

# Curriculum Vitae

## Irena Grigoryan

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### Education

#### **SOCIOLOGY, PHD**

**Koç University, Istanbul (Turkey)**

09/2019-currently

#### **MIGRATION AND INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS (EMMIR), JOINT EUROPEAN MA**

**Consortium of the Universities of Oldenburg (Germany), Stavanger (Norway) and Nova Gorica (Slovenia)**

09/2011-06/2013

#### **PHILOLOGIST, ENGLISH LANGUAGE SPECIALIST, BA**

**Yerevan Gladzor University (Armenia)**

09/2002-06/2007

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### Professional Experience

#### **MIGRATION RESEARCH CENTER AT KOÇ UNIVERSITY, ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

**Visiting Researcher, Gulbenkian Foundation grantee under the priority line of Turkey-Armenia normalization**

03/2019 – 06/2019

- Carry out data collection about ethnic Armenian Syrian refugees in Turkey, elaborate preliminary findings into a scientific article.
- Identify academic collaboration options between Turkey and Armenia on migration subject.

#### **ERASMUS+ STUDENT AND ALUMNI ALLIANCE**

**Content Consultant, "The Hidden Potential of International Alumni in Belarus and Armenia" documentary film project**

03-05/2019

#### **"ALEPPO" NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION, YEREVAN, ARMENIA**

**Project Coordinator, 07/2018-01/2019**

- Coordinate a project for Syrian young refugees in Armenia, including the components of scholarships distribution, capacity building, and psycho-social support.

#### **MIGRATION RESEARCH CENTER AT KOÇ UNIVERSITY, ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

**Researcher within "Beyond Borders" Turkey-Armenia Fellowship Scheme of Hrant Dink Foundation, 11/2017 – 05/2018**

- Contribute to the Forced Migration Resource Database.
- Carry out an individual research about Armenian labor migrants in Istanbul.

#### **UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP), YEREVAN, ARMENIA**

**Project Assistant, 06/2015-10/2017 (Project Coordinator-in-Charge during 08/2016-01/2017)**

Assist in coordination of the UNDP component of the European Neighbourhood Programme for Agriculture and Rural Development and the project "Technical Support to the Implementation of Agricultural/Rural Sector Statistics in Armenia", including:

- Conduct project-related research and specific surveys, develop concepts and proposals.
- Carry out field trips for liaising with beneficiaries, conducting micro-surveys and assessments (590 rural habitants, among them refugees and IDPs).
- Assist in negotiating with stakeholders (government, donor community and NGOs).
- Liaise with project experts and consultants to coordinate their work with the beneficiaries.
- Provide support in organizing community meetings, seminars, trainings and workshops.
- Assist in preparing results-oriented and progress reports.
- Make arrangements for project-related procurement and staff recruitment.
- Ensure smooth financial operations of the project and follow up on all financial transactions.

#### **REPAT ARMENIA FOUNDATION, YEREVAN, ARMENIA**

**Fieldwork Researcher**, 07/2014-12/2014

Coordinate and carry out fieldwork for a state-commissioned research on integration practices of the repatriates in Armenia, including semi-structured interviews with 30 informants and online survey with around 200 respondents.

#### **CIVILITAS FOUNDATION, YEREVAN, ARMENIA**

**Migration Research Fellow**, 12/2013 - 06/2014

As a part of Think Tank Young Professional Development Program, conduct an independent research on policies and practices of return migration in Armenia, including:

- Review official statistics, research findings and policy documents addressing in-migration issues in Armenia. Identify gaps therein. Collect data from returning migrants and incorporate the findings in the research.
- Cooperate with the journalists by providing specific data to prepare migration and refugee-related Internet-TV coverage.

#### **BRITISH COUNCIL, YEREVAN, ARMENIA**

**Administrative Assistant**, 05/2009 - 05/2010

- Provide administrative support in implementation of several projects, including "Support to Migration Policy Development and Relevant Capacity Building in Armenia" project.

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### **Competencies**

- Ability to perform complex, repeated tasks
- Working under pressure and with tight deadlines
- Multitasking
- Easy adaptation to multicultural environments
- Clear written and verbal communication
- Accuracy, patience and attention to detail
- Reliability and integrity

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### **Internships**

**Intern at the Migrant Film Festival, Zavod Voluntariat**, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 06/2013

**Intern at the Faculty of Arts&Education, University of Stavanger**, Norway, 07-08/2012

**Intern at Ochota Cultural Center**, Warsaw, Poland, 09-11/2007

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### **Non-Formal Education**

**Conflict Transformation School**, Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Yerevan, Armenia, 2018

**Online Course on Refugee Rights**, Amnesty International, 2017

**International Summer School "Cultures, Migrations, Borders"**, Lesbos, Greece, 2016

**3-week Course on Rural Women's Entrepreneurship**, MASHAV, Israel, 2015

**Online Course "Running your Migration & Development Project Successfully"** Joint Migration and Development Initiative, 2015

**Anti-Bias Seminar**, University of Oldenburg, 2011

**Project Management Training**, British Council Armenia, 2010

**Training on Participatory Project Development and Management**, Civic Development and Partnership Foundation, 2008

**3-month Course on Emergency Aid Preparedness**, Crisis Management State Academy of Armenia, 2008

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## Research

- Research "Armenian Labor Migrants in Istanbul: Reality Check", Migration Research Center at Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2018 ([https://mirekoc.ku.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Report\\_Armenian-Labor-Migrants-in-Istanbul.pdf](https://mirekoc.ku.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Report_Armenian-Labor-Migrants-in-Istanbul.pdf)).
- Research "Integration of Repatriates in Armenia: Challenges and Opportunities" (co-author), in Armenian, RA Ministry of Diaspora and Repat Armenia Foundation, 2014 ([http://www.mindiaspora.am/res/Hratarakumner/2014/VartanMarashlyanreport\\_2014.pdf](http://www.mindiaspora.am/res/Hratarakumner/2014/VartanMarashlyanreport_2014.pdf)).
- Research "Return and Other Forms of In-Migration to Armenia: Overview of Policies and Practices", Civilitas Foundation and Open Society Foundations, Yerevan, Armenia, 2014 (<http://www.civilitasfoundation.org/cf/analysis/armenia/887-civilitass-young-professional-fellow-accomplishes-research-on-migration.html>).
- MA Dissertation "Empowered and Unrecognized: Stories of Highly Skilled Returnees in Armenia", Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2013 ([https://www.academia.edu/8782657/Empowered\\_and\\_Unrecognized\\_Stories\\_of\\_Highly-Skilled\\_Returnees\\_in\\_Armenia](https://www.academia.edu/8782657/Empowered_and_Unrecognized_Stories_of_Highly-Skilled_Returnees_in_Armenia)).

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## Languages

Armenian – Native speaker • English - Proficient user (C2) • Russian - Independent user (C1)  
Spanish - Basic user (A2) • Turkish – Basic user (A2)

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## Computer Skills

Microsoft Office, Adobe Illustrator,  
ATLAS (Financial Reporting System), ATLAS.ti Qualitative Data Analysis & Research Software

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References are available upon request.