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● WORK EXPERIENCE

01/09/2016 – CURRENT

RESEARCHER – INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES OF THE SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

- Researcher in modern and contemporary African History.

Main focus: West Sub-Saharan Africa, francophone Africa. Legacy of European colonialism in Africa and Europe

- Responsible for doctoral study

Klemensova 19, 81109 Bratislava (Slovakia), Bratislava, Slovakia

01/03/2019 – 31/05/2019

POSTDOCTORAL VISITING RESEARCHER – INSTITUT DES MONDES AFRICAINS, UNIVERSITÉ PARIS 1 PANTÉHON-SORBONNE, RUE MALHER

Paris 75004, France

01/09/2014 – 30/06/2018 – Bratislava, Slovakia

PHD CANDIDATE IN HISTORY – INSTITUTE OF HISTORY OF THE SLOVAK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

- Full-time Doctoral Research Study in Modern African History, PhD degree.
- Research specification: *Cultural Assimilation, Colonial Racism, and Education in French West Africa. A case study of Senegal 1900-1945.*

Klemensova 19, 81109, Bratislava, Slovakia

01/09/2005 – 31/08/2014

TEACHER OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND HISTORY – ENGLISH-SLOVAK BILINGUAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL OF MILAN HODZA

- Teacher of History;
- Teacher of the French Language and Literature;
- Head of Drama Club
- Head of School Library;

Komenského 215, 03852, Sucany, Slovakia

01/04/2006 – 30/09/2006

PROFESSIONAL TOURIST GUIDE IN TUNISIA – KARTAGO TOURS TRAVEL AGENCY

- Guiding tourists across Tunisia;
- Planning trips and journeys.

Spitalska 53, 81101, Bratislava, Slovakia

● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/09/2000 – 30/06/2005 – Narodna 12, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia

MASTER'S DEGREE IN HISTORY AND FRENCH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE – Matej Bel University

Main subjects:

- History;
- French language and literature;
- Teaching Proficiency.

07/01/2002 – 04/05/2002 – 15 Rue de l'Hôtel Dieu, Poitiers, France

STUDY VISIT AT THE UNIVERSITÉ DE POITIERS – Université de Poitiers

One term courses

- French Colonial Empire
- Introduction to Contemporary European History

● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): SLOVAK

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
FRENCH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Conferences

- **VIVA AFRICA XI: KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTION IN AND ON AFRICA - International Conference**

22-23 October 2015, Metropolitan University, Prague, Czech Republic.

The title of speech and published paper:

History Production and Interpretation on and within French West Africa in 1900-1957: from French Colonial Doctrine to African Perspective.

- **GLOBALISATION IN THE ORIENT COUNTRIES - International Conference**

12 November 2015, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

The title of speech and published paper:

Civilising Mission and French West Africa - French Colonialism in Africa as a Model of Globalisation.

- **THIRD CONFERENCE OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS IN AFRICAN STUDIES**

13-16 January 2016, Université Paris Diderot, Paris, France.

The title of speech and published paper:

Teaching of History in French West Africa - The Creation of New Identity.

- **CZECH AND SLOVAK AFRICAN STUDIES: THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY - Conference**

11 November 2016, Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic

Title of speech and published paper:

African Studies at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Slovak Academy of Sciences

- **VIVA AFRICA 2017 - AFRICA ON THE MOVE: SHIFTING IDENTITIES, HISTORIES, BOUNDARIES - International Conference**

10-11 November 2017, Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Hradec Králové, Czech Republic

Title of speech:

Children on The Way to Dakar- Colonial Schooling, Mobility and Identity in French West Africa

● **ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS**

Organisational skills

- Sense for team-work;
- Ability to work long and under pressure;
- Sense of organization and responsibility;
- High attention to details;
- Skills in planning, organizing and managing projects and activities.

● **COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

Communication and interpersonal skills

- Excellent communication skills and ability to communicate in several languages fluently;
- High level of empathy and ability to understand the feelings of others
- Excellent presentation and negotiation skills
- Rich experience of giving lectures and leading discussions in French, English, Slovak and Czech language;
- Experience in communication with clients and senior management
- Excellent ability to adapt to multicultural environments.

● **PROJECTS**

01/06/2016 – 30/06/2019

Historical Roots and Context of the Revolutionary Events in the Middle East and North Africa and its Implications for the Security of Slovakia and the EU (Grant Program: APVV - 15-0030)

- Researcher

01/03/2021 – CURRENT

Fontes Historiae Africanae (Sources for African History)

- Co-director for Europe.
- International project under the auspice of the Union académique internationale based in Brussels. Its aim is to publish the critical editions of the sources for African history.