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EDUCATION

2016 – 2020 **PhD ‘The role of migration and diversity in building disaster resilience: a case study of Birmingham (UK) and Toyama (Japan)’**

Viva passed: **6th of December 2020**

Official graduation date: **21st of July 2021**

University of Birmingham, Department of Political Science and International Studies (POLISIS)/Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS)

Supervisor: Prof. Jenny Phillimore (IRiS) – leading researcher in migration and superdiversity. Awarded the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) 1+3 Doctoral Grant

2014 – 2015 **MA Political Science (Research Methods)**

University of Birmingham, UK (as part of the ESRC 1+3 award)

2012 – 2014 **MA International Relations (MAIB) German-Russian Double-Master (Final Grade: 1,5 excellent, top 5 per cent of the class)**

FU/HU Berlin/University of Potsdam/MGIMO University Moscow

2008 – 2012 **BA (Hons) International Relations with German (1st Class Degree)**

Swansea University, Wales, UK

WORK EXPERIENCE

11/2023 – **Post-doctoral Fellow, School of Social Work**

now Canada Research Chair in Resilience, Dalhousie University

- **Conducting Research:** Plan, design, and execute research projects in alignment with the school's research goals and objectives. This involves literature reviews, data collection, analysis, and interpretation.
- **Publications:** Draft manuscripts for publication in peer-reviewed journals, conference presentations
- **Collaboration** with faculty members, other post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, and interdisciplinary teams to facilitate research endeavours
- **Grant Writing:** Assist in the development of grant proposals to secure funding for research initiatives
- **Mentorship:** Provide mentorship and guidance to graduate students and junior researchers involved in research projects
- **Data Analysis:** Utilize qualitative software and analytical tools to analyze research data effectively
- **Dissemination and Knowledge Translation:** communicate research findings to stakeholders, policymakers, and community organizations through presentations, workshops, and other outreach efforts.
- **Project Management:** Manage research projects effectively by setting timelines, coordinating activities, and monitoring progress. Ensure that research milestones are achieved within budgetary and time constraints.

09/2022 – **Arctic MSCA Program Fellow & Freelance Researcher**

10/2023 UiT The Arctic University of Norway

- Drafted under supervision Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Fellow Proposal
 - Completed conceptual framework paper in edited book volume

- 01/2021 – **Research Associate ‘COVID-19 Recovery, Renewal and Resilience’ Project**
08/2022 Alliance Manchester Business School, Manchester (UK)
 - Longitudinal qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis
 - Thriving in collaborative, interdisciplinary mixed-project assistance environment
 - Liaison with international experts, partners and local communities, exploring different aspects focusing on disaster resilience and recovery

- 05/2018 – **Part-time Research Assistant**
02/2019 Institute for Research into Superdiversity (IRiS), University of Birmingham (UK)
 - Conducted scoping analysis and literature reviews on topics including social policy, resilience, migrant inclusion and diversity
 - Interviewed migrants and practitioners as part of local community-based fieldwork

- 06/2016 – **Visiting Research Fellow in Migration Studies**
09/2016 Centre for Far Eastern Studies (CFES), University of Toyama (Japan)
(Position funded by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science JSPS)
 - Conducted pilot-study fieldwork to assess migrant counselling focusing specifically on local approaches to disaster prevention in Toyama and Niigata
 - Liaised with local NGOs and NPOs, local policymakers, public servants and practitioners

- 09/2015 – **Research and Liaison Associate**
02/2016 International Organization for Migration (IOM) Regional Office for South-Eastern, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Vienna (Austria)
(Position funded as part of the Carlo Schmid Fellowship)
 - Responsible for direct support in policy and strategy formulation (e.g. migration management and mainstreaming, regional consultative processes)
 - Contributed to project development activities of the Regional Office, in the thematic areas of migration law and migration policy

- 03/2014 – **Programme and Research Support Intern**
05/2014 International Organisation of Migration (IOM) Country Office, Moscow (Russia)
(Position funded by the German Academic Exchange Service DAAD)
 - Advanced the IOM mandate through facilitating implementation of AVRR programs in Russia
 - Drafted briefing papers, background materials, talking points for the Programme Development and Liaison Officers

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Dalhousie University, School of Social Work

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2023 Social Work Practice Research (MA module)

Duties include: assisting in course preparation, facilitating classroom activities, providing instructional support, grading and feedback, demonstrating research techniques, promoting academic integrity, student professional development, supporting inclusive learning

University of Birmingham, College of Social Sciences (CoSS)

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2019 New Migration and Superdiversity (3rd year BA module)

Spring 2018 Student placement (research supervision (MA module)

Spring 2017 Globalization, International Migration and Citizenship (MA module)

Fall 2016 Comparative Social Policy

Duties included: preparing and teaching student discussion sections, grading coursework and feedback, collaboration with fellow teachers, holding office hours, and providing mentoring.

SKILLS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Publications Parzniewski, S., Breen, K., Heyland, L., Farhat, L., Wu, H. (2024). Relationship Between Power Outages and Mental Health: A literature review. Health and Social Care in the Community [Submitted]
- Parzniewski, S., Breen, K., Ru, S., Peters, K., Neal, J., Wu, H. (2024). The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the built environment: A literature review [Submitted]
- Parzniewski, S., Phillimore, J. (2024). Moving from 'ambiguous' multiculturalism to 'tacit' superdiversity? Effects of migration-driven diversifications on building local disaster resilience in Toyama, Japan. *International Journal for Disaster Risk Reduction* [under review].
- McClelland, A., Jordan, R., Parzniewski, S., Shaw D., Powell, D. (2022). Post-COVID recovery and renewal through whole-of-society resilience in cities. *Journal of Safety Science and Resilience*. 3(3): 222-228.
- O'Grady, N., Shaw, D., Parzniewski, S (2022). People in a Pandemic: Rethinking the role of 'Community' in Community Resilience Practices. *Geoforum* 132: 32-41.
- Ryazantsev S. V., Pismennaya E., Luk'yanets A., Parzniewski S. (2016) "Asian Vector" of Russian Migration Policy: Securing the Socio-Economic Development of the Country, *International Trends* 2, 3(4): 14-22.

International policy briefs

- Parzniewski, S. and Phillimore, J. (2017). 'Multilingual Disaster Support Volunteer Training in Japan: Participant Observation of Methods and Practice in Toyama Prefecture', In *Migrants in Disaster Risk Reduction: Practices for Inclusion*, May 2017, pp. 42-46 (International Organization for Migration and Council of Europe).
- Parzniewski, S. (2017). 'Children in disaster risk reduction: building resilience among migrant families', In *UNMGCY Youth Science Policy Interface Publication*, pp. 81-85.

Book chapters

- Parzniewski, S., Tufford, L., Ru, S., Breen, K., McKay, R., Wu, H.(2024). Integrating environmental justice and sustainability into social work education and professional training: Case studies of pedagogical initiatives from Central and Eastern Canada. In Leal, W., Newman, J., Lange, A., Laís, S., Trevisan, V. *World Sustainability Series. North American and European Perspectives on Sustainability in Higher Education* [In press]
- Parzniewski, S. (2024). The everyday of building disaster resilience in superdiverse contexts – a conceptual framework, In. Staupe-Delgado, R. and Monika Gabriela Bartoszewicz, M. G. eds. Vol. 4 *Realities and Temporalities* [Accepted]
- Parzniewski, S. (2023). Responding to Disasters in Superdiverse Contexts. In Lassard-Phillips, L., Papoutsis, A., Sigona, N., Ziss, P. (eds.) *The IRiS Anthology: Migration, displacement and diversity*, Oxford Publishing Services, 183-185.
- Parzniewski S. (2015). 'A reflection of reality or a 'parallel reality'? Conceptualisation of the role of media in representing immigration policy in the post-Soviet space', In Ryazantsev, S. V. (ed.) *New Vectors of Migration in Eurasia*, Series "Demography, Sociology, Economics, Vol. 1. No. 1, pp. 216-226, (Moscow: Econ Inform). (in Russian).
- Parzniewski S. (2014). 'High-skilled return migration to Armenia: What is the role of this phenomenon in the processes of regional development?', In Ryazantsev, S. V. (ed.) *Migration Bridges in Eurasia: Proceedings of the VI International Scientific and Practical*

Conference: The Role of Migration in the Socio-Economic and Demographic Development of the Sending and Receiving Countries in Eurasia, pp. 354-361, (Moscow: Econ Inform).

Policy reports (for internal expert use)

(2016) "Fixing the cracks": addressing the three key areas for the provision of female migrant domestic workers' rights in Western Europe' (IOM, Vienna).

(2015) 'The Inclusion of Migrants and Displaced Populations into the Sustainable Development Goals Agenda' (IOM, Vienna).

(2015) 'The Role of Transnational Companies in Providing Human Rights Provision for Migrants and Displaced Populations' (IOM, Vienna).

(2014) 'Transnational families and the political aspects of social remittances: a quantitative case study of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia' (IOM, Moscow).

Other contributions

Lessard-Phillips, Laurence (2018). Perspectives on the adaptations of immigrants in Britain. [Data Collection]. Colchester, Essex: UK Data Archive. 10.5255/UKDA-SN-852602 Data Collection from UK Parliament Hansard

Lisa Goodson, Siân Thomas, Jenny Phillimore, Simon Pemberton. (2018). Mass migration and real estate in European cities. 35. Urban Land Institute.

Organization of Int. Conference *Intersecting Discourses on Migration in the UK, Germany and Russia*, ESRC-funded conference exploring immigration and migrant integration discourses and their influences on policymaking.

IT very good Data analysis and security | atlas.ti, Nvivo, AntConc
Literature management | Endnote/Mendeley
Other | MS Office
basics statistics | Stata

Specialized training CNLT 5000: LEARNING AND TEACHING IN HIGHER EDUCATION, CENTRE FOR LEARNING AND TEACHING, Dalhousie University

Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Research Methods and Skills (PGCARMS), University of Birmingham, including a range of advanced research methods and transferable skills modules:

- Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis
- Approaches to Research on Discourse
- Case Study Research Design
- Advanced Qualitative Interviewing
- Introduction to Managing Research Projects
- Philosophy of Social Science Research
- Visual Research Methods
- Self-reflective Portfolio
- Policy Evaluation
- Questionnaire Design

Specialized Module on Cities and Climate Change, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

I Know Gender: An introduction to Gender Equality for UN Staff, UN Women

International Summer School 'International Migration in the Post-Soviet Space: Reflections, Patterns and Implications', Koç University, Turkey

REMESO Graduate School 'Globalisation, Migration and Development', Linköping University

NATO Crisis Management and Disaster Response Online Course, CMDR COE and CBI

Build back better: Harnessing South South cooperation and risk reduction planning for resilient and healthy cities in the post COVID 19 era. An introductory training for local authorities and urban development practitioners, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

Making Cities Resilient: Developing and implementing local disaster risk reduction strategy to respond to COVID-19 and to better prepare for the future, UNDRR GETI, UNOSSC, PAHO

10th International Migration Law Course, International Institute of Humanitarian Law/ International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Language(s)	English	Speaking: C2	Writing: C2
	German	Speaking: C2	Writing: C1
	Polish	Speaking: C2	Writing: C2
	Russian	Speaking: C2	Writing: C1
	Japanese	Speaking: B1	Writing: B1

RESEARCH FUNDING HISTORY

Under review:

03/2024

Funding body: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
Category: Insight Development Grant
Research
Theme: Leveraging Immigrants' Disaster Expertise to Promote Inclusive Emergency Response: A Case Study of Halifax Regional Municipality
Amount: approx. 75.000CAD
Funding period: 01.04.2024 – 31.03.2026

03/2024

Funding body: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
Category: Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Evolving Narratives of Cultures and Histories (Stream 1)
Research
Theme: Exploring Non-Economic Losses of Climate Refugees (CRs): A Systematic Review
Amount: approx. 30.000CAD
Funding period: 01.04.2024 – 31.03.2025

Completed:

04/2018

Funding body: Japan Foundation
Category: Language Program for Specialists in Academic Fields
Research Theme: Intensive language study combined with research fieldwork
Amount: approx. 55.000USD
Funding period: 01.09.2017 – 01.04.2018

05/2017	Funding body: Category: Research Theme: Amount: Funding period:	Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation PhD Travel Grant Mobility grant for young academics 2.000USD 01.09.2017 – 01.04.2018
03/2016	Funding body: Category: Research Theme: Amount: Funding period:	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) JSPS Summer Grant Visiting research fellowship focusing on policy entrepreneurship around migration and disaster resilience approx. 30.000USD 01.06.2016 – 01.09.2016
06/2015	Funding body: Category: Research Theme: Amount: Funding period:	DAAD German Academic Exchange Service Carlo-Schmid-Program Scholarship Research and Liaison Associate position at the International Organisation for Migration Regional Office in Vienna approx. 10.000USD 01.09.2015 – 01.02.2016
03/2015	Funding body: Category: Research Theme: Amount: Funding period:	Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR) PhD Grant Grant for Research Projects at Russian Academic Institutions 'Development of methodology for assessing the contribution of labour migration in the Russian socio- economic development' 3.000USD 01.06.2015 - 31.10.2015
06/2014	Funding body: Category: Research Theme: Amount: Funding period:	School of Government and Society, University of Birmingham Doctoral bursary PhD research support 40.000USD 01.09.2015 – 01.09.2019 (with breaks)
03/2014	Funding body: Category: Research Theme: Amount: Funding period:	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) ESRC Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) 1+3 Scholarship PhD research funding 80.000USD 01.03.2016 – 06.12.2020