



Dr Irma Budginaitė-Mačkinė (social sciences, sociology, Vilnius University) has more than ten years of research experience in migration and family sociology, participated in four international and seven national scientific projects, implemented 20 national and international applied research and evaluations, five of which she led. In 2023, she became the coordinator of two international projects in Lithuania: ‘Non-Western migration regimes in a global perspective’ (MARS, financed by Horizon MSCA) and ‘Solution of Erasmus+ mobility inclusion and diversity challenges at the higher education level’ (Inclusion+, financed by EACEA). She actively participates in international associations, is a member of the board of the research network RN13 of the European Sociological Association, and a member of HROMADA network migration group. Dr Irma Budginaitė-Mačkinė represents Lithuania in COST networks connecting researchers interested in transnational families (COST TraFaDy) and international student mobility (COST ENIS), contributed to the creation and development of other international networks of experts and academics. Together with her co-authors, she has published a total of 18 publications, ten of which are in publications indexed in the Web of Science, including such prestigious journals as *Journal of Ethnic and Migration*, *Sociological Review*, *Sociological Research Online* among others. The scientific study ‘Implementation of return policy in Lithuania: experts on challenges and ways to overcome them’ (2019) prepared with the co-authors Irena Juozeliūnienė ir Indre Bielevičiūtė was recognized the best applied work of that year at Vilnius University. The publication ‘The ambiguous lives of ‘the other whites’: class and racialisation of Eastern European migrants in the UK’ (2022), co-authored with Dominika Blachnicka-Ciacek, was included in the Sociological Review's list of best recommended publications published in 2022. As a research fellow, she has visited four universities and research centres abroad, presented more than 20 oral presentations at international scientific events abroad.

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