

## Curriculum Vitæ

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### Professional experience

- May 2015- onwards **Research scientist**, Department of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Luxembourg
- Sep 2018- onwards **Collaborative researcher**, Action research project for the Foundation *Action Enfance* for an educational project integrating the question of social capital for children and young adults in foster care
- May 2015- April 2020 **Research associate (Postdoc)**, Department of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Luxembourg
- Sep 2011-April 2015 **Social Scientist**, FRANET in Luxembourg for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Luxembourg
- Jan 2011-March 2013 **Associate researcher**, Commodification of Intimacy in Post Soviet Countries at Higher School of Economics, Moscow (Russia)
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### Education

- 2010 **PhD in Social Sciences**  
Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bremen (Germany)  
Thesis title: Who Goes? Who Stays? Who Returns? Migration Journeys of Highly Skilled Workers  
Grade: Summa Cum Laude
- 2007 **Teaching assistant**, Winter Semester Sociology(III), University of Bremen
- 2006 **Postgraduate diploma in Development Studies**  
Minsk State Linguistic University, Minsk (Belarus)
- 2004 **Bachelor and Master of Arts in Geography**  
Exchange year, Bachelor program Bard College, Berlin (Germany)
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### Project :

- 2018-ongoing: Collaborative researcher for **Social Capital for Children and Young Adults in Foster Care**, funded by the Action Enfance, Paris, France

2018-ongoing: Research scientist for **Focal Point in Luxembourg for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRANET)**, funded by the Agency for Fundamental Rights at University of Luxembourg.

2020-2021: Post doctorate researcher for **Social capital in the Integration of Young Migrants in Luxembourg. Theory and practice (SOCAMI)** - funded by the Ministry of Family and Integration and the Grand Region, University of Luxembourg.

2016-2018: Post doctorate researcher for **Sports at Work: Informal collective workout for the individual well-being** ( unfunded) at the University of Luxembourg.

2015-2018 : Post doctorate researcher for **H2020 Mapping mobility – pathways, institutions, and structural effects of youth mobility in Europe** at the University of Luxembourg.

2011-2015: Social expert for **Focal Point in Luxembourg for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRANET)** at Etudes et Formation, Luxembourg.

2011-2013: Researcher for **Commodification of Intimacy in Post Soviet Countries** at Higher School of Economics, Moscow.

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### Language skills

Russian: Mother tongue  
English: Fluent written and spoken  
French: Fluent written and spoken  
German: Basic knowledge  
Luxembourgish: Good (spoken)

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### Computer skills

Excellent knowledge of standard office software (Word, PowerPoint, Excel), qualitative software (MAXQDA/ATLAS.TI), basic use of quantitative software (STATA), Endnote (bibliographic references)

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### Research grants

2006-2010 Excellency Initiative of the German Federal and State Governments 2009 – GSSS/Volkswagen Foundation Scholarship  
2004 Scholarship of the European College of Liberal Arts (Berlin, Germany)  
2002 Karl-undIlse-BüsingScholarship2003–AEGEE Summer Academy Support

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**Participation to research groups**

2020/1 Member of the expert panel of the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO)  
 2019-2020 IMISCOE conference reviewer

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**Conferences**
**Papers presented**

Youth Mobility – experiencing (un)certainities (together with Kmiotek-Meier, E.). 26. Kongress der DGfE, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Germany, 19 March, 2018.

Mapping mobility–pathways, institutions and structural effects of youth mobility in Europe-MOVE results (together with Nienaber, B., Kmiotek-Meier, E.), Luxembourg, University of Luxembourg, 07 March, 2018.

Transnationalisation of Sports:A Middle class value across borders (together with Kerivel),Eighth International Conference, Sports and Society, Imperial College London, London, UK, 10–11 July, 2017

Muscle and Stretching:Genderised Interaction in an Informal Collective Sports Group (together with Kerivel), Eighth International Conference, Sports and Society, Imperial College London, London, UK, 10–11 July, 2017

Is Luxembourg an attractive destination for European young workers for boosting their careers? The activation of young workers' skills in entering job markets abroad, Migration, Diversity and the City - 14th IMISCOE Annual Conference, 28-30 June, 2017

Is Luxembourg a part of the cosmopolitan migratory universe? The perception of Luxembourg as an international destination among young employees, International conference at the University of Luxembourg, 09-10 June, 2017

Integration and sport: Run together to discover the city.How foreigners enter in to the city through experience of sport group (together with Kerivel), Colloque International La Ville et Sport, University of Brest, France, 10-11 May, 2017

Meet the Young European Mobile Employee: Context, Agency and Employment Mobility Patterns within the European Union(together with Skrobaneck), International Sociological Association, 10-15 July, 2016

Informal Group Workout for Individual Well being (together with Kerivel),Seventh International Conference, University of Honolulu, USA, 2-3 June, 2016

Mapping mobility,agency,and the perspectives of the young people (together with Skrobaneck), European Sociological Association, Bucharest, Romania, 30 August - 03 September, 2016

What borders do young mobile European perceive in Europe? Constructions of mobility young people (together with Kmiotek-Meier, Karl) 03-06 October, 2016

Means to what? Migration of Highly Skilled Workers as an Ongoing Process along LifeQuality Improvement. Going global (Highly) skilled migrants and societal participation – International Conference at the der RWTH Aachen University, 17-18 March, 2011

Why Professionals choose Germany as their destination and why they return back to Russia. Kulturen der Difference. International conference at Vienna University, 18-19 September, 2009

Is Family a Stumbling Block to Highly Skilled Migration to Europe? 9th Conference of the European Sociological Association 'European Society or European Societies? Lisbon, 2-5 September, 2009

Why Professionals choose Germany as their destination and why they return back to Russia. Europe in Motion: Society, labour market and Sustainability in the Age of Migration". Bratislava, 18- 20 June, 2009

Migration of the highly skilled from Russia to Germany in the new millennium. Second Global International Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 23-26 July, 2008

Migration motives of the highly skilled from Eastern Europe to Germany. Changing Europe. 4th Summer School. Warsaw, 2-8 September, 2007

Should We stay or should we go: Migration plans and return intentions of highly skilled workers. Ethnicity, Belonging, Biography, and Ethnography. Gottingen, 7-9 December, 2007

### Organisation of conferences and workshops

Co-organizer of the final conference for H2020 MOVE project Mapping mobility–pathways, institutions and structural effects of youth mobility in Europe–MOVE results, 07 -08 March, 2018.

Co-organizer of the panel Migration of the highly skilled at the Second Global International Conference, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 23-26 July, 2008

### Publications

Samuk S., Nienaber, B., Kmiotek, E. Vysotskaya, V, Skrobaneck, J., Ardic A., Pavlova I., Marinescu D., Muresan, L. (2021). Learning in transition: Erasmus+ as an opportunity for internationalization. in Cairns, David (Ed.) The Palgrave Handbook of Youth Mobility .

Nienaber B., Manafi I., Vysotskaya, V., Roman, M.; Marinescu, D. (2020). Challenging youth unemployment through international mobility. *Journal of Social and Economic Statistics* (2020), 9(1), 5-27

Samuk, S., Schlimbach, T., Kmiotek-Meier, E., Diaz, L., Vysotskaya, V., Nienaber, B., Roman, M.; Muresan, L., Manafi, I.; Däubler, M. (2020). Agency and Structure Revisited with Youth Responses to Gendered (Spatial) Mobilities in the EU, *Border Crossings* (2020), 10

Vukovich, L. Vysotskaya, V., Nienaber, B. (2020). Coronavirus pandemic in the EU – Fundamental Rights Implications in Luxembourg -July 2020. Report.

Vysotskaya, V. (2020). Vukovich, L. Nienaber, B. (2020). Country study - Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak in the EU - Fundamental Rights Implications – Luxembourg. Report.

Vysotskaya, V. (2020). Vukovich, L. Sommarribas, A., Nienaber, B. (2020). (2020). Franet National contribution to the Fundamental Rights Report 2020 – Luxembourg.

Vysotskaya, V., Kerivel, A. (2020). Break and share: l'exemple d'un groupe sportif informel dans une organisation bureaucratique, in Pierre, Julien; Pichot, Lillian (Eds.) Le sport au travail - Bien-être & management.

Vysotskaya, V., Vukovich, L., Bissinger, J., Sommarribas, A., Nienaber, B. (2019). To be or not to be: How the Luxembourgish government is preparing for Brexit, E-print/Working paper, <http://orbilu.uni.lu/handle/10993/39325>

Vysotskaya, V. (2020). Vukovich, L. Nienaber, B. (2020). Country study - Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak in the EU - Fundamental Rights Implications – Luxembourg. Report.

Vysotskaya, V. (2020). Vukovich, L. Sommarribas, A., Nienaber, B. (2020). (2020). Franet National contribution to the Fundamental Rights Report 2020 – Luxembourg.

Samuk, S., Kmiotek-Meier, E., Nienaber, B., Vysotskaya, V. (2019). Introduction to Special Issue for Migration Letters: Inequalities and Youth Mobilities in Europe from Comparative Perspectives, *Migration Letters* 16(1), 1-14

- Schlimbach, T., Skrobanek, Jan; Kmiotek-Meier, E., Vysotskaya, V. (2019). Capturing agency in different educational settings: A comparative study on youth perceptions of mobility-framing structures, *Migration Letters* 16(1), 15-31
- Kmiotek-Meier, E., Skrobanek, J., Nienaber, Birte; Vysotskaya, V., Samuk, S., Ardic, T., Pavlova, I., Dabasi-Halázs, Z., Diaz, C., Bissinger, J., Schlimbach, T., Horvath, K. (2019). Why is it so hard? And for whom? Obstacles to intra-European mobility, *Migration Letters* 16(1), 31-45
- Vysotskaya, V., and Kerivel, A. (2018). Integration and sports: Running together to discover the city. How foreigners enter into the city through experience of sport group, *STAPS*
- Vysotskaya, V. (2017). Youth transition to the labour market during employment mobility. Employment and inequality of young people in Europe .Tér és Társadalom (*Space and Society*)
- Vysotskaya, V. and Kerivel, A. (2017). Informal group workout for individual wellbeing, *The International Journal of Sport and Society* 6(2)
- Nienaber, B., Vysotskaya, V., and Kmiotek-Meier, E. (2017). Internationalisation and youth mobility in Europe: Why do young working people find Luxembourg attractive. *Forum* (11).
- Vysotskaya, V., Fernandes Neves, C., Ramires Campino, A, and Muller, M. (2016). Migrants and their descendants: Social inclusion and participation in society. Report for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- Karl, U., Kmiotek-Meier, E., Vysotskaya, V. (2016). Vom Umgang mit (Un-) Sicherheit Mobilitätserfahrungen junger Menschen. *Forum* (5).
- Vysotskaya, V. (2015). Germany for the ambitious: Everyday life of Russian professionals in a research centre in Jülich in: (Meir, Lars, Ed.) *Migrant professionals in the city local encounters, Identities and Inequalities*, Routledge
- Vysotskaya, V. (2014). Country studies for the project 'Victim Support Services in the EU: An overview and assessment of victims' rights in practice'. Report for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- Vysotskaya, V. (2014) Country studies for the project 'Protection against discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity and sex characteristics in the EU, Comparative legal analysis, Update 2014. Report for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- Vysotskaya, V., and Campino Ramires, A. (2014). Country report for the project "National intelligence authorities and surveillance in the EU: Fundamental rights safeguards and remedies". Report for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- Swader, C., Strelkova, O., Sutormina, A. Syomina V., Vysotskaya V., and Fedorova, I. (2013). Love as a fictitious commodity: Gift-for-Sex Barterers as contractual carriers of intimacy, *Sexuality & Culture*, 16(4)
- Vysotskaya, V. (2011). Who goes? Who stays? Who returns? Migration journeys of highly skilled workers from Russia to Germany and back home. Frankfurt: Peter Lang, European University Studies Series
- Vysotskaya, V. (2008). Migration Motives of the highly skilled from Eastern Europe to Germany. In search of upgrading social status. In: Fischer, Sabine und Pleines, Heiko (Eds.) *Crises and Conflicts in Post-Socialist Societies*, pp.189-197, Ibidem Verlag
- Vysotskaya, V. (2008). Migration motives of the highly skilled from Eastern Europe to Germany: In search of upgrading social status. Working Paper