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**EDUCATION**

2011 PhD in Urban and Territorial Planning

Technical University of Bari, Italy

2004 MSc in Management Engineering

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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

2015-now Researcher, Lecturer

Faculty of Geography, Department of Human Geography, University of Latvia, Latvia

2019 Visiting Professor

University of Rome Tor-Vergata, Italy

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University Grenoble-Alpes, France

2018 Visiting Lecturer

St.Petersburg State University, Russian Federation

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National University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russian Federation

2014 Lecturer

Riga Graduate School of Law, Latvia

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LLC TCDC, Riga, Latvia

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Department of Architecture and Urban Studies, Technical University of Bari, Italy

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Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Latvia

2005-2006 Junior researcher

Laboratory for Knowledge Management, Technical University of Bari, Italy

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**SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS**

Project “A rare urban heritage: identity, preservation, and geography of social change in Latvian small industrial towns’’ (project no. LZP-2022/1-0269), Latvian State Research Programme, 2023-2025 (ongoing). (Lead project participant).

Project ‘’Cutting-edge knowledge and solutions to study demographic and migration processes for the development of Latvian and European society’’ (project no. VPP-LETONIKA-2021/4- 0002),Latvian State Research Programme “Letonika — Fostering a Latvian and European Society’’, 2021-2023. (Researcher).

Project ‘’Towards sustainable development and inclusive society in Latvia: response to demographic and migration challenges (DEMOMIG)’’ (project no. VPP-IZM-2018/1-0015),Latvian State Research Program “Latvian heritage and future challenges for the country's sustainability’’, 2018-2021. (Lead Researcher).

Project ‘’Spatial spring’’, funded by Viegli Foundation, Riga, Latvia, 2016. (Researcher).

Horizon 2020-funded project “Youth mobility: maximising opportunities for individuals, labour markets and regions in Europe (YMOBILITY)” (Grant agreement ID: 649491), 2015-2018. (Researcher).

Project ‘’Smart development strategy for Riga Planning Region: assessment and guidelines’’. EU cohesion fund-funded project. 2014-2015. (Expert).

Project“Reviving sustainable urban & rural Latvian towns (RESULT)”funded by the EEA-Norway grants scheme, 2014-2015. (Expert).

Project“Development of Conceptual Integrated Model of Socioeconomic Biodiversity Pressures, Drivers and Impact for the Long-Term Socioecological Research Platform of Latvia’’ funded by the Latvian Council of Sciences, 2013. (Researcher).

Project“Ecourb – Analysis and models of air and heat pollution for ecolabeling urban systems” funded by INTERREG, Apulia Regional Administration and Technical University of Bari, Italy, 2011-2012. (Researcher).

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Lang T, Burneika D, Noorkõiv R, Plüschke-Altof B, Pociūtė-Sereikienė G, Sechi G. (2022) Socio-spatial polarisation and policy response: Perspectives for regional development in the Baltic States. *European Urban and Regional Studies* 29(1):21-44. doi:10.1177/09697764211023553.

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**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

(Levels: A1 and A2: basic user; B1 and B2: independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user)

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| **Mother tongue:** | Italian | | | | |
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| **Other languages:** | UNDERSTANDING | | SPEAKING | | WRITING |
| Listening | Reading | Spoken interaction | Spoken production |  |
| English | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 |
| Russian | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 |
| Latvian | B1 | B2 | B2 | B1 | B1 |
| French | B1 | B1 | B1 | B1 | B1 |
| Spanish | B1 | B1 | B1 | B1 | A2 |