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## In Brief

Selma Muhič Dizdarevič is a graduate of the Faculty of Arts, University of Belgrade. She defended her doctoral thesis entitled *“Immigration and Integration Policies of the European Union and the Czech Republic and their Relation to the Civil Society Organizations and Other Relevant Stakeholders in the Czech Republic”* at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University. She has supervised dozens of diploma theses. From September 2010 until September 2012 she served as the Department Head.

She also served as a member of the Academic Senate at the Faculty of Humanities, Charles University.

She focuses on organized civil society and public immigration and integration policy, the theory of multiculturalism, the history of human rights and the phenomenon of extreme social exclusion.

She was the principal investigator or coinvestigator of GAUK projects and a number of international projects, including “Combating Social Exclusion among Young Homeless Populations” funded under the 7th Framework Programme of the EU.

She is a member of the International Sociological Association, Association for the Study of Nationalism and a member of the board of the Czech Helsinki Committee, a nongovernmental organization focused on human rights. There, she also served as the Executive Director in 2009-2010.

In the period from 2015 to 2016 she was a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley v USA on a Fulbright.

Currently, she is a member of the CR Government Council for Sustainable Development.

Invited lectures:

- London Metropolitan University, “Young Czech Homeless People and Social Work with Them” – March 2010
- Sabanci University in Istanbul, “Transformation of the Czech Civil Society after the Velvet Revolution” – May 2012
- University of Zagreb (Croatia), Faculty of Law: “Czech Social Policy for the Vulnerable Groups”- April 2012
- University of Tel Aviv, The Gershon H. Gordon Faculty of Social Sciences: “Czech Roma Public Policy” – March 2011

Research activities:

1. The SEiSMiC project (Societal Engagement in Science, Mutual Learning in Cities), SEiSMiC is one of two FP7-funded actions that will support JPI Urban Europe between November 2013 and November 2016. Funded by the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union.
2. Combating social exclusion among young homeless populations (CSEYHP): a comparative investigation of homeless paths among local white, local ethnic group and migrant young men and women and appropriate reinsertion methods. This three-year research project was funded by the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union. **2008-2011**
3. Precarious work amongst students in Europe (PRECSTUDE), a seven-country study. Financed by the European Commission. 2011-2012
4. Support for employment and self-employment of women from the traditional Muslim communities in the Czech Republic. Financed by the European Social Fund. 2013-2015
5. Research on the Status of Romani Women in the Czech Republic, financed by the Open Society Roma Initiatives. 2014
6. Qualitative research of the students, their parents and teachers from the 2<sup>nd</sup> level primary education in Prague regarding the question of the multicultural assistant. 2012
7. Multicultural Consultant – Educational Liaison Officer to support Children and Young People from ethnic minorities and immigrant communities in statutory education and non-statutory VET, financed by Leonardo Da Vinci Partnership Project. 2012
8. Civic Participation and Representation of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in the EU, financed by the Austrian Ministry of Culture. 2006-2008
9. The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Integration of Minorities in the Czech Republic, financed by the Grant Agency of the Charles University. 2005-2007
10. Equal Opportunities for Men and Women on Decision-making Positions and in Politics, financed by the European Social Fund. 2007
11. Hybrid Information Delivery for Academics and Practitioners in the Field of Forced Migration in Central and Eastern Europe. 2003-2005