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Has an MA in English Philology and American Ethnic Literature from Wrocław University (Poland) and a PhD awarded in sociology from the Free University of Berlin (Germany). She obtained awards from the Kennedy and Thyssen foundations for the interdisciplinary study of the link between the rise of Black Nationalism in America and German ethnology. She has carried out research with commuting Polish female labour migrants in the Zgorzelec/Goerlitz area of the Polish–German border; ethnic networks in West Berlin, Gypsy asylum-seekers in South London, illegal immigrant farm workers in Scotland, local cross-border governance initiatives in two linked towns on the Polish–German Border, the interaction of global business with local workforces in Europe and human trafficking and prostitution. She is the author of two books *The European Roots of the Harlem Renaissance* and *Der Schmugglerzug*, chapters in books edited by others, and several articles.