports and articles.  
Research areas: Russia, authoritarian states, far-right parties, xenophobia, Visegrad Group, Hungary, minorities and Roma.

### **Advisory Board**

Advisory Board Member at the Open Society Foundation’s Youth Initiative (OSFYI), 2012 – 2014

*Project evaluation* Roma youth project in Miskolc, Hungary in June 2013  
Youth camp in Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyzstan in July 2013

*Representation of OSFYI* Inclusive Education meeting in London, UK in February 2013  
UNICEF Child-Protection Forum in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in August 2013

### **Editorial Boards, Editing, Copy-Editing**

Editor, Copy-Editor, Book Reviewer for Central European University Press, project based, 2014-Present

Books copy-edited:

Lech Mróz – *A History of the Gypsy-Roma Presence in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth during the 15th-18th Centuries* (Budapest: CEU Press, 2015)

Mihai Surdu – *Expert Frames. Scientific and Policy Practices of Roma Classification* (Budapest: CEU Press, 2015)

Balázs Majtényi, György Majtényi: *A Contemporary History of Exclusion: The Roma Issue in Hungary from 1945 to 2015* (Budapest: CEU Press, 2015)

Angéla Kóczé: *Gender, Ethnicity and Class: Romani Women’s Political Activism and Social Struggles* (Budapest, CEU Press, forthcoming 2016)

Guest editor of The Indian Journal of Social Work’s special issue on *Collectivity and Empowerment in Poverty Alleviation – India and the Roma* (2015/6)

Editorial Team Member of European Roma Rights Journal’s *Special Issue* on “Roma Participation in Knowledge Production and Policy-Making”: identification and selection of articles, monitoring the writing process with selected authors, harmonizing the Journal issue (2015), available at <http://www.errc.org/roma-rights-journal/roma-rights-2-2015-nothing-about-us-without-us-roma-participation-in-policy-making-and-knowledge-production/4433>

Co-Editor of the Special Issue of *Romology Journal* (Pecs University, Hungary): working with a team of student-translators, a special issue was compiled based on Hungarian articles published in May edition of *Romology Journal* (2015/issue 10), available at [http://romologiafolyoirat.pte.hu/?page\\_id=305&lang=en](http://romologiafolyoirat.pte.hu/?page_id=305&lang=en)

### **Expert Evaluator**

Expert Evaluator at Tempus Public Foundation in Budapest, Hungary, February 2015 - Present

Professional evaluation of incoming grants and proposals in the following approved fields: *Adult Education, Higher Education, Public Education*.

## Workshops, Summer Schools, Professional Trainings

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Capacity Building “How to Counter Right-Wing Populism and Extremism in Europe” Brussels, Belgium, 12-16 October, 2015. Presented on the topic of Russia’s role in contemporary Eastern European far-right movements.

“LIVEWHAT Summer School on Citizens’ Resilience in Times of Crises” workshop, Florence, Italy, 5-11 July, 2015.

“Who Can Act for Roma? Reconsidering the Role and Position of Human Right Actors in Romani Activism” in the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Budapest, Hungary, December 2014.

“Social Theory and Romani Studies” summer workshop at Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (with tuition waiver); director: Michael Stewart; July 2014

“Romanis in Europe, European citizenship and the ‘the Romani other’” at the University of Sheffield, UK, September 2013

“Evaluation of policies targeting Roma – Methodologies and Methods” at Lantos Institute, Budapest, Hungary, June 2013

Trans-Atlantic Summer Institute in European Studies—Graduate Student Fellowship Program at the University of Minnesota; titled “Borders in Motion — New Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion across Europe and North America” (with funding; declined due to fieldwork engagement), Summer 2013

Qualitative Research Methods’ (CQRM) Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research at Maxwell School, Syracuse University, NY (with funding, ≈ \$4000), June 2012

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (with funding; declined due to summer teaching), July 2012

Social Science Research Council’s (SSRC) “Youth and Social Stability in Eurasia” field building development workshop at University of Texas, Austin, TX, September 2011

### **Presentations, Invited Speaker**

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“Forum: New Green EU – Russia talks.” Invited as chair and presenter in a panel, organized by Heinrich Böll Stiftung in Moscow, Russia, February 2016

“The Beacon Strategy: Expert Roundtable.” Invited participant, organized by the International Republican Institute and National Endowment for Democracy in Prague, Czech Republic, January 2016

“International Actors and Education of Roma Youth in Hungary: Ethnic Labels and Identities.” Paper presented as part of the Symposium “A Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015: Critical Perspectives on Education research, Initiatives and Interventions” during the 2015 conference of the European Educational Research Association in Budapest, Hungary, September, 2015

“Changing Boundaries of Belonging: Roma in post-Socialist Hungary.” Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Gypsy Lore Society and Conference in Chisinau, Moldova, September 2015

“Collectivity and Empowerment in Poverty Alleviation – India and the Roma.” Seminar organized by the Embassy of India in Budapest, Hungary with the collaboration of Corvinus University; served as a rapporteur, June 24, 2015

“‘Bad Gypsies’ and ‘Good Roma’: Constructing Ethnic and Political Identities in Russia and Hungary.” Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Gypsy Lore Society and Conference in Bratislava, Slovakia, September 2014

“Constructing, Negotiating and Performing Identity: Case Study of a Roma Community in Hungary.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of The Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, NY, April 2014

“Roma Identity in Formation: A Case Study of Kalderash Roma in a Russian School.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gypsy Lore Society and Conference on Gypsy Studies, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, September 2013

“Case Study of Kalderash Roma in a Russian School.” Paper presented at the conference Roma Participation, Empowerment, and Emancipation in Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary, May 2013

Presented for Roma Research and Empowerment Network discussing and critiquing Roma education programs in Budapest, Hungary, November 2012

“Minorities and ‘Nationalizing States’: Roma in Russia and Hungary.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of The Association for the Study of Nationalities, Columbia University, NY, April 2012

“State-Building and ‘Misfits’.” Paper presented at the Ninth Annual GOSECA (Graduate Organization for the Study of Europe and Central Asia) Conference (participation via web-camera), February 2012

“The ‘Gray Zone’ of Citizenship: Roma as Semi-Citizens in Hungary.” Paper presented at the Western Political Science Conference in San Antonio, TX, April 2011

“Collapse of the USSR and Economic Privatization.” Guest lecture for PS101 Modern World Governments, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, February 2010

Speaker at the University of Oregon UNESCO Center for Intercultural Dialogue, May 2009

“Effects of Hungarian Health Care Reforms on Roma.” Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of Minnesota Association of Political Science, November 2008.

## **Scholarships and Awards**

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Felsőoktatási struktúraátalakítási pályázat (FSA) [Higher Education Structural Grant] (248,000 HUF) through Eotvos Lorant University, awarded for development of a new course, *Language and Translation*, Fall 2015

Felsőoktatási struktúraátalakítási pályázat (FSA) [Higher Education Structural Grant] (272,000 HUF) through Eotvos Lorant University, awarded with Dr Eniko Oveges for development of a new course, *Language Policy in Hungary and the EU*, Fall 2015

Gypsy Lore Society conference stipend (\$250) to attend the Annual Gypsy Lore Society Meeting in Chisinau, Moldova, September 2015

Summer Research Award (\$1500) from the Department of Political Science, University of Oregon, Summer 2014

Early Career Researchers Award from Scientific Committee of the European Academic Network on Romani Studies (€400), February 2014

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Instructor of Records at the University of Oregon, Department of Political Science, 2013/14 academic year

Early Career Researchers Award from Scientific Committee of the European Academic Network on Romani Studies (€400), August 2013

IREX-IARO (Individual Advanced Research Opportunities, US Title VIII) grant for conducting fieldwork (\$20,000), 2012/13 academic year

The Oregon University System Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (Sylff) Graduate Fellowships for International Research for conducting fieldwork (\$10,000), 2012/13 academic year

William C. Mitchell Summer Research Award (\$2000), Department of Political Science, University of Oregon, Summer 2012

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Department of Political Science, University of Oregon, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Political Science, University of Oregon, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Caldecott Scholarship, Department of Political Science Department, Saint Cloud State University, 2008

Foerster Scholarship, Department of Political Science Department, Saint Cloud State University, 2008

Conwoy, Death & Schmiesing, PLLP “Building Hope” Scholarship (for community service and volunteering while student at St Cloud State University), Saint Cloud State University, 2008

McDonald Scholarship, Center for Multicultural Students, Saint Cloud State University, 2008

Alliss Scholarship, Saint Cloud State University, 2008

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## Publications

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Dunajeva, Jekatyerina: „Láthatatlan gyerekek” a társadalom peremén” [„Invisible children” on the margins of society”] in *Új Pedagógiai Szemle* (New Pedagogical Review), (forthcoming, 2016)

Dunajeva, Jekatyerina: “International Actors and Education of Roma Youth in Hungary: Ethnic Labels and Identities” in *European Education’s* Special Issue, *A Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015: Critical perspectives on education research, initiatives and interventions* (forthcoming, 2016)

Dunajeva, Jekatyerina: “Critical Look at Youth Development and Integration: Roma Identity Formation through Education in Russia and Hungary” in *Roma Minority in a Global Context: Resources for Positive Youth Development*, eds. Radosveta Dimitrova, David Sam & Laura Ferrer-Wreder (Oxford: Oxford University Press, proposal under review)

Dunajeva, Katya: “Roma Empowerment: From Hopelessness to Kinship” in *The Indian Journal of Social Work’s* special issue on *Collectivity and Empowerment in Poverty Alleviation – India and the Roma* (forthcoming, 2015/6).

Dunajeva, Jekatyerina and Karrie Koesel. “Reflections from the field: From Godless Communists to Holy Russia and the Immoral West” Blogpost 2015. Available at: <http://ucs.nd.edu/learn/russia/>

Dunajeva, Jekatyerina, Angela Kocze, Sarah Cemlyn: “Introduction: LGBTQ and Romani Studies” in *European Roma Rights Journal*, Special Issue “Nothing about us without us” (November 2015).

Dunajeva, Jekatyerina: “Preface to the English Special Issue” in *Romology Journal* (2015/issue 10).

Dunajeva, Katya and Tidrick, Heather: “Roma/Gypsy Youth Empowerment and Romani Language: Case Study of Hungary” in *The Journal of the International Network for Prevention of Child Maltreatment’s* special edition of Today's Children are Tomorrow's Parents; no. 40, 2015.

Dunajeva, Katya: “Book Review: Alastair Bonnett’s Anti-Racism” in *Romológia/Romology* 5-6, 2014 Pécs University, Hungary [available in English at [http://romologiafolyoirat.pte.hu/?page\\_id=967&lang=en](http://romologiafolyoirat.pte.hu/?page_id=967&lang=en) and Hungarian translation available at [http://romologiafolyoirat.pte.hu/?page\\_id=967](http://romologiafolyoirat.pte.hu/?page_id=967)]

Dunajeva, Kátya: „Töprengés egy kisvárosi iskola cigány diákjainak táborozásakor” (Some thoughts from a summer camp for Roma children) in *Új Pedagógiai Szemle* 5-6, 2013 November (New Pedagogical Review), pp. 80-90.

Dunajeva, Katya: “The Role of Schools in Roma/Gypsy Identity Formation in Russia and Hungary” (Research Brief) **IREX** Policy Brief, September 3, 2013 (<http://www.irex.org/resource/role-schools-romagypsy-identity-formation-russia-and-hungary-research-brief>)

Dunajeva, Kátya: „Cigányokról, romákról, személyesen” (About Gypsies and Roma, from Personal Perspective) in *Köznevelés* (Public Education), January 2, 2013

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## Professional Affiliations

Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

Gypsy Lore Society (GLS)

Association of Slavic, East-European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

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## Languages

English – fluent (written and oral proficiency)

Russian – fluent (written and oral proficiency)

Hungarian – fluent (written and oral proficiency)

French – advanced knowledge (written and oral, 6 years of study)

Arabic – advanced beginner (1.5 years of study)

Romani – beginner/basic (one semester study)

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## References

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