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Curriculum Vitae

Education

- 09/2007 – 10/2011
- *PhD in Sociology (subfield: Political Sociology)*, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia. Title of the thesis “*Political Participation and Development of Political Attitudes in Post-Communist Countries*”. Thesis advisor: A.Zobena; Examiners: R.Karklins, B.Zepa, E.Uslaner.
- 09/2003 – 06/2006
- *Master’s degree in Sociology*, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia. Title of the thesis “*Social Capital and the Development of Baltic States*”. Defended the thesis with distinction and received an award from the University of Latvia “*For analysis of the formation processes of the civil society and the perspectives of its development in Master thesis*” as well as Minster award “*for exploring the specifics and disclosures of social capital in Baltic States by clarifying its influence on the economic and social development in Master thesis “Social Capital and the Development of the Baltic States”*”.

Scholarships, internships, awards

- 01/2016 – 05/2016
- *Juris Padegs Post-doctoral Fellowship*, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, University of Yale, New Haven, The United States of America.
- 09/2015 – 12/2015
- *Fulbright Research Fellowship*, Department of Scandinavian studies, University of Washington, Seattle, The United States of America.
- 01/2015
- 2014 University of Latvia Award.
- 07/2011 – 10/2011
- *A visiting researcher*, GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, European Data Laboratory for Comparative Social Research EUROLAB, Cologne, Germany.
- 07/2010 – 09/2010
- *Mudite I. Zilite Saltups Postgraduate Fellowship*, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL, The United States of America.
- 09/2008 – 06/2009
- *Danish Government Scholarship*, Faculty of Social Sciences, Graduate School of Economics and Management, Aarhus University, Denmark.

Work experience

- 09/2015 – currently
- Post-doctoral associate at Yale University MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies.
- 09/2015 – currently
- Scientific director of the EEZ/NFI research grant “*Rural depopulation and the governance of education: Comparative study of Latvia and Norway*” based at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia (on a leave)
- 09/2015 – currently
- Senior researcher at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia
- 09/2015 – 12/2015
- Visiting scholar at the University of Washington, Department of Scandinavian Studies.
- 01/2015 – 08/2015
- Scientific director of the EU European Social Fund grant “*The emigrant communities of Latvia: National identity, transnational relations, and diaspora politics*” based at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia
- 04/2012 – 01/2014
- Assistant professor at the Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, project “*Public Goods through Private Eyes*”
- 04/2010 – 04/2012
- Research assistant at the Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, project “*Public Goods through Private Eyes*”
- 06/2007 – 12/2012
- Researcher at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia

Work experience (continued)

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| 09/2007 – 01/2010 | • Part-time lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia |
| 10/2006 – 04/2007 | • Researcher at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia. |
| 09/2006 – 06/2007 | • Research assistant at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia |
| 01/2004 – 01/2006 | • Head of the Department of quantitative research at the research company “Data Serviss” |
| 01/2002 – 01/2004 | • Project manager at the research company “Data Serviss” |

Teaching experience

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| ‘Market Research’ | • Stockholm School of Economics in Riga; |
| ‘SPSS’ | • Stockholm School of Economics in Riga; |
| ‘Market research’ | • Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia. |

Research projects (most recent)

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| 01/2016 – currently | • <i>Principal researcher</i> of the research project “Integration of the new EU migrants – why some countries do better than others?” based at the Macmillan Center, University of Yale. |
| 09/2015 – currently | • <i>Scientific director</i> of the EEZ/NFI research grant “Rural depopulation and the governance of education: Comparative study of Latvia and Norway” based at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia (on a leave) |
| 11/2014 – currently | • <i>Researcher</i> in the National Research Program “Innovations and sustainable development: the post-crisis processes in Latvia in the global context (SUSTINNO)” led by prof.J.Ikstens at the ASPRI institute, University of Latvia.(on a leave) |
| 03/2013 – currently | • <i>Researcher</i> in the EC 7th Framework Programme project “ <i>Measuring Youth Well-Being (MY-WeB)</i> ” http://www.fp7-myweb.eu/ , in the Latvian team led by Dr. A.Stasulane, University of Daugavpils. (on a leave) |
| 09/2015 – 12/2015 | • <i>Principal researcher</i> of the research project “Are emigrants less pro-social than they used to be abroad: comparative analysis of Latvian youth at home and abroad” based at the Department of Scandinavian Studies, University of Washington. |
| 01/2014-08/2015 | • <i>Scientific director</i> of the EU European Social Fund grant “ <i>The emigrant communities of Latvia: National identity, transnational relations, and diaspora politics</i> ” based at the University of Latvia. |
| 01/2012-03/2015 | • <i>Researcher</i> in the EC 7th Framework Programme project “ <i>Memory, Youth, Political Legacy And Civic Engagement (MYPLACE)</i> ” http://www.fp7-myplace.eu/ , in the Latvian team led by Dr. A.Stasulane, University of Daugavpils. |
| 04/2010-01/2014 | • <i>Post-doctoral researcher</i> in the European Commission funded starting grant “ <i>Public Goods through Private Eyes. Exploring Citizens’ Attitudes towards Public Goods and the State in Central Eastern Europe</i> ” led by Dr. N.Letki at the University of Warsaw. |
| 01/2013-11/2013 | • <i>Researcher</i> in the ILO-EC project “ <i>The European Social Model along the economic crisis and austerity policies Developments, effects and policy issues</i> ” , in the Baltic countries team led by Dr. J.Masso, University of Tartu. |
| 02/2012-01/2013 | • <i>Researcher</i> in the EC 7th Framework Programme project “ <i>Growing Inequalities Impacts</i> ” http://www.gini-research.org , in the Baltic countries team led by Dr. J.Masso, University of Tartu. |
| 01/2010-12/2012 | • <i>Researcher</i> in the grant of Latvian Council of Sciences: “ <i>Youth in Risk Society: Risks Related to Starting an Independent Life and Development of Addictions</i> ” led by Dr. R.Rungule at the University of Latvia. |
| 01/2011-10/2012 | • <i>Researcher</i> in the Latvian National Research Program: “ <i>National Identity and Competing Identities</i> ” led by Dr. B.Zepa at the University of Latvia. |

List of Publications

Peer-reviewed

- forthcoming • Koroleva, I., Mierina, I. Youth Identities and Emigration Plans: Latvian Case, in *The European Scientific Journal*
- 2015 • Mierina, I. Koroleva, I., Religious identity and collective action: the mobilising potential of religion among nowadays youth. In *Religious-philosophical articles* 18, pp. 9-30. [SCOPUS]
- 2015 • Mierina, I., Koroleva, I. Support for Far Right Ideology and Anti-Migrant Attitudes among Youth in Europe: A Comparative Analysis, in *The Sociological Review* 63 (S2), pp. 183-205 [SCOPUS]
- 2015 • Letki, N., Mierina, I. Getting Support in Polarised Societies: Income, Social Networks and Socio-Economic Context, in *Social Science Research*, 49 (1), pp. 217-233. [SCOPUS]
- 2015 • Masso, J., Espenberg, K., Mierina, I. The Baltic States: Convergence with the European Social Model or further liberalization? In: D.Vaughan-Whitehead (ed.) *The European Social Model in Crisis: Is Europe losing its soul?* Edward Elgar Publishing: Cheltenham. pp. 66–120.
- 2015 • Mierina, I. Koroleva, I., Negotiating identities and friendships while living abroad: experiences of Latvian migrants. In *The European Scientific Journal* 8, pp.352–368.
- 2014 • Mierina, I., Cers, E. Is Communism to Blame for Political Disenchantment in Post-Communist Countries? Cohort Analysis of Adults Political Attitudes, in *Europe-Asia Studies* 66(7), pp.1031–1061. [SCOPUS]
- 2014 • Mierina, I. The Vicious Circle: Does Disappointment with Political Authorities Contribute to Political Passivity in Latvia, *European Societies*, 16(4), pp.615–637. [SCOPUS]
- 2014 • Letki, N., Mierina, I. Inequality and Social Capital in Post-Communist Europe. In: A. Christoforou and J.B. Davis (eds.), *Social Capital and Economics: Social Values, Power, and Social Identity* (Routledge Advances in Social Economics), London: Routledge, pp 147-168.
- 2014 • Mierina, I. Political Alienation and Government-Society Relations in Post-communist Countries, in *Polish Sociological Review*, 185(1), pp.3–24. [SCOPUS]
- 2014 • Masso, J., Espenberg, K., Masso, A., Mierina, I., Philips, K. Between economic growth and social justice: Different inequality dynamics in the Baltic States. B. Nolan, W. Salverda, D. Checchi, I. Marx, A. McKnight, I.G. Toth and H. van de Werfhorst (eds.), *Changing Inequalities & Societal Impacts in Rich Countries: Thirty Countries Experience*, Oxford University Press, pp 96–125.
- 2013 • Mierina, I. Political Efficacy - Understanding Low Political Participation in Post-Soviet Countries. In: L. Nicolau-Smokoviti, H. Suenker, J. Rozanova, and V. Pekka-Economou (eds.) *Citizenship and Social Development: Citizen Participation and Community Involvement in Social Welfare and Social Policy*, Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang Publishing, pp.237-266.
- 2012 • Letki, N., & Mierina, I. The Power of Networks. Individual and Contextual Determinants of Mobilising Social Networks for Help. Growing Inequalities' Impacts (GINI) discussion paper Nr.45. Available online: <http://www.gini-research.org>
- 2010 • Mierina, I. Changing State-Society Relations in Post-communist Countries. In: A.M.Rawani, H. Kettani, Z.Ting (eds.) *Proceedings of 2010 International Conference on Humanities, Historical and Social Sciences*, Liverpool: World Academic Press, pp. 175-181. [WoS]
- 2008 • Tisenkopfs, T., Mierina, I. & Lace I. Social capital, In: Jan Douwe van der Ploeg & Terry Marsden (eds) *Unfolding Webs: The Dynamics of Regional Rural Development*, Assen: Van Gorcum, pp. 87-110.
- 2008 • Tabuns, A., Dunska, M., Eglite, P., Krumins, J., Medveckis, A., Mierina, I., Paula, D., Pavlina, I., Putnina, A., Reinholde, I. & Reire G. My nation. In: *Latvia. Human Development Report 2006/2007. Human capital*. Zobena A (ed). Riga: LU, pp.18-43.
- As well as several dozen publications in Latvian, conference abstracts, etc.

Monographs

- 2014 • Koroleva, I., Rungule, R. & Mierina, I. Profesiju prestizs un profesiju izvele jauniesu vidu: divu paaudzu salidzinajums, [Occupational Prestige and Professional Choices of Youth: a Comparison of Two Cohorts]. Riga: LU Akademiskais Apgads, 284p.

Edited books

- 2015 • Mierina, I. [ed.] *Latvijas emigrantu kopienas: Ceribu diaspora*. [The Emigrant Communities of Latvia: the Diaspora of Hope]. Riga: The Institute of Philosophy and sociology, 260p.

Conferences and Seminars

Seminars/incited presentations

- 12/2015 • Mierina, I. “Are Young Emigrants Less Pro-Social in Their New Community Than They Used To Be at Home? A Comparative Analysis of Latvian Youth At Home and Abroad”. Center for Studies of Demography and Ecology (CSDE), Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington.
- 12/2015 • Mierina, I. “Left or Right Self-Placement: Are we measuring what we think we are?”. Seminar on Cultural, Organizational, Political, and Economic Sociology (SCOPEs) at the Department of Sociology, University of Washington.
- 11/2015 • Mierina, I. “Away from home, closer to heart? The effect of time on the evaluation of political authorities and processes in Latvia”. Ellison Center for Russian, East-European and Central Asian Studies Baltic Round Table “New Directions in Baltic Migration and Ethnic Studies”, University of Washington.
- 05/2012 • Mierina, I. Cers, E. “A New Approach to Cohort Analysis: Estimating Path-Dependency of Political Attitudes in Post-Communist Countries”. A guest lecture at the The Catie Marsh Centre for Census and Survey Research (CCSR) seminar, University of Manchester, Manchester, the UK (invited).
- 02/2011 • Letki, N., Mierina, I. “Networks Without power? Social Networks and Income Inequality”. International conference “Growing inequalities’ impacts”. Milan, Italy (invited).
- 10/2010 • Mierina I. “The Advantages and Traps of Structural Equation Modeling: a Real-Life Example”. Oddział Warszawski Polskiego Towarzystwa Socjologicznego. ‘*Czy równania strukturalne zrewolucjonizują nauki społeczne?*’. Warsaw, Poland (invited)
- 09/2010 • Mierina I. “Learning Political Helplessness: The Vicious Circle of Political Socialization in Latvia”. University of Illinois, Department of Political Science, seminar. Chicago, IL (invited).

Others, since 2010

- 08/2015 • Kasa, R, Mierina, I., Koroleva, I. “Higher Education Cost-Sharing and Migration Decisions of Internationally Mobile Students: The Case of Students from Latvia.” Name:8th International Conference on Advances in Social Sciences (ICASS), Istanbul, Turkey.
- 07/2015 • Mierina, I., Koroleva, I. Negotiating identities and friendships while living abroad: experiences of Latvian migrants, The 3rd Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference AIIC 2015, Ponta Delgada, Portugal.
- 05/2015 • Mierina, I., Koroleva, I. “Changing social networks of emigrant communities in Europe: integration or dis-integration?” 22nd IFSSO General Conference titled “Glocalization: A Social Scientific Approach towards Social Design for the Creation of a Multicultural Society.”, Tokyo, Japan.
- 03/2015 • Mierina, I., Koroleva, I. “Left or right or maybe not? Exploring young peoples subjective ideological positions in relation to actual attitudes.” MYPLACE final conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia.
- 11/2014 • Mierina, I., Koroleva, I. “Migration and integration patterns of emigrant women from Latvia”, international conference “Transnationalism, Gender and Migration. The Intersectional Challenges of Social Mobility”, Adeje, Spain.
- 11/2014 • Koroleva, I., Mierina, I. “Balancing career and family life: experiences of Latvian emigrant women”, international conference “Transnationalism, Gender and Migration. The Intersectional Challenges of Social Mobility”, Adeje, Spain.
- 10/2014 • Mierina, I., “Migrants from Latvia: who they are and what do they want?”, socio-legal seminar “Suspected Identities: Putting EU Fingerprint Cooperation in Socio-Legal and Geographical Context”, Warsaw, Poland.
- 10/2014 • Mierina, I., “Are Young Emigrants Less Pro-Social in Their New Community Than They Used to Be at Home? A Comparative Analysis of Latvian Youth at Home and Abroad”, Public Goods through Private Eyes project concluding conference, Warsaw, Poland.
- 09/2014 • Mierina, I., Kaprans, M. “Latvian emigrant communities: identity and belonging.” 12th AEMI conference “Migrants and refugees ? then and now”, Riga, Latvia.
- 08/2014 • Hazans, M., Mierina, I. “Emigration Intentions and Fertility Potential in Latvia”. 11th IMISCOE annual conference “Immigration, Social Cohesion and Social Innovation”, Madrid, Spain.
- 05/2014 • Mierina, I. “The Role of Media in an Ethnically Diverse Society: Fuelling Nationalism, Exclusionism and Xenophobia, or Promoting a More Inclusive Society?”. International conference “The Future of Social Relations: rethinking prejudice and togetherness in times of crisis”, Cuttlers’ hall, Sheffield, the UK.
- 04/2014 • Koroleva, I., Mierina, I. “Youth Identities and Emigration Plans: Latvian Case”. 1st Mediterranean Interdisciplinary Forum on Social Sciences and Humanities, MIFS 2014 Beirut. Beirut, Lebanon.
- 07/2013 • Mierina, I. “Support for populist and far right parties and ideology among youth in Europe”. ESA 11th Conference: Crisis, Critique and Change, Torino, Italy.

Conferences and Seminars (continued)

- 07/2013 • Mierina, I. "Reforms, Contestation, and Change: The Case of the Education System Reform in Latvia". ESA 11th Conference: Crisis, Critique and Change, Torino, Italy.
- 07/2013 • Mierina, I. "Historical memory as a divisive force? National identity, exclusionism and xenophobia in an ethnically diverse society". CCCS / BNCCS Annual Conference 2013: "Cultural Memory", Skopje, Republic of Macedonia.
- 08/2012 • Mierina I., Rungule, R. "Youth and Political Alienation in Post-communist Countries". The Second ISA Forum of Sociology Social justice and democratization. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 06/2012 • Mierina I. "Participation of Youth in Latvia: What have we Studied and How have we Studied it". International conference "Youth: Opportunities and risks". Riga, Latvia.
- 11/2011 • Mierina I. "Giving Up On Politics: The Political Consequences of Learned Helplessness". Political Psychology Networking Conference for the Post-Communist Region. Budapest, Hungary.
- 09/2011 • Koroleva I., Mierina I., Snikere, S., Aleksandrovs A. "The Risk of Addictions in Youth: Comparative Analysis of Latvia and European Countries". 10th Conference of the European Sociological Association. Geneva, Switzerland.
- 05/2011 • Letki, N., Mierina I. "Friends and Money: Individual and Contextual Determinants of Social Networks". The 6th ECPR General Conference. Reykjavik, Iceland.
- 09/2010 • Mierina I. "Reconsidering the Past Legacy Argument with Regards to Political Attitudes in Post-Communist Countries". What's Happening to the Society? XIV Polish Sociological Congress. Cracow, Poland.
- 07/2010 • Mierina I., Cers E. "A New Approach to Cohort Analysis for Two-Wave Studies: Estimating Path-Dependency of Political Attitudes in Post-Communist Countries". XVII ISA World Forum of Sociology, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 07/2010 • Mierina I., Zobena A. "Learning Political Helplessness: The Vicious Circle of Political Socialization in Latvia". XVII ISA World Forum of Sociology, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- 02/2010 • Mierina I. "Changing State-Society Relations in Post-communist Countries". The 2010 International Conference on Humanities, Historical and Social Sciences, Singapore.

Other

Reviewer

- Freedom House Nations in Transit (NIT), Political Psychology, Social Science Research, Democratization, International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology, Czech Sociological Review, Acta Sociologica.

Research interests

- Social capital, post-communist democratization, political behaviour, political socialization, welfare state, labour market, youth, addiction research, public goods, social dilemmas, national identity, migration, survey methodology, marketing research.

Languages

- Latvian – native, English – fluent, Russian – fluent, German – intermediate, Polish – beginner.

Membership in organizations

- Member of the International Sociological Association (ISA)
- Member of the European Sociological Association (ESA)
- Member of the US National Postdoctoral Association (NPA)
- Board member of the Latvian Sociological Association (LSA)