

Curriculum Vitae Smbat Hakobyan

Date of birth

03.06.1988

Nationality

Armenian

Marital Status

Married

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Education

2004 – 2008

Bachelor's degree in journalism. Yerevan State University

Research topic: "Description of Culture in Contemporary Armenian Journals"

2010 – 2012

Master's degree in ethnography. Yerevan State University

Research topic: "Ethnography of Dersim Region"

2012 – Present

PhD student at the Department of Contemporary Anthropological Studies. Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS, Armenia

Research topic: "Funeral Rites in Nowadays Yerevan: Ethnography and Public Discourse"

Work Experience

June 01, 2010 – June 01, 2015

Junior Researcher. Folk Art Center after Hovhannes Sharambeyan. Department of Folk Art and Ethnography

May 01, 2013 – Present

Junior Researcher. Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS, Armenia. Department of Contemporary Anthropological Studies

Research Interests

Funerals, Rites of Passage, Death Studies, Anthropology of Religion, Science Theory and Methodology, Comparative Mythology, Discourse Analysis, Sociolinguistics, Linguistic Anthropology.

Fellowships & Scholarships

January 01, 2013 – January 01, 2014

Heinrich Böll Foundation

Regional scholarship program for social scientists 2013 for the research by the title: “Discourse of Prestigiousness in Funeral Rites of Contemporary Yerevan”

June 05 – July 05, 2013

Preparatory work for field research “Caucasus, Conflict, Culture” III at the Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology Institute for Comparative Cultural Research, Philipps-University Marburg Marburg/Lahn (Germany).

March 01 – May 01, 2016

Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN)

Short-term grant for three months to work on PhD project in Fribourg University, Switzerland.

Fieldwork Experience

December 2012 – Present

Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NA, Armenia

Periodical fieldwork in Yerevan: group and in-depth interviews, (participant) observations, data collection from newspapers, internet and TV, transcription & data analysis.

August 22 – 28, 2012

Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology. Institute for Comparative Cultural Research, Philipps-University Marburg Marburg/Lahn (Germany), Department of Ethnology. Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia)

“Caucasus, Conflict, Culture” II: “Transgressing Conflicts from Below: interethnic Contacts in Border Villages in the Southern Caucasus”, Akhaltsikhe (Georgia).

Conducted anthropological fieldwork, including observation and interviews with dwellers of the three villages near Armenian-Georgian and Georgian-Azerbaijani boarder.

August 23 – 29, 2013

Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology. Institute for Comparative Cultural Research, Philipps-University Marburg Marburg/Lahn (Germany) Department of Ethnology Ivane Javakhishvili. Tbilisi State University (Georgia)

“Caucasus, Conflict, Culture” III: “Caucasus Germans: Conflictual Relations in a Multiethnic Region”, Tbilisi (Georgia).

Anthropological fieldwork: biographic interviews, narrative histories with inhabitants of Asureti village.

Research design, coordination, data analyses & report submission

November 01, 2013 – January 01, 2014

Helsinki committee of Armenia

Sociological research on labor rights in three big enterprises: program design, questionnaire development, data collection, data processing & analysis, reporting.

September 20 – October 06, 2014

Ipsos Ukraine

Market research on corporative rousing consumption of Beeline: data collection, data processing, reporting.

April 01, 2015 – August 01, 2015

Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN)

Research on state building of Armenia from 1990 to 2015: data collection from newspapers.

February 01, 2016 – June 01, 2016

Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN)

Research on state building of Armenia from 1990 to 2015: data collection and interviews transcription.

Conferences, Seminars & Trainings

February 02, 2010

Yerevan State University, Department of History

Student conference: “First Republican Archaeological-Ethnographical Conference”, Yerevan (Armenia)

Paper: “Ethnologic and Ethnographic Description of Zaza”

April 20, 2010

Yerevan State University, Department of History. Yerevan (Armenia)

Student conference: “History, Culture and Contemporaneity”

Paper: “Pleroma” and “Sophia” Phenomenon in Gnosticism”

April 04, 2010

Yerevan State University, Department of History, Yerevan (Armenia)

Student conference: “Golden Age of Armenian culture”

Paper: “Traditional Armenian Beliefs in Eznik Koghbaci`s Work”

November 29, 2010

Yerevan State University, Department of History, Yerevan (Armenia)

Student Conference: “Questions of the History”

Paper: “Review on “Vishap” Stones”

November 18 – 20, 2011

“Folk Art Center after Hovhannes Sharambeyan”, Yerevan (Armenia)

Paper: “Mythological Interpretation of the Dragon-Carpets”

December 15 – 16, 2012

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Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS RA, Yerevan (Armenia)
“13th Conference of Junior Researchers of Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS, Armenia”

Paper: “Code of Ethics of American Anthropological Association and L. Shtenberg’s “Ten Commandments of Ethnographers””

July 24 – 26, 2014

Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana (Slovenia)
“ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques”

Course: “Basics of Inferential Statistics for Political Scientists”

July 28 – August 09, 2014

Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana (Slovenia)
“ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques”

Course: “Analysing Discourse I and II – Analysing Politics: Theories, Methods and Applications”

August 30, 2014

Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS, Armenia, Yerevan (Armenia)
Training: “Multimedia Scribe Elan in Humanities Researches: Practical Seminar”

March 26, 2015

European University at Saint Petersburg, Saint Petersburg (Russia)
Conference: “Anthropology, Folkloristics, Sociolinguistics”

Paper: “Discourse of Prestigiousness in Funeral Rites of Contemporary Yerevan”

August 27, 2015

Caucasus Research Resource Center (CRRRC), Yerevan (Armenia)
Training: “Training on Qualitative Data Analysis Using NVivo”

October 30, 2015

Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS, Armenia, Yerevan (Armenia)
Conference: “Ethnography, Archaeology, Folkloristics: Interdisciplinary Approaches”
Paper: “National (Traditional) or European (Western) Funerals?”

19-21 November, 2015

Tbilisi (Georgia)
ASCN Training Seminar “Qualitative Data Management and Analysis”

19 November, 2015

Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS, Armenia, Yerevan (Armenia)
Conference: “Traditional and modern in Armenian culture”
Paper: “Funerals which can be shooted, and funerals which can’t”

10 – 11 May, 2016

Smbat Hakobyan

University of Zurich, Switzerland

Workshop: “Methodological and Ethical Challenges in Qualitative Research Projects”

06 June, 2016

Caucasus Institute, Yerevan (Armenia)

Training: Writing Papers for English-Language International Journals: Hands-on Workshop for Young Scholars

4 – 15 July, 2016

Tartu University, Tartu (Estonia)

Summer School “Juri Lotman and the Semiotics of Culture”

18 – 19 November, 2016

Tbilisi (Georgia)

Conference: “ASCN Final Conference. Bringing the Strands Together: New Prospects for the Social Sciences?”

Multiple Challenges in the Southern Caucasus and the Broader Regional Context”

Paper: “Funerals in Armenia: Western Pattern or «National» Tradition?”

Publications

Mythological Interpretation of the Dragon-Carpets, (in Armenian) *Armenian Carpet Making Culture*, Yervan, 2011, pp. 46-47.

Review on “Vishap” Stones, (in Armenian) *The Collection of Articles of Anniversary Scientific Session*, Yerevan, 2011, pp. 210-214.

Ethnologic and Ethnographic Description of Zaza, (in Armenian) *Collection of Scientific Articles of Yerevan State University Student Scientific Association*, Yerevan, 2012, pp. 173-179.

Discussion with Levon Abrahamian, Yulia Antonyan, Lusine Ghushchyan, Hamlet Melkumyan, Satenik Mkrtychyan, Alina Poghosyan, Gayane Shagoyan on the topic: Provincial and native science, (in Russian) *Forum for Anthropology and Culture*, Saint Petersburg, 2013, № 19, pp. 189-214.

Language Skills

Armenian (Native or Bilingual Proficiency)

Russian (Full Professional Proficiency)

English (Full Professional Proficiency)

Computer Skills

MS Word, MS Power Point, MS Access, Internet, Adobe Audition, Elan, NVivo, MAXQDA