**Investigating the social world through genealogy**

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Genealogy is the study of family origins and history. In my presentation, I would like to explain how genealogy works, the nitty gritty of this practice and how it can be useful in studying and exploring social phenomena. Genealogy can provide valuable insight into race, social mobility and international migration. It can also be useful when we want to study family dynamics. The presentation will outline the starting points for research, the types of records used, where they could be found, and the methodology. It will also provide information on the most common challenges and pitfalls.

Millie Milinova started working as a genealogist 7 years ago. Millie went into the field without knowing what genealogy is and what it does. Genealogy broadened our understanding of family origins. It made us curious not only about our own family, but also about the family as a unit. Throughout Millie’s career, Millie has come across various stories about family fallouts, crime, war and immigrationand inspires her to continue to grow that knowledge and improve my research skills.