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**Research themes** International migration, refugees, borders, migrants' struggles, migration governance.

**Languages** French: native / English: fluent / Syrian Arabic: advanced / Spanish: advanced

## **Education**

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**2011-2015:** PhD, Centre for Research on Migration, Refugees and Belonging, University of East London.

**Thesis:** 'Contesting Europeanism: Discourses and Practices of Pro-migrant Organisations in the European Union'.

**Supervisors:** Prof. Philip Marfleet and Prof. Molly Andrews. **Examination committee:** Prof. Nicholas de Genova, Prof. Gargi Bhattacharyya and Prof. Corine Squire.

**2007-2008:** MSc. (Distinction) Globalisation and Development, SOAS, University of London. **Courses:** Globalisation, Governance and Development; Political Economy of Development; Development in the MENA Region; Civil Society and Social Movements.

**Dissertation:** 'The World Social Forum: Toward Counter-hegemonic Power and Knowledges?'. Supervisor: Prof. Gilbert Achcar.

**2002-2006:** BA (1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours) European Studies, graduated first of cohort, King's College London, University of London.

**Courses:** EU Integration; European Political Thought; Transition to Democracy; Citizenship and Exclusion in Modern France; French and European History; Press Analysis in two languages.

**2004-2005:** Sciences Po Paris, International Diploma (1<sup>st</sup> Class).

**Courses:** Contemporary International Relations; Modern History; Constitutional French and European History;

Europe and War in the 20<sup>th</sup> C. **Dissertation:** 'Glocalisation: what does it mean to "think globally and act locally"?' (1<sup>st</sup> Class)

## **Employment**

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**Nov 2019-Oct 2021:** Research Fellow, H2020 Project MAGYC: Migration Governance and Asylum Crises, CERI-Sciences Po, Paris.

**Aug. 2017-September 2019:** Marie Curie Individual Fellow on project *MIGSOL: Migration Solidarity and Acts of Citizenship Along the Balkan Route*, Centre for Policy Studies, Central European University (CEU), Budapest

**Dec. 2016-Jul 2017:** Academic Program Manager, Open Learning Initiative-University Preparatory (OLive UP) Program, a full-time, fully-funded access to higher education program for refugee students, CEU, Budapest (part time).

**Dec. 2016-Jul 2017:** Research Fellow, H2020 Project COHESIFY, Center for Policy Studies, CEU, Budapest (part time).

**April-Dec. 2016:** Postdoctoral Fellow on pro-migrant civil society mobilisation in Hungary, Center for Policy Studies, CEU, Budapest.

**Oct. 2014-Sept. 2015:** Marie Curie Early-Stage Researcher in ITN *INTEGRIM: Integration and international migration: pathways and integration policies*, Migrinter research centre – CNRS / University of Poitiers, France.

## **Funding & awards**

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- **2019:** Co-director of a summer course on "Conceptualising, Navigating and Representing the Field in Migration Studies" which received CEU Summer University Funding (Budapest)
- **2017-2019:** Marie Curie Individual Fellowship (CEU, Budapest)
- **2016-2018:** Key contributor to an Erasmus+ funding application that secured two years of funding for CEU's OLive UP Program (Budapest)
- **2014-2015:** Marie Curie Early Stage Fellowship (Migrinter, Poitiers)
- **2011-2014:** University of East London Doctoral Scholarship
- **2003:** Sambrooke Exhibitions & H.N. Gladstone Exhibitions Prize in the Arts, King's College.

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## *Scientific Publications*

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- 2019: Cantat, C. 'Migration solidarity, urban neoliberalism and the institutionalisation of aid in Serbia', *Movements: Journal for Critical Migration and Border Regime Studies*, Special issue 5(2).
- 2019: Cantat, C. 'Governing Migrants and Refugees in Hungary: Politics of Spectacle, Negligence and Solidarity in a Securitising State'. In R. Schweitzer and S. Hilger (eds.) *Regimes of Dis-Integration*, IMISCOE-Springer book series. [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-25089-8\\_10](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-25089-8_10)
- 2019: Cantat, C. 'The Rise and Fall of Migration Solidarity in Belgrade: Marginalising Solidarity and Institutionalising Aid' in Birey, T., Cantat, C., Maczynska, E. and Sevinin, E. (eds.) *Challenging the Political Across Borders: Migrant's and Solidarity Struggles*, CEU CPS Book Series. <https://cps.ceu.edu/publications/books/challenging-political-across-borders-migrants-and-solidarity-struggles>
- 2019: Birey, T., Cantat, C., Maczynska, E. and Sevinin, E. 'Introduction' in Birey, T., Cantat, C., Maczynska, E. and Sevinin, E. (eds.) *Challenging the Political Across Borders: Migrant's and Solidarity Struggles*, CEU CPS Book Series. <https://cps.ceu.edu/publications/books/challenging-political-across-borders-migrants-and-solidarity-struggles>
- 2019: Cantat, C., 'Répression, négligence et solidarité: quel accueil pour les migrants en Hongrie ?'. In Lendaro, A., C. Rodier & Y.L. Vertongen (eds.) *La crise de l'accueil*, Paris: La Découverte. [https://editionsdecouverte.fr/catalogue/index-La\\_crise\\_de\\_l\\_accueil-9782348042843.html](https://editionsdecouverte.fr/catalogue/index-La_crise_de_l_accueil-9782348042843.html)
- 2018: Cantat, C., and Rajaram, P.K. 'The Politics of Refugee Crisis in Hungary: B/ordering the Nation and its Others'. *The Oxford Handbook of Refugee Crisis*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. <http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190856908.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780190856908-e-69>
- 2018: Cantat, C. and Feischmidt, M. 'Conclusion', in Feischmidt, M., Ludger, P. & Cantat, C. (eds.) *Refugee Protection and Civil Society in Europe*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 379-399. <https://www.palgrave.com/br/book/9783319927404>
- 2018: Cantat, C. 'The politics of refugee solidarity in Greece: Bordered identities and political mobilization', *CPS Working Paper Series*, 2018/1. <https://cps.ceu.edu/publications/working-paper/politics-refugee-solidarity-greece-bordered-identities-and-political>
- 2017: Cantat, C. 'Cohesion Policy and Perceptions of the European Union in Hungary. A Cultural Political Economy Approach', *CPS Working Paper Series*, 2017/8. <https://cps.ceu.edu/publications/working-paper/cohesion-policy-and-perceptions-european-union-hungary-cultural-political>
- 2017: Cantat, C. 'The Hungarian Border Spectacle: Migration, Repression and Solidarity in two Hungarian Border Cities', *CPS Working Paper Series*, 2017/3. <https://cps.ceu.edu/publications/working-paper/hungarian-border-spectacle-migration-repression-and-solidarity-two>
- 2016: Cantat, C. 'Rethinking Mobilities: Solidarity and Migrant Struggles Beyond Narratives of Crisis', *Intersections. East European Journal of Society and Politics*, vol. 2, n. 4. <https://intersections.tk.mta.hu/index.php/intersections/article/view/286>
- 2016: Cantat, C. 'La Hongrie: Chien de Garde de l'Europe', *Plein Droit*, 2016/4, No 111, pp. 19-24. <https://www.cairn.info/revue-plein-droit-2016-4-p-19.htm>
- 2016: Cantat, C. 'The ideology of Europeanism and Europe's migrant other', *International Socialism Journal*, 2016, Issue 152. <http://isj.org.uk/the-ideology-of-europeanism-and-europes-migrant-other/>
- 2015: Cantat, C. 'Narratives and counter-narratives of Europe. Constructing and contesting Europeanity', *Cahiers Mémoire et Politique*, 2015/3, pp. 3-30. <https://popups.uliege.be/2295-0311/index.php?id=138>
- 2015: Cantat, C. 'Contesting Europeanism: Solidarity with Migrants in the European Union.' *INTEGRIM Working Paper Series*, 2015/8. <http://www.integrim.eu/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/CANTAT-contesting-europeanism.pdf>
- 2013: Cantat, C. 'Contesting Europeanism: Migrant Solidarity Activism in the European Union.' In Esin, C. and Johanssen, J. L., Caroline and Schwartz, P. and Tamboukou, M. and Rashid, F. (eds.) *Crossing Conceptual Boundaries V*, London: University of East London, School of Law and Social Sciences, pp. 9-33. <http://roar.uel.ac.uk/3294/>

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## *Scientific communication*

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1. Speaker at workshop “‘Crise’ migratoire ? Quelle crise ? Analyse critique des usages discursifs de la notion de crise à l’heure d’une gouvernance post-humanitaire des migrations’, Fondation Maison des sciences de l’homme, Paris ; 29 Oct 2019
2. Speaker and organiser, roundtable ‘On engaged scholarship and the possibilities of solidarity’, CEU, 3 July 2019.
3. Presentation on ‘Espaces d’accueil informels et auto-organisés en Grèce, Serbie, et Hongrie’, EHESS, Paris, 20 June 2019.
4. Presentation on ‘Neoliberal marginalisation and the criminalisation of migration and solidarity in Hungary and Serbia’, Sussex University Migration Seminar Series, University of Sussex, 10 April 2019.
5. Speaker at international workshop of scholars and practitioners on ‘Exiles, Migrants, and Refugees from Syria: Imagined Homelands, Asylum, and Transnational Belongings’, NYU, Abu Dhabi, 25-26<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
6. Presentation on ‘The University, displaced students, and the possibility of solidarity, CEU OLIve Conference, CEU, Budapest, 21-22nd March 2019.
7. Keynote speaker ‘Neoliberal marginalisation and the criminalisation of migration and solidarity in Hungary and Serbia’, Winter school on Migration of the Netherlands Institute in Athens, 19-29 January 2019.
8. Presentation on ‘The politics of post-socialist transition and migration in Hungary’, international workshop on ‘The Politics of Migration Policy’, CERI/ Sciences Po and AFD, Paris, 17-18 December 2018.
9. Presentation on ‘Migration solidarity and criminalisation in Serbia and Hungary’, Migration Research Group, CEU, Budapest, 28 November 2018.
10. Keynote speaker and roundtable participant in conference ‘Contestation between forms of global justice’, Karl Polanyi Research Center for Global Social Studies and Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, 9-10 November 2018.
11. Presentation on ‘Urban neoliberalism, the institutionalisation of refugee aid and the taming of solidarity in Belgrade’, CEU CPS seminar, Budapest, 7 November 2018.
12. Panel organiser and speaker ‘Containment and excess: Techniques for the pacing of mobility, idioms and forms of resistance’, EASA Annual Conference, Stockholm, 14-17 August 2018.
13. Speaker at a roundtable ‘Taking stock of the 2015-2016 refugee migration towards Europe: what future for protection, belonging and citizenship?’ and panel participant on ‘Exploring possibilities of solidarity and challenges to humanitarianism – In response to the Mediterranean refugee and migration crisis’, IASFM 2018, Thessaloniki, 24-27 July 2018.
14. Semi-plenary invited speaker on ‘Managing relationships in research on Mediterranean migration’, IMISCOE Annual Conference, Barcelona, 2-4 July 2018.
15. Panel organiser / speaker ‘Making, Remaking, and Unmaking Refugees’, AAG Annual Conference, New Orleans, 10-14 April 2018.
16. Presentation on ‘The Politics of Migration Solidarity in Greece’, CEU CPS seminar, Budapest, 14 March 2018.
17. Keynote speaker on ‘Europe and its Others: The Figure of the Migrant in the Construction of the European Union’, Winter school on Migration of the Netherlands Institute in Athens, 18-28 January 2018.
18. Keynote speaker on ‘Migration Solidarity along the Balkan route’, Summer school on “Moving Frontiers”, University of Bologna, 12 September 2017.
19. Presentation on ‘The Politics of Negligence and Spectacle in the Government of Migrants in Hungary’, Migration Studies Annual Conference, Sussex University, 26-27 April 2017.
20. Presentation on ‘Solidarity movements with refugees and migrants in Hungary’ for public lecture ‘International migration – new challenges for Central and Eastern Europe’, International conference, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, 12 December 2016.

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21. Public presentation on 'The ideology of Europeanism and Europe's migrant other', international seminar, Karl Polanyi Network/ELTE, Budapest, 5 December 2016.
22. Organiser/speaker of a seminar for students of Sciences Po Urban School on 'Migration and Europeanity in the Hungarian Context', CEU, 12 November 2016.
23. Public presentation 'Migrants' and Pro-migrant Mobilisation in the EU' at public conference on 'Solidarity with Refugees in European Civil Society', 6 October 2016, Hungarian Academy of Science and Centre for Social Sciences.
24. Keynote speaker on "Europe and its Others: The Figure of the Migrant in the Construction of the European Union", Summer school on 'Rethinking Politics of Diversity', University of Rijeka, Croatia. 12-16 September 2016
25. Keynote speaker on 'Migrants' and solidarity mobilisation in European contexts: new actors, new struggles, new concepts', Réseau Migrations' Euro-African Summer School on Migration, Ibn Zohr University, Agadir, Morocco. 29 Aug. - 4 Sept. 2016.
26. Roundtable on 'How do recent migrant mobilities reshape European identities, the EU and its borders?', Sziget Festival/Museum of Ethnography of Budapest, 12 August 2016.
27. Presentation 'Between Humanitarianism, Memories of Exile and Political Activism: Migrant Solidarity in Hungary', Integrim Scribani International Conference, Deusto University, Bilbao. 6-8 July 2016.
28. Presentation 'Constructing Europeanness through migration: anti and pro migrant discourses in Hungary', International Workshop 'Common Marginalisations: Governing Migrants and Subaltern Populations', CEU, 24-26 May 2016.
29. Presentation on 'Migrant Solidarity in Hungary, CEU CPS seminar, Budapest, 6 April 2016.
30. Presenter and discussion at international conference 'Citizenship in Motion', MiReKoC, Koç University, Istanbul. 19 Nov. 2015.
31. Presentation on 'Contesting Europe from its borders? Pro-migrant Solidarity in the UE', International conference 'Scholarship and Social Sciences in a Global Era', University of East London, 9 Nov. 2015.
32. Presentation 'Narratives and Counter-narratives of Europe. Constructing and Contesting Europeanity', International Workshop 'A Narrative Turn in European Studies?', College of Europe, Bruges. 13 Oct. 2015.
33. Presentation "Questioning Europeanism: Migrant Solidarity Practices in the European Union", UACES 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Deusto University, Bilbao. 9 Sept. 2015.
34. Presentation on 'Europe and Europeanity in Question. Migrant Solidarity in the European Union', Symposium on 'Migration, Post-Coloniality, and the Question of Europe.' Warwick University, 9 July 2015.
35. Keynote speaker on 'Women in refugee camps: victims and agents of peace', UNESCO International Conference "The role of women in development and poverty alleviation". Paris. 28 June 2015.
36. Presentation on 'L'émergence de la notion de solidarité méditerranéenne dans les associations de défense des migrants dans l'Union Européenne', Journée d'étude sur 'L'espace au cœur des sciences sociales. Théorie et cas d'études', Journée d'étude, TELEMME, University Aix-Marseille, 27 May 2015.
37. Presentation on 'Narratives and Counter-Narratives of Europe within pro-migrant circles in the European Union', INTEGRIM Scientific meeting, University of Liège, 11 May 2015.
38. Presentation on 'Challenging borders, Contesting Europeanism: "Mediterranean solidarity" among pro-migrant groups in the EU.' International workshop 'The Mediterranean in Motion', University of Edinburg, 5 May 2015.
39. Presentation on 'Where is Europe? Who is European? Pro-migrant Activism in the European Union', INTEGRIM Scientific meeting, Central European University, Budapest, 9 Dec. 2014
40. Presentation on 'Staging the Border: the Case of Lampedusa', Migrinter seminar 'Borders as Concepts.' Poitiers, 12 Nov 2014.

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41. Presentation on 'Will History Repeat Itself? The case of Syrian Palestinians in the Light of the Experience of Palestinians in Iraq After the Invasion', at International Conference 'Iraq 10 years on: Conflicts, Migrations, Futures', American University of Cairo, 2-4 June 2013.

## ***Teaching & supervision***

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**2020:** Course on Global Mobility and Migration Governance, Master in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action, Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po.

**2019:** Co-director and teacher for a summer school on 'Conceptualising, Navigating and Representing the Field in Migration Studies', CEU, Budapest.

**2016-17:** Academic supervisor of ca. 10 students as part of CEU's OLIve Weekend and University Preparatory Programs.

**2016-17:** Academic skills and research methods in the social sciences (BA/MA level), CEU OLIve.

**2014-15:** MA level course on 'Informal Mobilities: Policies and Practices', Migrinter, Poitiers.

## ***Editorial activities***

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2020 (expected): Cantat, C.; I. M. Cook & P.K. Rajaram (eds.) *Opening Up the University: Teaching and Learning with Refugees*. Edited volume.

2019: Birey, T., Cantat, C., Maczynska, E. and Sevinin, E. (eds.) *Challenging the Political Across Borders: Migrant's and Solidarity Struggles*, Budapest: CEU CPS Book Series.

2018: Feischmidt, M., Pries, L. and Cantat, C. (eds.) (2018) *Refugee protection and Civil Society in Europe*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.

Reviewer for several academic journals, including *Migration Studies*, *Social Anthropology*, *Social Inclusion*, *Intersection*, *East European Journal of Society and Politics*, *Cultural Anthropology*...

## ***Organisation of international scientific events***

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1. Fifth Workshop of the Critical European Studies Association 'Reconfiguring global Europe: resistance, resilience, and organisation?', CEU, 11-13 May 2018.
2. Workshop on 'Refugee Protection and Civil Society', Hungarian Academy of Science/CEU/RUB, 4-5 May 2017.
3. Workshop on 'Challenging the Political Beyond and Across Borders: Possibilities and Tensions of Migrants' and Solidarity Struggles', CEU, 17-18 Nov. 2016.
4. Organising Committee of the INTEGRIM-Scribani Conference 'International Migration, Integration and Social Justice in Europe', Deusto University, Bilbao, 6-8 July 2016.
5. Organising Committee of 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of Migrinter, University of Poitiers, 'Thinking Migration to Rethink the World', 21-24 June 2016.
6. Organiser / chair at international workshop on 'Forced Migrations in the Middle East', Migrinter/CNRS and CERI/Sciences Po, 24 Sept. 2015.
7. Logistic Committee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Migration Research Network, Poitiers, 16-17 June 2015.
8. Organiser / speaker / chair, International Conference 'London - City of Paradox.' UEL, London, 3-5 April 2012.

## ***Non-academic publications***

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1. Cantat, C. (2019): Contribution to 'One Question: Open Borders' together with Sandro Mezzadra, Tithi Bhattacharya; Parvathi Raman; Paolo Novak; Alex Sager; Nandita Sharma among others.  
<https://stateofnatureblog.com/one-question-open-borders/>

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2. Cantat, C. (2018) 'Migration, repression and solidarity on the Greek Aegean Islands', Blog post, *Medium*, 9 April. <http://bit.ly/2JnXBdN>
3. Cantat, C. (2017) 'Mobilisations migrantes' In Migreurop (ed.) *Atlas des Migrants en Europe: Approche Critique des Politiques Migratoires*. Paris: Armand Colin. English translation published in June 2019 by Routledge: <https://www.routledge.com/The-Atlas-of-Migration-in-Europe-A-Critical-Geography-of-Migration-Policies/Migreurop/p/book/9781138392861>
4. Cantat, C. and Duraï, K. (2017) 'Les obstacles mis à l'entrée des Syriens sur le sol européen'. In Migreurop (ed.) *Atlas des Migrants en Europe: Approche Critique des Politiques Migratoires*. Paris: Armand Colin. (English translation published in June 2019 by Routledge: <https://www.routledge.com/The-Atlas-of-Migration-in-Europe-A-Critical-Geography-of-Migration-Policies/Migreurop/p/book/9781138392861>)
5. Cantat, C. (2016) 'Grande-Synthe, miroir des incohérences de l'Etat', *The Conversation*, 1<sup>st</sup> April. <https://theconversation.com/grande-synthe-miroir-des-incoherences-de-letat-57019>
6. Cantat, C. (2015) 'Migration struggles and the crisis of the European project.' *FocaalBlog*, 18 December. [www.focaalblog.com/2015/12/18/celine-cantat-migration-struggles-and-the-crisis-of-the-european-project](http://www.focaalblog.com/2015/12/18/celine-cantat-migration-struggles-and-the-crisis-of-the-european-project)
7. Cantat, C. and Lacroix, T. (2015) 'A Calais, un fiasco tres politique', *The Conversation*, 22 Sept. <https://theconversation.com/a-calais-un-fiasco-tres-politique-46633>
8. Collective article by researchers working in Calais (2015) 'L'histoire d'un bidonville aux frontières de l'Europe. Calais ou le grand déni d'humanité', *La Libre Belgique*, 21 August.
9. Cantat, C. and Clochard, O. (2015) 'L'Union européenne doit cesser d'être hostile à l'accueil des réfugiés', *Le Monde*, 28 April. [http://www.lemonde.fr/idees/article/2015/04/27/l-union-europeenne-doit-renoncer-a-son-hostilite-a-l-accueil-des-exiles\\_4623626\\_3232.html](http://www.lemonde.fr/idees/article/2015/04/27/l-union-europeenne-doit-renoncer-a-son-hostilite-a-l-accueil-des-exiles_4623626_3232.html).
10. Cantat, C. (2015) 'The Syrian Regime Is Responsible for the Crisis in Yarmouk & No One Is Talking About It', *Muftah*. <http://muftah.org/syrian-regime-responsible-crisis-yarmouk-one-talking/>.
11. Cantat, C. (2014) 'Palestinians in Syria Struggle for Bread and Agency', *Open Democracy*. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/arab-awakening/c%C3%A9line-cantat/palestinians-in-syria-struggle-for-bread-and-agency>.
12. Cantat, C. (2014) 'Libérer la Palestine, protéger les camps. Résistance du régime et résistance palestinienne', *Le Monde*. <http://syrie.blog.lemonde.fr/2014/11/21/liberer-la-palestine-et-protoger-les-camps-resistance-du-regime-et-resistance-palestinienne/#more-9123>.

### ***Selected Research and Development Consultancy Experience***

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**2011-2013:** Program Coordinator « Syria Relief Program », The Asfari Foundation, London, UK.

**2010-2011:** Researcher for a survey on Early Childhood Development and Care in Syria, Aga Khan Development Network/Brooking Institution/ UNICEF, Syria/Jordan.

**2009-2010:** Research Assistant / Consultant for UNRWA, Damascus, Syria – several outputs including a situational analysis of employment and socioeconomic condition of Palestinian Syrian youth, working paper on situation of Palestinians from Iraq in Damascus, Project evaluations, M&E reporting on healthcare project...

**2009:** Research and Project Assistant, Migrants' Rights Network, London, UK. Supported several projects related to migrants' rights advocacy.

**2007-2013:** Trust Assistant / Researcher / Trustee (Board member) for the Damask Rose Trust. Supported several development projects for marginalised social groups in Syria. Syria/UK.