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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

- 2013–present Department of Sociology, SHSU, Lecturer.
- 2009–2012 Department of Sociology, SHSU, Adjunct.
- 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).

Teaching experience in the United States

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

Undergraduate courses (in-person, online): Principles of Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, 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.

Frank Fair, Lory E Haas, Carol Gardosik, Daphne Johnson, Debra Price, Olena Leipnik. Socrates in the schools: Gains at three-year follow-up. *Journal of Philosophy in Schools*.

Frank Fair, Lory Haas, Carol Gardosik, Daphne Johnson, Debra Price, and Olena Leipnik. “Socrates in the Schools from Scotland to Texas: Replicating a Study on the Effects of a Philosophy for Children Program,” *Journal of Philosophy in Schools* 2 (1) (2015): 18-37.

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.

Leipnik, Olena. “Racial Categorization in Multicultural Society and the U.S. Census on Race and Ethnicity,” in *Identity and Collective Memory*, ed. Kjartan Selnes and Tatiana Senyushkina. Oslo: Norway Humanist Association, 2013.

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.

Leipnik, Olena. “Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry in the U.S.A.: Managing Cultural Differences by Categorization,” in *Ethnicity and Power: Collective Memory and the Identity Construction Techniques*, 197–99. XII International Seminar proceedings, Yalta-Sevastopol, Ukraine, 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*.

Conference presentations and invited lectures (since 2006, selected)

“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 ASEES 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.

“A Story of the Street: Place, Community, and Identity during their Transformation from Socialism to Capitalism. A public talk to the community of city of Severodonetsk in commemoration of the eightieth anniversary of the city, Severodonetsk, Ukraine, June 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.

“A Good Tsar for the New Russia: Media Image of Putin.” Presentation at the Faculty Colloquium in College of Humanities and Social Sciences at SHSU, April 3, 2013, Huntsville, TX.

“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.

“Ethnic Humor of the Soviet and Post-Soviet Nations: The Multicultural Environment and the Conflict Prevention.” Brown Bag presentation for the Sociology Department at SHSU, November 2009.

TV appearances (selected)

2013 (August). A news episode in a program by Severodonetsk AZOT TV on visiting the city of Severodonetsk and the AZOT Museum. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3-6X-MStvU&list=UUKYNswbUbXowli7MoKCM3Xg&index=67>.

1999–2000. Co-author (with Tatiana Litvinova) and co-presenter of a nine-episode TV program on the Severodonetsk TV channel, Severodonetsk, Luhansk region, Ukraine.

Language

English – fluent, Russian, Ukrainian – native.