

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Elena Soler

EDUCATION

2005 -PhD. Social Anthropology. University of Barcelona. Barcelona. Spain

Dissertation: "Milk kinship: the Pasiiega wet-nurse in 1830-1940 Spain" (Summa Cum Laude)

(Six months as a visiting Erasmus Scholar for PhD. research. Centre for Latin American Studies. Cambridge University, UK)

-MA and BA (Licenciatura 5 years). Social Anthropology Department. University of Barcelona

(Third undergraduate year at the Social Anthropology Department. Brunel University, London. UK (Erasmus Program).

ACADEMIC AWARDS

-2008. National Research Prize "Marqués de Lozoya". Project title: "Anthropology of milk kinship: the Pasiiega wet-nurse in Spain". Ministry of Culture of Spain. Madrid.

1998. Grant awarded by Winthertur Foundation for research project: "Cultural and Social construction of breastfeeding: Risk perception in child feeding during the XIXth and XXth centuries. Research group "Risk and Culture" PI. Prof. M^a Jesús Buxó. Social Anthropology Department. University of Barcelona, Barcelona.

SHORT TERM RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

-1-24 June 2019 Visiting Fellow. Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI) Location. Laboratory of Anthropology at the British Museum. London, UK.

-3 January to 16 February 2019. Visegrád Network (V4 Net) Visiting Fellow. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. Halle, Germany.

-6-30 January 2018 Visegrád Network (V4 Net) Visiting Fellow. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. Halle, Germany.

-6-30 June 2012. Visiting Fellow. Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI) Location. Laboratory of Anthropology at the British Museum. London, UK.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

-Since 2009 to 2019, Senior Lecturer. Charles University. Prague, CZ.

. Courses taught for UPCES-CERGE-EI Program. Faculty of Humanities:

Transitions in Central Europe: the Czech Lands (Spring/Fall 2018-present)

Collective Memory in Central Europe (Spring/Fall 2009-present)

Gender and Minorities in post Socialist Europe (Spring 2009-present)

.Courses taught for the Faculty of Arts and UJOP (CIEE Program):

Rise and Fall of European Totalitarianism (Fall/Spring 2017- present)

Anthropology of Czech Society and Culture (Fall /Spring 2009-present)

Psychologies of Transition (2018 Summer intensive course)

-2015-2019 Part-time Lecturer. University of New York in Prague (UNYP) Prague.

.Courses taught for the School of Communication & Media:

Introduction Social Anthropology

Introduction to Sociology

Central Europe and its transitions (one semester a year since 2018)

- 2010-2017 Part time lecturer. Anglo-American University, Prague.
Multiculturalism in Europe (only Spring terms)
- 2009-2019 tutor advisor of BA and MA thesis (Charles University and UNYP)
- 2007-2008. Associate part-timer professor. Temple University. College of Liberal Arts. Philadelphia, US.
- 2000-2001. Part-time Lecturer. Tourism and Public Relations. Formatic Barna School for higher university Studies (EUFB). Associate Centre to the University of Girona.
(Academic teaching evaluations until 2019 available upon request)

INVITED TALKS/RESEARCH SEMINARS

- 2nd May 2018. Milk kinship in Southern Europe: Breaking conceptual borders between reproduction (blood and genes) and nutrition (human milk). "SOCIOCON Conference Day: Bez Hranic/No Borders at Divadlo 29. Katedra of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Pardubice, Pardubice, CZ.
- 24th January 2018. Seminar: "Long term silences and nation building in Central Europe" Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. Halle, Germany (during my stay as a guest V4Net fellow).
- 23rd May 2016. The imaginary construction of the exiled Czech non-returnee: the case study of Milan Kundera. XI Slavonic Studies Seminar. Pompeu Fabra University (UPF) and the University Institute of Culture (IUC), Barcelona, Spain.
- 18th February 2016. The paradoxes of Multiculturalism in Europe. UPCES-CERGE-EI, Charles University and the Academy of Sciences, Prague, CZ.
- 7th November 2015. Procreation, shared substance and milk relatives in Southern Europe. International Simposium: "¿Parentalidad o parentesco? Perspectivas antropológicas e interdisciplinarias". Department of Anthropology, University Autònoma of Barcelona, Spain.
- 26th March.2014. Seminar: Human's milk. Reconsidering milk kinship in our understanding of family and kinship in Europe. Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI). London, UK.
- 13th January 2014. "The Velvet Divorce" The Czech Republic twenty years later. Conference: "The state of the world. Central Europe and its transitions". Delegation of the National Research Council (CSIC) in Catalonia, Barcelona. (Director and organizer of the Conference sessions which took place between 13 th to 30 th January)
- 30th January, 2014. Seminar: Anthropology of Central and Eastern Europe. Master of Anthropology and Ethnography. Department of Social Anthropology. University of Barcelona, Barcelona.Spain
- 22nd December 2011. Breast-feeding and kinship. Department of Social Anthropology. University of Barcelona, Barcelona,Spain.
- 15th December 2011. Salaried lactation and motherhood: the Pasiega wet-nurse. Aula Interdisciplinar Isabel Torres de Estudio de las Mujeres y el Género. University of Cantabria, Santander, Spain.
- 10th May 2011. The cultural imaginary of wet-nursing in Spain. Debate with Prof. J. Opatrný. Cervantes Institute, Prague, CZ.
- 30th April 2011. The literary imaginary of wet-nursing in Spain during the XIXth and XXth centuries. IPLP-UJOP. Charles University, Prague, CZ.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2019.From a ruin "silencedscape" to a "contestedscape" and a "memoriescape": Lety Roma Concentration camp in the Nazi time of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia" at " The Place of Memory and the Memory of Place" International Conference organised by the London Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on 22-23 June at St Anne's College, University of Oxford.
- 2019. Surrogacy, wet-nursing and milk banks: new theoretical insights into the study of milk kinship. SIEF International Conference, University of Santiago, Santiago de Compostela, Spain 14-17th April.
- 2018. The split of Czechoslovakia and the Catalan call for Independence/ La disolució de Checoslovaquia y las aspiraciones independentistas catalanas en España. Conference: "España y Europa del Este: miradas reciprocas (siglos XVI-XXI)". University of Warsaw, Poland. 18-20 October.
- 2018.Nation building and long term silencing in Central Europe.EASA Conference: "Satying, Moving, Settling" University of Stockholm, Stockholm. 14-17 August.
- 2018. Brotherhood (bratrství) and sentiments of belonging in the Centenary of the birth of Czechoslovakia. The First Visegrád Conference: "Visegrád belongings: Freedoms, Responsibilities and Everyday dilemmas".

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, 7-8 June.

-2017. The Roma genocide: The remembrance controversial site at Lety camp in the Czech Republic. Conference: "Cycles of Commemoration. Forced Labour in Europe during World War II". EVZ and Willy Brandt Zentrum at the University of Wrocław, Wrocław, Poland. (Travel Grant by the Willy Brandt Foundation) 27-30 September.

-2016. Wet nurses and surrogate mothers. Ambiguity in the construction of motherhood? An old and contemporary dilemma. Conference of the Czech Association for Social Anthropology (CASA), Charles University. Prague, 1 October.

-2016. Milk banks, milk kinship and Islam. Food restrictions among the Child population in Barcelona. II International Conference AIBR: "Identity: Bridges, Thresholds and Barriers" University of Barcelona, Barcelona. 6-9 September.

-2015. Milk Kinship and fragmented motherhood. An Anthropological reflection. I International Conference AIBR: "Human being: culture, origins and destinies". University Autònoma of Madrid. 7-10 July.

-2013. Parientes de leche en la monarquía borbónica en España/Milk relatives in the Borbonic monarchy in Spain. Conference: Familias e individuos: Patronos de modernidad y cambio social siglos XVII-XIX. University of Murcia, Murcia, Spain. 12-14 December.

-2013. Milk: the forgotten symbol of Family and Kinship. IUAES: "Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds". The University of Manchester. 5-10 August.

-2013. Wet-nurses & Surrogate mothers: fragmented motherhood?: An old and contemporary dilemma. IUAES: "Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds". The University of Manchester. 5-10 August.

-2013. Museums and Emotions in Post-Socialist Europe". International Conference: "Still Post-Socialism? Cultural Memory and Social Transformation". Kazan Federal University, Kazan, Russia (Open Society Foundation travel grant). 19-20 April.

-2011. Communist museums as sites of memory in XXI century Europe. "XI Congress of European Culture". Carlemany Institut of European Studies, International University of Catalunya, Barcelona. 27-29 October.

-2007. Milk kinship and social mobility. International Conference: "Family and Social Organization in Europe and America XV-XX c". University of Murcia, Spain. 12-14 December.

-2006. Benefits and risks of breastfeeding. A reflection from applied anthropology". International Congress of Applied Anthropology, University of Cantabria and Botín Foundation, Santander, Spain. 13-15 December.

PUBLICATIONS

- Soler, E. (2011) *Lactancia y parentesco. Una mirada antropológica/Lactation and kinship. An Anthropological perspective*. Anthropos ed. Barcelona.

(Book review by Dr. Martine Segalen at the Revue Ethnologie –française, 2015:

<https://www.cairn.info/revue-ethnologie-francaise-2015-3>)

CO-EDITED VOLUMES

-Soler. E y Calvo. L (eds.). (2016). L. *Transiciones Culturales. Perspectivas desde Europa Central y del Este/Cultural transitions. Perspectives from Central and Eastern Europe*. Madrid: Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC)

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Soler, E (2019). "Procreación y sustancia compartida en el Sur de Europa/Procreation and shared substance in Southern Europe. *AIBR. Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana*. Vol 14, 441-462

- Soler, E (2018). "La construcción del imaginario del emigrante checo no retornado: Milan Kundera/The construction of non-returned Czech emigres: Milan Kundera" *Mundo Eslovo*, 17, 219-234

- Soler.E (2017). Bancos de leche, parentesco de leche e Islam. Restricciones alimentarias entre la población infantil en Barcelona/Milk Banks, milk kinship and Islam. Food restrictions among the child population in Barcelona. In Masso Guijarro, Ester: Mamar: mythos y lógos sociales sobre la lactancia humana. *DILEMATA. Revista Internacional de Éticas Aplicadas*, Nº 25, 109-119

PEER-REVIEWED CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- Soler, E (2017). Parientes de leche a partir de ordenanzas reales en la monarquía borbónica en España/Milk relatives from Royal Ordinances in the Borbonic monarchy. In Chacón, F (ed.) *Escenarios de familia: trayectorias, estrategias y pautas culturales, siglos XIX-XX*. Editum: Ediciones de la Universidad de Murcia,
- Soler. E y Calvo, L (2016). Introducción In Soler y Calvo (eds) *Transiciones Culturales. Perspectivas desde Europa Central y del Este*. Madrid: Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC)
- Soler. E (2016). "The Velvet Divorce". Un viaje hacia la construcción de la identidad nacional checa. In Soler y Calvo (eds) *Transiciones Culturales. Perspectivas desde Europa Central y del Este*. Madrid: Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC)
- Soler, E, (2010). "Parentesco de leche y movilidad social. La nodriza pasiega/Milk Kinship and social mobility. The pasiega wet-nurse " in. Levi, Giovanni (ed.) *Familias, Jeraquización y movilidad social*. University of Castilla La Mancha, Murcia

OTHERS

- Soler, E (2013). "Nodrizas, madres y hermanos de leche en España/wet-nurses, mothering and milk siblings in Spain" *AFIN* Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona
- Soler, E (2011) El imaginario literario de la nodriza en España/The literary imagery of wet-nursing in Spain *Boletín AUS-APE*

MEMBERSHIP

- .Iberoamerican Anthropology Association (AIBR)
- .Royal Anthropological Institute (RAI) London, UK
- .European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
- . Since 9th October 2017, member of the Visegrád Anthropology Network (V 4 Net). Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany. (Dir. Prof. Chris Hann)

RESEARCH INTEREST:

- . Nation building and long-term silences (ing) in Central and Eastern Europe (currently working on a book)
- . Rise and Fall of totalitarianism in Europe.
- . Processes of Europeanization, transnationalism and globalization in Post-Socialist contexts.
- . Milk kinship and Family Studies in Cross Cultural & Historical Perspective.

OTHER PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- .-Teacher of Social Studies in Secondary Education (AP courses) in the United States under an exchange teaching program between the Ministry of Education of Spain and the Philadelphia School District in Pennsylvania (3 years),and the Roswell Independent School District in New Mexico (3 years).