# Anna-Riikka Kauppinen

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

## Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland

from February 2022

Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Anthropology and Sociology Pictet Chair in Finance and Development, Centre for Finance and Development

## University of Cambridge, the UK

2018 - 2021

Research Associate, Max Planck Cambridge Centre for Ethics, Economy and Social Change Affiliated Lecturer, Department of Social Anthropology Post-doctoral By-Fellow, Churchill College

## EDUCATION

## London School of Economics and Political Science, the UK

2012 - 2018

PhD in Anthropology

Supervisors: Prof Matthew Engelke, Dr Michael W. Scott

Examiners: Prof Jesse Shipley (Dartmouth College), Prof Laura Bear (LSE)

Dissertation title: 'Accra's Professionals: an ethnography of work and value in a West African business hub'

## London School of Economics and Political Science, the UK

2011 - 2012

Master of Science in Social Anthropology (Distinction)

Thesis: 'Public Spirit, Other Spirits: Sincerity and Christian Performance on Ghanaian Television'. Awarded Maurice Freedman Thesis Prize 2012

# Free University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

2009 - 2010

Master of Science in Social and Cultural Anthropology (Distinction 'cum laude')

Field research centred MSc in Sociocultural Anthropology, including course work in the Anthropology of Human Security, Ethnographic Methods, and Field Research Design. I wrote a master's thesis on the politics and aesthetics of authentication surrounding the consumption of beauty commodities in Ghana. Nominated for Leiden Africa Thesis Award 2011. Supervisors: Dr Marleen de Witte and Prof Birgit Meyer

# Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), France

2008 - 2009

Graduate Exchange Year in International Relations

Major: International Relations, including courses in Ethics of the Use of Force, Forecasting International Relations, Simulation of Conflict resolution, War and Peace, Media and Society, Advanced French

# University of Helsinki, Finland

2005 - 2008

Bachelor of Social Sciences in Social and Cultural Anthropology, with minors in World Politics, Peace and Conflict Studies, and French

Bachelor's Thesis: 'Voicing the Whispers: Ethnographic Approach to Silencing and its Cultural Responses in the Eastern War-zone of Sri Lanka'

#### **Additional certificates:**

Certificate in Statistical Analysis as part of LSE doctoral training (Distinction), spring 2013 Certificate in Statistical Analysis (Distinction), University of Helsinki, autumn 2006 Proficiency in Swedish for civil service, University of Helsinki, spring 2007

#### LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Book manuscript in progress

Counter Capital: Errant Entrepreneurship in Ghana's New Private Sector

Peer-reviewed articles and book chapters

2024 (accepted, forthcoming). "Banker, Pastor, *Teef:* Christian financial elites and vernaculars of accountability in Ghana," with Girish Daswani. Accepted for *American Anthropologist* 

2024 (forthcoming). "The Nurturing State: an intimate portrait of becoming a tax-payer in Ghana." In *Anthropology and Tax: Ethnographies of Fiscal Relations*, edited by J. Muegler, M. Sheild Johansson, and R. Smith. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2023. "God's Delivery State: taxes, tithes and a rightful return in Urban Ghana." In *Beyond The Social Contract: An Anthropology of Tax*, edited by N. Makovicky and R. Smith. New York & Oxford: Berghahn Books.

2022. "Saving the Indigenous Banks: Moral Politics of Economic Sovereignty in Ghana's 2017-2019 Financial Crisis." *Africa: Journal of the International Africa Institute* 92(4): 561-580.

2021. "More than money: work as self-realization in Accra's private media." In *Work, Society, and the Ethical Self: Chimeras of Freedom in the Era of Neoliberalism*, edited by C. Hann. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books.

2020. "God's Delivery State: taxes, tithes and a rightful return in urban Ghana." Social Analysis 64(2): 38-58.

2020. "Citizens for Ghana and the Kingdom: Christian Personal Development in Urban Ghana." In *Spirituality, Organisation and Neoliberalism: Understanding Lived Experiences*, edited by Emma Bell, Anca Simionca, Sorin Gog, and Scott Taylor. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.

2014. Kauppinen, Anna-Riikka & Spronk, Rachel. "Afro-chic: Beauty, Ethics and 'Locks without Dread' in Ghana". In Jaffe, Rivke & Barendregt, Bart (eds.) *Green Consumption: The Global Rise of Eco-Chic*. Oxford: Berg.

*Review essays and non-peer reviewed publications* 

2021. Review essay of Carrier, James (ed.) 2019. Research Agenda for Economic Anthropology. *Anthropology of Work Review* Vol. 42, Issue 1. Word count: 1400.

2021. Duho, King Carl Tornam and Kauppinen, Anna-Riikka. "Fiscal Relations, Class Politics, and the Election Year in Ghana's COVID-19 Context" (June 25, 2021). Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) 33rd Annual Meeting, Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=3885997 or <a href="http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3885997">http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3885997</a>

2020. "God's Calculative Experiments: Divine Economic Agency in Early Christianity and Anthropological Theory." *New Directions in the Anthropology of Christianity Review Forum* 4: 3-7.

2019. "Long Read: Beyond Debt: Islamic Experiments in Global Finance by Daromir Rudnyckyj," with Lenhard, J. Originally appeared in *LSE Review of Books*, republished in *LSE Business Review*. URL: <a href="https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2019/07/25/long-read-review-beyond-debt-islamic-experiments-in-global-finance-by-daromir-rudnyckyj/#comments">https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/lsereviewofbooks/2019/07/25/long-read-review-beyond-debt-islamic-experiments-in-global-finance-by-daromir-rudnyckyj/#comments</a>

2015. *Civil Society and Development in West Africa: Practitioners' Perspective*. Co-editor of a book with contributions from 16 West African civil society practitioners. Accra: WACSeries.

## Articles in preparation

"When God's Bankers Fail: investment-ponzis and Christian subject-making in Atlantic Africa". An article in preparation for *Journal of Cultural Economy* 

"Prayer Work: Divine Agency and Capitalist Vitality in Ghana's New Private Sector." In preparation for *Cultural Anthropology.* 

#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

Geneva Graduate Institute Seed Money Grant (7400 CHF) to undertake preliminary research for a future grant project 'Qualities of Capital'

2021 Leverhulme Trust Early-Career Fellowship (declined)

A competitive three-year fellowship to undertake research for a project, 'Charismatic Capital: Christian Business and Investment Relations in West Africa'

- 2021 Shortlisted for the Cambridge SU Student-led Teaching Award in 'Small-group teaching'
- 2018 2021 Cambridge Churchill College Post-doctoral By-Fellowship
- 2015 2017 LSE Subwarden Stipend

Coverage of rent and monthly subwarden allowance in LSE Northumberland House

2012 – 2015 LSE PhD Scholarship

A full tuition fee waiver and maintenance grant to undertake doctoral dissertation research

2013 LSE Postgraduate Travel Fund

Coverage of participation costs to the conference of BSA Study of Religion Group

- 2012 Distinction awarded for MSc in Social Anthropology, LSE Graduate Examination Board
- 2012 Maurice Freedman Thesis Prize, Department of Anthropology, LSE Best MSc dissertation in Social Anthropology, class 2011-2012
- Nomination for Africa Thesis Award 2011, Leiden African Studies Centre *Among the three finalists out of 55 theses submitted to the competition*
- 2011 London School of Economics Graduate Support Scheme Award to cover 80 % of the cost of one-year tuition at the LSE
- 2010 Distinction 'cum laude' awarded for MSc in Social and Cultural Anthropology, Free University of Amsterdam Graduate Examination Board
- 2010 Fieldwork grant, Free University of Amsterdam *Contribution to fieldwork expenses, Accra, Ghana*
- 2009 Vrije Universiteit Fellowship

Tuition fee waiver and maintenance grant for academic year 2009–2010 at Free University Amsterdam

2008 ERASMUS/Socrates Scholarship

Tuition fee waiver and contribution to living expenses during the academic year 2008–2009 at Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) Paris.

## CONFERENCE ORGANIZING AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

#### Conference and panel organizing

Co-organizer, chair and discussant in a mini-conference, 'Fiscal Relations in a Post-Covid World: Hopes, Doubts and Discontents of Tax' to SASE2021 (Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics), with invited participants from Economics, Anthropology, Political Science, Sociology and tax advocacy groups. SASE Annual Meeting, 3-6 July 2021.

Co-organiser of a workshop, 'Investing in Values', University of Cambridge, February 18, 2020. Exploring ethnographies of investment from various locations, the workshop brought together participants from Anthropology, Development Studies, Economics, Sociology, and Political Science. Discussants: Prof Diane Coyle and Prof Deborah James.

Co-organiser and chair of a panel, 'Ethics and Economic Action in Changing Climates: ethnographies of investing and saving', at the AAA/CASCA (Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association) in Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24, 2019. Discussant: Dr Kimberly Chong.

Co-organiser and chair of a panel, "The Work of Value: toward an ethics of economic action," at the AAA San José, the USA, November 14-18, 2018. Discussant: Dr Daromir Rudnyckyj.

Co-organiser of a full-day panel, "Moral Language of Economic Imagination," ASA UK, Oxford, September 18-21, 2018. Discussant: Prof Laura Bear.

## *Invited talks and departmental seminars*

"Wealth-in-colleagues: an economy of favours among Accra's professionals." Invited talk at the Colloquium of Laboratoire d'Anthropologie des Mondes Contemporaines, Université Libre Bruxelles, 19 May 2023

"Counter Capital: vernaculars of "home-grown finance" in Ghana's New Private Sector." Invited talk at the Colloquium of the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Basel, 3 May 2023

"Charismatic Capital: the private sector and Christian investment networks in Ghana." Invited talk at the HAU of Finance online seminar series, 27 March 2023

"Counter-Empire of Expertise: pursuing professional worth in Ghana's new private sector." Invited presentation at the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Graduate Institute Geneva, 25 October 2022

"Wealth-in-Colleagues: economy of favours among Accra's Professionals." Invited presentation at the Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, 27 September 2022

"God's Deposits: Charismatic Experiments in Ghana's Retail Banking." Senior Research Seminar invited talk, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge, 28 May 2021

"Banking on Indigeneity: moral politics of economic sovereignty in Ghana's 2017-2019 financial crisis." CUSAS Seminar invited talk, University of Cambridge, 13 May 2021

"Prayer Theory of Value: Ritual Labour in Ghana's New Private Sector." Senior Research Seminar invited talk, Department of Anthropology, University of Cambridge, 12 October 2018

"Kin Out of Colleagues: friendship and the virtue of permanence among Accra's young professionals." Invited talk in LSE Research Seminar Series on Anthropological Theory, 9 December 2016

"God's Start-ups: 'spiritpreneurs', Christian professionalism and the making of ethics in Accra, Ghana." Invited talk in King's College Department of Religious Studies and Theology Seminar Series, 25 October 2016

#### Paper presentations

"Sustainable finance from the south: hierarchies of expertise in Ghana's emergent "alternative" bond markets". Paper presentation in a panel "Capturing the transition: anthropological critiques of sustainable finance and impact investing". *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*, 15-18 November, 2023

" » Pourquoi une telle hâte ? » Les temporalités populaires de la crise bancaire au Ghana." Paper presentation in a panel Imaginaires temporelles et pratiques ordinaires de la finance. AFEA Congrès, Paris, France, 2-4 November 2023

"Christ on the Catwalk: spiritual ambiguities of beauty in a Ghanaian modelling agency." Paper presentation in a workshop "Queerness and Public Religion: Body, Gender, and Sexuality in South Asia and Africa," Columbia University, New York City, 31 March – 1 April 2023

"Desiring Professionalism: accumulation of certificates (and other signs of achievement) in Accra, Ghana." Paper presentation at the SALMEA Conference (Self-accomplishment in East Africa), Aix-en-Provence, 21 June 2022

"Navigating Investment Universes: ethics of decision-making on new frontiers of capital." Paper presentation with J. Lenhard in the conference "Value and Change, Value in Crisis", Society for Economic Anthropology 42nd Annual Meeting, Copenhagen Business School, 1-3 June 2022

"Taxing mobile money transactions and Charismatic churches in Ghana." Short presentation on forthcoming fieldwork in a Wenner-Gren funded workshop The Anthropology of Tax, Buxton, the UK, 29 March – 1 April 2022

"Spiritual book-keeping as organizational audit in Ghanaian corporate capitalism." Paper presentation in the panel "Ethical and Economic Change and the Nature of Social Transformation," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association 17-21 November, 2021.

"Fiscal Relations, Class Politics, and the Election Year in Ghana's Covid-19 Context," with Duho, K. C. Paper presentation in the co-organized mini-conference "Fiscal Relations in a Post-Covid World", SASE Annual Meeting, 2-6 July 2021

"Born-Again Beauties: Disciplining 'prayerful' models in Ghana's fashion industry." Paper presentation in the panel, "Morality and Gender Politics in African Christianities," Society for the Anthropology of Religion Spring Virtual Conference, 14-16 May, 2021.

"Quality Work: intimate audits of status and freedom among Accra's professionals." Presentation in a conference "Work, Ethics, Freedom" at the Max Planck Institute of Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, December 11-13, 2019

"God's Deposits: Charismatic Experiments in Ghana's Retail Banking." Paper presentation in a panel, "Keeping, Giving, and Waiting in Line: Ethnographies of a Bank." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association and CASCA, Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24, 2019

"Who Delivers the Public Good? Towards the anthropology of tax universes". Invited presentation in a workshop, "Becoming Taxpayers: Establishing the Anthropology of Taxes and Taxation," University of Stockholm, Sweden, 28-30 October 2019

"God's Business: Christian entrepreneurship and the moral discourse of state decay in Ghana." Paper presentation in a panel "The Ethics of Two Sovereigns: Christians Between God and the State," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, the USA, November 14-18, 2018

"Moralizing Languages and Economic Imaginaries: Witchcraft, Ritual and Prosperity Religions," with Patrice Ladwig. Introductory presentation in the co-organised panel, "Moral Language of Economic Imagination," ASA UK, Oxford, September 18-21, 2018

"Ethical Infrastructures: commercial banking and ritual networks in West Africa." Presentation in the inaugural symposium of Max Planck Cambridge Centre for Ethics, Economy and Social Change, Cambridge, the UK, 6 March, 2018

"A Prayer Theory of Value: exploring 'spiritpreneurship' in Accra, Ghana." Paper presented in the conference "New Subjectivities of Global Capitalism", Universitatea Babes-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 18-19 September 2017

"Pleasure Talk: Media Professionals, Public Sphere and Sexual Self-fashioning in Accra, Ghana." Paper presented in the panel, "The sexual making of the global middle-classes: bodily techniques and social sensibilities as new markers of social stratification?" Social Class in the 21st Century, Amsterdam Research Center for Gender and Sexuality, 22-23 October 2015

"On PIN-code thieves and designer cheques: ATMs, financialisation and fraudulence in Accra, Ghana." Paper presented in Anthropology in London Day, 15 June 2015

"Ghana For You: Orientation." Lancaster University, Ghana Branch, Accra. Invited talk for British students of Lancaster University during their study visit to Ghana, 31 March 2014

"Public Spirit, Other Spirits. Sincerity and Christian Performance in Ghanaian Commercial Media." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Study Group, "Material Religion," Durham, April 9-11, 2013

"Copycats and Dreadful Locks: Dialectics of 'Africanising' Beauty in urban Ghana and African American Popular Culture." Paper presented at the International Congress of Americanists, July 15-20, 2012, Vienna, Austria

"Beauty, Ethnography and the Everyday." The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of International Political Anthropology, "Reclaiming Beauty," 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012, University of Cambridge

"Pageants of Belonging: Africanizing Beauty in Urban Ghana." Annual Durham Postgraduate Anthropology Conference, 25 April 2012

## Roundtables

Participant in a roundtable on "Decolonizing Money", 13 December 2023, Cairo, Egypt (virtual fly-in)

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor** February 2022 – present

Geneva Graduate Institute: course and syllabus design, lecturing, seminar teaching, PhD and MA supervision, PhD and MA admission committee work, marking and evaluation

- Courses developed and taught (lecturing, leading discussions, marking, tutoring):
  - o Finance, Culture and Society
  - Doctoral Seminar 1
  - o Social Finance for Sustainable Development
- PhD supervision: 3 PhD students as the main supervisor, 3 PhD students as the second reader
- MA supervision: has supervised seven MA theses, second readership of five theses

## **Affiliated Lecturer and Academic Supervisor**

October 2018 – December 2021

University of Cambridge: lecturing, small-group teaching, dissertation supervision and marking undertaken for Department of Social Anthropology, Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS), and Centre of African Studies

 Lecturing, collaborative curriculum design and leading seminars within the undergraduate course Anthropology of Africa (2018 – 2021)

- MPhil seminar instructor, "Anthropology and Economics" (autumn 2020)
- MPhil seminar instructor, "Value, Values, and Valuation" (autumn 2021)
- MPhil in Social Anthropology dissertation supervisor (2020 2021)
- Student supervision within Cambridge's interdisciplinary social and political sciences undergraduate program (HSPS Tripos) for courses "Power, Economy and Social Transformation" and "Ethical Life and the Anthropology of the Subject"

Lecturer October 2018

Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge, 'Paper 0: Neglects of Neoclassical Economics'
Contributed lectures within the Paper 0 curriculum of alternative approaches to economic life, titled "What is the Economy: Anthropology of Money and Exchange" and "Stories of Finance: Enactments of Expertise"

## Seminar leader and tutor, "Culture and Globalisation"

June - July 2017

London School of Economics, Summer School

## **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

April 2016 - December 2017

London School of Economics, Department of Anthropology

Teaching and marking various undergraduate courses, including "Political and Legal Anthropology," "Introduction to Social Anthropology for non-specialists" and "Anthropology and Media"

## **Teaching Assistant**

September – December 2015

King's College London, Department of Religious Studies and Theology

Seminar leader and tutor for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate module, "Anthropological Approaches to Religious Innovation and Questions of Being"

## **Guest instructor, Fieldwork methods for PhD students**

Several session in 2015 – 2017

London School of Economics, Department of Anthropology

Presented about the process and challenges of navigating analysis during ethnographic fieldwork for prefieldwork doctoral students at the LSE, which included Q&A sessions on practical advice

# ACADEMIC SERVICE

Co-coordinator of EASA Network for Contemporary Anthropological Theory (NCAT), December 2022 onwards

Editor of Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society, January 2021 onwards

Journal article manuscript peer-reviewer for Current Anthropology, Cambridge Encyclopedia of Anthropology (CEA), History and Anthropology, Anthropological Quarterly, Journal of Material Culture, Critique of Anthropology, Economic Anthropology

Book proposal and manuscript reviewer for Berghahn Books and Routledge

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

SAA – Swiss Anthropological Association

Tax Anthropology Network - Member and Associate Researcher

EASA – European Association of Social Anthropologists

ASA UK - The Association of Social Anthropologists in the UK

AAA - The American Anthropological Association

FAS - The Finnish Anthropological Society

#### LANGUAGES

Finnish native

English fluent spoken, fluent written, fluent reading

French fluent spoken, intermediary written, fluent reading

Swedish intermediary spoken, intermediary written, fluent reading

Twi (Akan) basic spoken, basic written, basic reading

Pidgin (West African) fluent comprehension

Italian basic spoken, basic written, intermediary reading

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

2023. Participant in a panel discussion "Digital Money: Expectations, Realities, Prospects" at Building Bridges, an annual meeting of sustainable finance experts, co-organized by Club of Rome and Centre for Finance and Development (IHEID), 5 October 2023.

2023. Participant in a panel discussion "Socially Responsible Banking" co-organized by Club of Rome and Centre for Finance and Development at Geneva Graduate Institute, 10 May 2023.

2023. Contributor to an educational booklet "Tax and Society" intended for secondary school students in the UK.

2021. "Taxpayer's Playlist: filing personal tax returns, with the power of Spotify," with Eräsaari, Matti. *CaMP Anthropology* 15.4.2021. URL: <a href="https://campanthropology.org/2021/04/15/taxpayers-playlist/">https://campanthropology.org/2021/04/15/taxpayers-playlist/</a>

2020. "The Fiscal Life of Pandemics," with Sheild Johansson, Miranda. Allegralab 14.9.2020. URL: <a href="https://allegralaboratory.net/the-fiscal-life-of-pandemics/">https://allegralaboratory.net/the-fiscal-life-of-pandemics/</a>

2019. "Banking from a cultural perspective: Anthropological insights on finance and Ghana's banking sector", a presentation to the executive management and employees of OmniBSIC Bank Ghana Ltd

2019. "Fieldnote: Tales of a banking crisis from Accra," a blog post published on the Max Planck Cambridge Centre Blog, URL: [http://maxcam.socanth.cam.ac.uk/index.php/2019/02/28/fieldnote-2-tales-of-a-banking-crisis-from-accra/]

2016. "Yrittäjyyttä nostetaan positiiviseksi kansalaisuuden ideaksi sekä Suomessa että Ghanassa" ["Entrepreneurship as the positive ideal of citizenship in Finland and Ghana"] A discussion piece for KUKA, an online platform that connects academics and journalists in the Finnish media.

2015, with Venäläinen, Juhana. "Velkaantumisen pelko vaarantaa demokratian" ["The fear of indebtedness puts democracy in danger"] Editorial column in *Helsingin Sanomat* 10/7/2015

2010. "The Lingering Field". In "Fieldwork Series 2010," *Standplaats Wereld*. URL: [http://standplaatswereld.nl/2010/06/23/fieldwork-2010-the-lingering-field/]

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI), Ghana

Apr2011 - Dec2014, Jan2019 - Jul2019

Research Associate

- Organised workshops and training sessions on qualitative research methods and analysis
- Provided research assistance for the Executive Director
- Coordinated, collaboratively conceptualised and assisted in the first phase of editing a book titled *Civil Society and Development in West Africa: Practitioners' Perspective* (2016) with 16 authors
- Provided research and editorial support in English and French, including tutoring graduate interns

#### **London School of Economics Residential Life**

September 2015 - August 2017

Subwarden in Northumberland House LSE Residence

- Served as part of the warden team responsible for LSE student-residents' pastoral care
- Planned and organised events and programs in co-operation with the student-led Hall Committee
- Certified annual training on mental health, diversity and inclusion, first aid, and fire safety

## Research assistance for a book project,

March - May 2016

## "Homeownership, Renting and Society: Historical and Comparative Perspectives"

 Conducted research on a database of Finnish political manifestos since 1945, coded statements on housing and presented analysis of the shifting politics of home ownership in Finnish political parties. Project leader: Dr. Sebastian Kohl, based at the Max Planck Institute, Cologne

#### Northstar Research Partners, UK

April 2016 - September 2016, March and July 2017

Researcher/Ethnographer

- Provided research support for various client projects and presented insights in client meetings
- Conducted fieldwork in London leisure spaces through the prism of a "branded space"

# Launch Factory Experiential, Ghana/South Africa

Mar2011- May2011, Sep2013 - Dec2013

Researcher

 Research assistance for two documentary series. The first series followed the treatment and recovery process of 25 patients in the Ghanaian public health sector in spring 2011. The second series followed community development initiatives in autumn 2013

# Palmu Inc. Service Design, Finland

June-September 2008, June-August 2009

Ethnographer

- Conducted ethnographic research for client projects such as service provision in public transport, grocery store shopping in Finnish urban and rural areas, insurances in the human life cycle, and information technology among university students
- Developed training materials and interview structures for future projects

## European Employment Services EURES, Slovakia

July 2007–September 2007

Intern in European Regional Development

- Interviewed inhabitants of Stara L'Ubovna on the prospects and challenges of an EU-funded project of creating a common job market between Slovakian and Polish cross-border regions
- Assisted Slovak job seekers in finding employment in other EU countries
- Editorial work