

## Brief CV

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My major research interests are the Romani language, language contact, and linguistic typology. I have been involved in several international projects, including the *Romani Morphosyntactic Database Project*, *ROMLEX*, and the *Loanword Typology* project. I have co-authored a book on *Markedness and language change* (with Yaron Matras, Mouton de Gruyter, 2006), co-edited a volume on *Grammatical relations in Romani* (with Yaron Matras, John Benjamins, 2000), and wrote several papers on the structural typology, history, dialectology, and sociolinguistics of Romani, some of which have been published in peer-reviewed international journals (*International Journal of the Sociology of Language*, *Sprachtypologie und Universalienforschung*, and *Romani Studies*). I am currently working on a book-volume description of a Romani variety strongly influenced by Hungarian.

Since 1996 I have carried out linguistic fieldwork on Romani, focusing on the undescribed Romani dialects of southern Slovakia. Since 2003 I have been the regional coordinator, for the Czech Republic and Slovakia, of an international project that resulted in grammatical documentation of over 50 distinct Romani varieties of the region. I was the principal organizer of the 7<sup>th</sup> *International Conference on Romani Linguistics*, held in Prague in 2007.

In 1998 – 2004 I was employed at the Department of Linguistics of the University of Manchester. Since 2004 I have been employed at the Department of General Linguistics and Finno-Ugric Studies of the Charles University, Prague. I have taught eight different courses, six of which I have designed and newly introduced into the curriculum of the Charles University's programmes in General Linguistics and Phonetics and Romani Studies.