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**Education:**

2021 (expected)      **PhD Sociology**, University of Iowa, Iowa City;  
  
Dissertation: Gender, Status, and Emotions in Space Analog Environments;  
Committee: Alison Bianchi (Chair), Sarah Harkness, Michael Sauder,  
Yungren Shi, James Driskell;  
Area Exams: Social Psychology, Sociology of Outer Space;  
  
2016                    **MA Sociology**, University of Iowa, Iowa City;  
2014                    **MA Nationalism Studies**, Central European University, Budapest;  
2008                    **BA Information and Communication**, University of Klaipeda, Klaipeda.

**Professional Development:**

2020                    Graduate Certificate in Information Science, University of Iowa;  
2017                    Exploratory Data Mining Via SEARCH Strategies. ICPSR Summer Program,  
University of Michigan;  
2014                    Caucasus Studies, University of Malmo.

**Research Interests:**

Group processes, sociology of emotions, sociology of outer space, quantitative methods.

**Research Experience:**

2019 – 2021           **Research Assistant**, The Center for the Study of Group Processes, University of Iowa. The Connection Between Sentiments and Social Status, PI Alison Bianchi;  
  
2016 – current        **Lab Manager**, The Center for the Study of Group Processes, University of Iowa  
  
2019                    **Research Assistant**, University of Iowa, Tippie College of Business. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion project. Focus group analysis;  
  
2017                    **Research Assistant**, University of Iowa, Department of Sociology. SERU survey data analysis;

**Teaching Assistantship:**

Spring 2019           Introduction to Sociology (Jennifer Haylett)  
Fall 2018            Introduction to Sociology (Jennifer Haylett)  
Spring 2018           Social Psychology of Small Groups (Alison Bianchi)  
Fall 2017            Research Methods (Alison Bianchi)  
Spring 2017           Introduction to Criminology (Micheila Ruppert)  
Fall 2016            Introduction to Sociology (Michael Lovaglia)  
Spring 2016           Gender and Society (Sarah Harkness)

Fall 2015

Introduction to Sociology (online) (Michael Lovaglia)

### **Selected Professional Experience**

- 2014                    **Digital Ethnographer**, Edgeryders, UK. Part of the developer team for an open source online ethnography tool that brings together qualitative text analysis and quantitative network approach.
- 2006-2015           **Journalist**, newspapers and news websites in Lithuania and Georgia; full time and freelance. English-language outlets: Democracy and Freedom Watch, Open Democracy Russia, The Conway Bulletin, Caucasus Analytical Digest

### **Academic Publications and Presentations:**

#### **Book chapter:**

Bruch, Sarah K., Inga Popovaite, Elizabeth Felix, and Matthew Anson. "Patterns and Impacts of Racial and International Student Disparities in Experiences of Campus Climate, Academic Support, and Financial Conditions" in *Evaluating Campus Climate at U.S. Research Universities: Opportunities for Diversity and Inclusion*. Palgrave MacMillan 2018

#### **Presentations:**

Inga Popovaite. "Gendered Coworking Networks in MDRS Mars Simulations". Poster presentation at Space Science in Context Conference. Online, 2020.

Inga Popovaite. "Men are for Mars? Gender and Status in Space Analog Environments". Presentation at the MSS Annual Meeting. Omaha, 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19)

Inga Popovaite. "Data science for Mars". Presentation at the 22<sup>nd</sup> International Mars Society Convention. Los Angeles, 2019.

Inga Popovaite "Automated text processing to study group behavior". Presentation at the Python Convention Lithuania. Vilnius, 2019.

Vasi, Bogdan Ion, Sara Rynes-Weller, Bradley Mecham, Inga Popovaite "Making sense of sustainability: Justification and transparency in oil and gas companies' corporate social responsibility strategies". Presentation at the 35th EGOS Colloquium. Edinburgh, 2019.

Inga Popovaite "Men are for Mars? Gender in space analog facilities" Presentation at the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Jakobsen memorial conference. Iowa City 2019.

Inga Popovaite. "Using Structural Social Psychology to Study Mixed-Gender Group Processes in Isolation". Presentation at the 21<sup>st</sup> International Mars Society Convention. Pasadena 2018.

Vasi, Bogdan Ion, Edward T. Walker and Inga Popovaite. "Impression Management in Times of Crisis. Organizational Images and the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill". Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the ASA 2018.

Inga Popovaite. “Georgian Muslim Women: Strangers in their Own Country”. Presentation at the Study of Nationalities Annual World Convention. New York City, 2016.

Inga Popovaite and Benjamin Renoust “At the Edge of the future: Nowcasting amongst citizen experts for action-oriented foresight”. Presentation at the International Conference on Future-Oriented Technology Analysis. Brussels, 2014

Inga Popovaite “Ethnicity and National Identity in Right-Wing Populist Rhetoric in 2012 Lithuanian Parliamentary Elections”. Presented at the European Convention of the Association for the Study of Nationalities. Budapest, 2014.

Inga Popovaite “Religiosity Patterns of Minority and Majority Religious Groups in Armenia and Georgia”. Presented at the International Symposium on Identity. Baku, 2014.

### **Selected invited talks and lectures:**

*Next Destination – Mars*. Invited speaker at What’s Next 2020 conference. Vilnius, 2020 (canceled due to COVID-19)

Guest lecturer in Dr. Alison Bianchi’s Research Methods. “Participant Observation”. University of Iowa, 2019

Guest lecturer in Dr. Alison Bianchi’s *Social Psychology of Small Groups* course, University of Iowa. “Men are for Mars? Gender in space analog facilities”, 2019

Guest lecturer in Dr. Jennifer Haylett’s *Introduction to Sociology*, University of Iowa. “Work and economy”, 2019

*National Identity and Ethnic Threat Perception in Russia*. Invited speaker at the Ilia State University. Tbilisi, 2017

*Blogging and website building tutorial*. Reoccurring workshop for students enrolled in the Capstone course. University of Iowa. 2018- current.

### **Selected Other Publications:**

Popovaite, Inga (2020). “Coronavirus quarantine could provide lessons for future space travel on how regular people weather isolation”. *The Conversation*, April 20. Available at <https://theconversation.com/coronavirus-quarantine-could-provide-lessons-for-future-space-travel-on-how-regular-people-weather-isolation-134762>

Popovaite, Inga (2020). “What the 2010s taught us about women in space”. *SpaceNews*, January 14. Available at <https://spacenews.com/what-the-2010s-taught-us-about-women-in-space/> .

Popovaite, Inga (2016) “Sunni and Shia Muslims in Georgia: a Societal Margin in Motion?”. *Caucasus Analytical Digest* No 81. Available at [https://css.ethz.ch/content/specialinterest/gess/cis/center-for-securities-studies/en/publications/cad/cad-all-issues-and-articles/details.html?id=/n/o/8/1/no\\_81\\_religious\\_minoritiesnr\\_81\\_religiou](https://css.ethz.ch/content/specialinterest/gess/cis/center-for-securities-studies/en/publications/cad/cad-all-issues-and-articles/details.html?id=/n/o/8/1/no_81_religious_minoritiesnr_81_religiou) .

Popovaite, Inga (2015) “Radicalization in Georgia: a self-fulfilling prophesy?” Open Democracy, October 23. Available at <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/odr/radicalisation-in-georgia-self-fulfilling-prophecy/> .

Popovaite, Inga (2015) “Lithuania needs to listen to its Poles before Russia does”. Open Democracy, June 19. Available at <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/can-europe-make-it/lithuania-needs-to-listen-to-its-poles-before-kremlin-does/>.

Popovaite, Inga (2015) “Georgian Muslims are strangers in their own country”. Open Democracy, March 5. Available at <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/odr/georgian-muslims-are-strangers-in-their-own-country/>.

### **Fellowships, Grants, Awards:**

2021	Dissertation Writing Fellowship. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Iowa.
2020	Graduate Student Research Award. Department of Sociology&Criminology, University of Iowa. Research Award. Midwest Sociological Society. Summer Fellowship. Graduate College, University of Iowa.
2019	Graduate Student Travel Award. Graduate College, University of Iowa.
2018	Digital Scholarship & Publishing Studio Fellowship. Graduate College, University of Iowa. Graduate Student Travel Award. Graduate College, University of Iowa. Graduate Student Travel Award. Department of Sociology, University of Iowa.
2017	Graduate Student Travel Award. Department of Sociology, University of Iowa. Summer School Scholarship. ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan.
2016	Graduate Student Travel Award. Department of Sociology, University of Iowa.
2014	Graduate Thesis Research Grant, Central European University. Graduate Student Travel Award, Central European University.
2013	Alumni Scholarship. Central European University.

### **Skills:**

Computer Languages / Software:	Python, R, SQL, C++, STATA
Languages:	Lithuanian (native), Russian, Georgian

### **Journal Reviewer:**

Nations and Nationalism.

### **Service:**

2020-2021	Coordinating Committee of the University of Iowa Graduate Student Union (COGS)
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2018-2019	Coordinating Committee of the University of Iowa Graduate Student Union (COGS) Graduate Student Employment Committee Social and Education Science Representative at the Graduate and Professional Student Government
2016-2019	Senator at the Graduate Student Senate
2015-2017	Communications Committee of the Department of Sociology

#### **Professional Affiliations:**

Midwest Sociological Society  
American Sociological Association

## References:

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