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Education

1998 Doctoral degree in philosophical anthropology and philosophy of culture from Kharkiv Karazin National University, Ukraine.

1990 MA in philosophy, diploma with honors, from Shevchenko Kyiv National University, Ukraine.

2001 Postgraduate diploma in psychology from Lugansk Pedagogical University, Ukraine.

Academic and professional employment and affiliation

2009 –present Department of Sociology, SHSU, Lecturer.

2007–2008 Political Science Department, SHSU, Researcher.

2006 Consumer Society and Citizens Networks project, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Ukraine, Expert.

2005–2006 Ukrainian Parliament staff, Kyiv, Ukraine, Consultant to National Deputy of Ukraine.

2003–2004 Women and Gender Studies Program at Iowa State University, Ames, IA, Visiting Scholar.

1998–2005 Assistant and Associate Professor at universities in Ukraine (latest: Applied Sociology Department at Karazin Kharkiv National University, Kharkiv).

Current research interests

Popular culture, politics and the media; cultural mechanisms of societal transformations.

Teaching experience in the United States

Graduate seminars (online): Cultural Sociology, Social Change & Development.

Undergraduate courses (in-person and online): Principles of Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, Sociology of Popular Culture, Introduction to Ethnic Studies, Honors Seminar in Decision Making (Honors College, team-taught).

Publications (selected; language mentioned in not in English)

Books

Grytsay, Olena, and Milana Nikolko. 2009. *Ukrainian National Identity: Reflection in the Mirror of "The Other."* Vilnius, Lithuania: CASE. Pp. 220. *In Russian.*

Articles

Leipnik, Olena "Special Offices: On Public Display of Special Parenthood". *Disability & Society*, Vol. 30, No. 8 (2015): 1287 – 1290.

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Leipnik, Olena V., and Serhii G. Kyrychenko. "Utility War and Corruption in Ukraine." *Post-Communist Economies* 25, no. 2 (June 2013): 159–74.

Kovács, Melinda, and Olena Leipnik. "The Borders of Orientalism: 'Europeanization' in Hungary and Ukraine. *Debatte: Journal of Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe* 16, no. 2 (2008): 151–69.

Nikolko, Milana, and Olena Grytsay. "Identifying 'The Other': National Self-Identification of the Ukrainians during Independence." *Crossroads*, nos. 2–4, 2008. European Humanitarian University, Vilnius, Lithuania. *In Russian.*

Grytsay, Olena. "September 11: Ad Marginum Baudrillard." *Voprosy Filosofii [Issues of Philosophy]*, no. 9, 2003. Moscow, Russia. *In Russian.*

Book chapters

Leipnik, Olena. "The Elderly as a Force for Civil Urban Activism in Ukraine," in *Urban Grassroots Movements in Central and Eastern Europe*, ed. Kerstin Jacobsson. Stockholm: Ashgate, 2015: 79 – 98.

Grytsay, Olena. "Critical Methodological Aspects of Research on 'Between- Land,'" in *After Empire: Research on East-European Between-Land*, ed. I. Bobkov, S. Naumova, P. Tereshkovich, 62–67. Vilnius, Lithuania: EHU-International, 2005. *In Russian.*

Grytsay, Olena. "Philosophy of Woman," in *New Magic Epoch 2: Transformation of Gender*, ed. L. Ionin. Kharkiv, Ukraine, 2003. *In Russian.*

Grytsay, Olena. "Globalization and Terrorism: Initiation of the Postmodern," ed. L. Ionin. *Postmodern: New Magic Epoch*. Kharkiv, Ukraine, 2002. *In Russian.*

Book reviews

Leipnik, Olena. Review of *Informal Relations from Democratic Participation to Corruption: Case Studies from Central and Eastern Europe*, ed. Zdenka Mansfeldova, Heiko Pleines. *Europe-Asia Studies* 65, no. 1 (2013): 152–54.

Leipnik, Olena. Review of three-volume edition *Visual Anthropology: Turning the Lens; Visual Anthropology: Urban Memory Cards; Visual Anthropology: Regimes of Visibility under Socialism*, ed. Elena Iarskaia-Smirnova and Pavel Romanov. *Ab Imperio* 1 (2012): 11–17.

Conference proceedings (since 2006)

Leipnik, Olena. “On the Epistemological Potential of Rhythmanalysis,” in *Sociology and Society: Interaction in the Situation of Crises*, 397–98. II Congress of the Sociological Association of Ukraine Conference Proceedings. Kharkiv: KhNU, 2013.

Grytsay, Olena. “Ukraine in Search for a New National Ideology,” in *Ethnicity and Power: Regional, National, and Global Projects*, 43–46. Sevastopol, Ukraine, 2009. *In Ukrainian*.

Krylova, Natalia, and Olena Leipnik. “On the Way to Self-Understanding: The Post-Soviet Human Searching for His Generic Identity,” in *Cult-Tovary*. St. Petersburg, Russia, 2009. *In Russian*.

Presentations since 2006, selected

“The ‘Masse’s’ Spectacles of Themselves in the Three Parades of the Year.” Paper for Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Convention, Boston MA, December 6–9, 2018.

“Motherhood as the Key Metaphor of Ukrainian Culture.” Paper for Texans in Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (TREEES). Austin, October 20, 2018.

With Iler, Grace “The Meme Infused Culture: Meanings, Features, and Consequences”. Paper for SSSA Annual Meeting in Orlando, GA, October 10-13, 2018.

With Rondon, Clara. “Tough Guys in the Office: Media Mythologies of Trump – Putin Relations.” Paper for SSSA Annual Meeting in Orlando, GA, October 10-13, 2018.

“Social Movements in the Post-Maidan Ukraine and the Meanings of Neoliberalism”. Paper for ISA RC-47 regional *conference* Bucharest, Romania, May 2015.

“A Christmas Wonder of Shchedryk, Carol of the Bells: On the Principles of Formation of American Culture.” Paper for the AAA annual meeting, Washington DC, December 2014.

“On the Modes of Production of Place: A Street in a City.” Paper for the Urban Culture Area MAPACA conference, Baltimore, MD, November 2014.

“The Shuttle-Traders Class and Legitimization of Political Power in Eastern Ukraine.” Paper for the ASEEES Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX, November 2014.

“Governing the Commons in Transforming Economies: The Case of Ukraine.” Paper for the XVIII ISA World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, July 2014.

“The Reconstruction of Place and Memory: The Meanings of the ‘Leninopoval.’” Paper for XIII International Workshop Ethnicity and Power: Politics of Memory and Cultural-Symbolic Resources of Ethno-Political Mobilization, Crimea, Ukraine/Russia, May 2014.

“The Key Metaphor of the 1917 Revolutionary World View.” Paper for the 45th Annual ASEES Convention, Boston, MA, November 2013.

“The Elderly as a Force for Urban Civil Activism in Ukraine.” Paper for Grassroots in the City: Urban Movements and Activism in Central and Eastern Europe. Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2013.

“Creeping ‘Re-Landscaping’ in Ukrainian Cities.. Paper for the New Residential Landscapes of Post-Socialist cities: Between State and Market, Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2013.

“Making Sense of Racial and Ethnic Categories in the Composition of National Identity.” Co-authored with Dr. Karen Douglas. Paper for the 30th Qualitative Analysis Conference (Qualitatives), Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, Canada, June 2013.

“Deconstructions of Cultural Superiority: Borat’s Travel to the West.” Presentation at the 5th Annual Lotman Days, Tallinn, Estonia, June 2013.

“Reading Lives of ‘Special Children’: How Trauma of Special Parenthood Influences Parents’ Discourse.” Paper for the 29th Qualitative Analysis Conference (Qualitatives), St. John, NL, Canada, June 2012.

“The Utility War in Ukraine: A Case Study on Corruption in Critical Support Infrastructure.” Paper for the IREX/WWC Regional Policy Symposium on Transnational Crime and Corruption in Eastern Europe and Eurasia; poster presentation in Department of State, Washington, DC, April 2012.

“Social Legitimization of Former Criminals in Ukrainian Politics.” Paper for the Southwestern Social Sciences Association (SSSA) annual meeting: The Transformative Power of the Social Sciences, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2011.

Language

English – fluent, Russian, Ukrainian – native.