

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

2003- **Researcher**

Baltic Studies Centre, Riga, Latvia

Social research:

Preparation of research project proposals.

Organisation and management of research projects.

Implementation of social research, including international and comparative research (development of theoretical framework and methodology, data gathering and analysis).

Formulation of policy and practice recommendations.

Preparation of reports and publications.

Dissemination activities.

2010- **Free-lance researcher and consultant**

France

Social research and consultation on social processes

2011-2013 **Researcher**

Institute of Mathematics and Informatics, University of Latvia

Social network analysis

2005-2008 **Scientific assistant**

Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Latvia

Social research:

Organisation of research projects;

Implementation of social research, including international and comparative research (development of theoretical framework and methodology, data gathering and analysis);

Formulation of policy recommendations;

Writing reports and publications.

1999-2005 **Scientific assistant**

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Latvia

Social research:

Organisation of research project;

Implementation of social research, including international and comparative research (development of theoretical framework and methodology, data gathering and analysis);

Formulation of policy recommendations;

Writing reports.

EDUCATION

- 2011 Dr.soc. in rural sociology at the University of Latvia, Faculty of Social Sciences.
PhD thesis „Rural innovation: construction of new development practices. Case of organic agriculture.”
- 2000 MA Soc. at the University of Latvia, Faculty of History and Philosophy, Department of Sociology.
- 1998 BA Soc. at the Latvia Academy of Agriculture, Department of Sociology of Culture.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Latvian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	C1	C1	C1	C1	B2
Russian	B2	B2	B1	B1	A2

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Scientific expertise Sustainable agriculture, rural and regional development, food networks, innovation and learning networks, social networks.

Organisational / managerial skills Organisation and management of social research projects
Team leadership

Job-related skills International team work experience
Producing scientific, policy- and practice-oriented papers
Good communication and presentation skills

Computer skills Good command of Microsoft Office™ tools

Driving licence B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

Tisenkopfs, T., Š. Šūmane, I. Kunda, I. Pilvere, S. Zēverte Rivža, I. Stokmane (2015) Resilience of small-scale farms in Latvia (In Latvian: Latvijas mazo saimniecību dzīvotspēja). Baltic Studies Center, LLU. SIA Jelgavas tipogrāfija.

Tisenkopfs, T., I. Kunda, S. Šūmane, G. Brunori, L. Klerkx, H. Moschitz and G. Berti (2015) Learning and Innovation in Agriculture and Rural Development: The Use of the Concepts of Boundary Work and Boundary Objects. *The Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension*.

Šūmane S., M. Grīviņš and T. Tisenkopfs (2014) *AKIS and advisory services in Latvia*. Report for the AKIS inventory (WP3) of the PRO AKIS project [online: resource: www.proakis.eu/publicationsandevents/pubs]

Tisenkopfs, T., I. Kunda and S. Šūmane (2014) Learning as issue framing in agricultural innovation networks, *The Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension*, 20 (3): 309-326.

Tisenkopfs, T., I. Kovach, M. Lostak and S. Šūmane (2010) Rebuilding and failing collectivity: Specific challenges for farmers marketing initiatives in post-socialist countries. *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food*, 18 (1): 70-88.

Šūmane, S. (2010) From organic farmer networking to organic knowledge system. I. Darnhofer and M. Grötzer (eds.) *Building Sustainable Rural Futures. The Added Value of Systems Approaches in Times of Change and Uncertainty*. The Proceedings of the 9th European IFSA Symposium. Vienna: University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences. ISBN 978-3-200-01908-9. **pp.** 692-702.

Šūmane, S. (2008) Contribution of EU rural development research to Latvian sociology (Eiropas Savienības lauku attīstības pētījumu ieguldījums Latvijas socioloģijā). *Latvijas Universitātes Raksti*, 736 "Socioloģija. Socioloģijai Latvijā 40", Rīga: LU Akadēmiskais apgāds, pp. 148.-159.

Šūmane, S. (2006) Daily mobility and quality of life: Mobility as daily life practice (Ikdienas pārvietošanās un dzīves kvalitāte: mobilitāte kā ikdienas dzīves prakse). In: B. Bela and T. Tisenkopfs (eds.) *Dzīves kvalitāte Latvijā*. Rīga: Zinātne, pp. 319.-338.

Tisenkopfs, T. and S. Šūmane (2006) A visionary and capable leader. In: D. Roep and H. Wiskerke (eds.) *Nourishing Networks. Fourteen Lessons about Creating Sustainable Food Supply Chains*. Reed Business Information, pp.79-90.

Tisenkopfs, T. and S. Šūmane (2004) Rural community initiatives in the Latvian countryside. Ilkka Alanen (ed.) *Mapping Rural Problematics in the Baltic*. London: Ashgate, pp. 219-247.

Tisenkopfs, T. and S. Šūmane (2004) Communication processes in Latvian rural community development (Komunikācijas procesi Latvijas lauku kopienu attīstībā). *Latvijas Universitātes Raksti*, 663 "Politika un socioloģija", Rīga: Zinātne, pp.183-207.

Kalniņa, A. and S. Šūmane (2003) Attitudes towards EU enlargement processes in Latvia. *Humanities and Social Sciences in Latvia. Political and Social Risks in Latvia*. 1(38)/2003.

Research projects

- 2016-2020 Small farms, small food businesses and sustainable food security (SALSA), H2020 GA 677363
- 2015-2019 Sustainable finance for sustainable agriculture and fisheries (SUFISA), H 2020-SFS-2014-2. Grant Agreement 635577 <http://sufisa.eu/>
- 2014-2015 *Assessment of the impact of drivers of change on Europe's food and nutrition security* (TRANSMANGO), EC 7th FP project KBBE.2013.2.5-01.
- 2015 *Sociology of consumers*, R&D project of *Estimages*
- 2013-2016 RURAGRI ERA-NET project *Rethinking the links between farm modernisation, rural development and resilience in a world of increasing demands and finite resources* (RETHINK).
- 2011-2013 *Knowledge brokerage to promote sustainable food consumption and production: linking scientists, policymakers and civil society organizations* (Foodlinks), EC 7FP project. Contract No. 265287, ENV.2010.4.2.3-3
- 2011-2013 *Visualisation and analytical tool of dynamic networks*. Project of ERDF National programme "Entrepreneurship and innovations", Activity 2.1.1.1. „Support to science and research”.
- 2011-2014 *Agricultural knowledge systems in transition: Towards a more effective and efficient support of learning and innovation networks for sustainable agriculture* (SOLINSA) EC 7FP project. Contract No. CT KBBE-2010-4-266306
- 2010 *Contemporary trends in sociological research*, R&D project of *Estimages*.
- 2008 *Foreign researchers in Latvia: facilitating and hampering factors of geographical mobility*, research project of Latvia Researchers Mobility Centre.
- 2007-2008 *Strengthening Innovation Processes for Growth and Development* (IN-SIGHT), EC 6FP project. Contract No. SSP-2005-44510.
- 2006 *Strengthening International Research on Geographical Indications: From Research Foundation to Consistent Policy* (SINER-GI), EC 6FP project.
- 2005-2008 *Encouraging Collective Farmers Marketing Initiatives* (COFAMI), EC 6FP project. No SSPE-CT-2005-006541
- 2004-2005 *Woman towards Leadership in Business and Agriculture*, EU Community Framework Strategy on Gender Equality project, funded by the EC and Norway Social Research Institute.
- 2004-2005 *Multagri. Capitalisation of Research Results on the Multifunctionality of Agriculture and Rural Areas*, EC FP5 Project (Specific Support Action), Contract No. GOCE-CT-2003-505297, subcontractor to the University of Helsinki.
- 2004 UNDP Latvia project *Strengthening Institutional Capacity for Implementation of EU Structural Funds of the Government of Latvia*.
- 2004-2006 *Marketing Sustainable Agriculture: An analysis of the Potential Role of New Food Supply Chains in Sustainable Rural Development* (SUS-CHAIN), EU FP5 Project, Contract No. QLK5-CT-2002-01349.
- 2003-2005 *Integrated Development of Agricultural and Rural Institutions in CEE Countries*. EC 5FP project.
- 2002-2004 *TRUC – Transformation of Rural Communications*, EC 5FP project.
- 2002-2003 *Informational Spaces and Spaces between Information*, funded by the EC and University of Latvia.
- 2000–2003 *Rural Partnership Programme*, funded by *British Department for International Development*.
- 2000 Research project on agricultural reform and its socio-economic and psychological consequences in the Baltic countries. Funded by *the Finnish Academy*.
- 1999-2000 *Making Agriculture Sustainable: Role of Farmers Networking and Institutional Strategies* (MAS), EC 4 FP project, Contract No IC 20CT-97035.

- Conferences 2016.12-15.07. 12th European International Farming Systems Association symposium "Social and technological transformation of farming systems: Diverging and converging pathways", Harper Adams University, UK. Paper: S. Šūmane, I. Kunda, K. Knickel, A. Strauss, T. Tisenkopfs, I. De los Rios, M. Rivera, T. Chebach and A. Ashkenazy "Integration of knowledge for sustainable agriculture: why local farmer knowledge matters".
- 2015.02.12. RETHINK final conference, Brussels, Belgium. Paper: S. Šūmane, T. Tisenkopfs, I. Kunda "Knowledge and learning for sustainable and resilient agricultural modernisation".
- 2015.18-21.08 XXVI congress of the European Society for Rural Sociology, Aberdeen, Scotland. Organiser of Working Group on social capital and learning. Papers: S.Šūmane, K.Knickel, I.Kunda, I.De los Rios, M.Rivera, A. Strauss, T.Tisenkopfs "Informal knowledge and learning for alternative modernisation pathways in agriculture" and M. Rivera, I. de los Rios1, K. Knickel , A. Ashkenazy, D. Qvist Pears, T. Chebach , S. Šūmane "Rethinking rural prosperity: a discussion of empirical data derived in six countries with the 'Working with People' approach."
- 2014.1-4.04. 11th European International Farming Systems Association symposium „Farming systems facing global challenges: Capacities and strategies”, Berlin, Germany. Paper: Tisenkopfs, T. and S. Šūmane “We manage what we can at pace we can”: Small farmers’ development strategies in turbulent context.
- 2012.1-4.04. International conference “Agriculture in an Urbanising Society”, Wageningen, The Netherlands. Paper: Tisenkopfs, T., S. Šūmane and I. Kunda “Frames of learning in multifunctional and hybrid networks”.
- 2011.22.-25.08. XXIV congress of the European Society for Rural Sociology, Chania, Greece. Paper: Zobena, A., S. Šūmane, I. Lāce and E. Zače “Postsocialist agricultural development in Latvia”.
- 2011.31.-31.03. Assises ITAB (Institut Technique de l’Agriculture Biologique), Paris, France. Paper: „From organic farmer networking to organic knowledge system”.
- 2010.04.-07.07. 9th European International Farming Systems Association) symposium „Building Sustainable Rural Futures”, Vienna, Austria. Paper: „From organic farmer networking to organic knowledge system”.
- 2009.13.02. 67th conference of the University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia. Paper: “Network approached to rural innovation analysis” („Tīklu pieejas lauku inovāciju analīzē”).
- 2008.08.10. 66th conference of the University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia. Paper: “Contribution of EU rural development research to Latvian sociology” (“Eiropas Savienības lauku attīstības pētījumu ieguldījums Latvijas socioloģijā”).
- 2007.20.-24.08. XXII congress of the European Society for Rural Sociology „Mobilities, Vulnerabilities and Sustainabilities: New Questions and Challenges for Rural Europe”, Wageningen, The Netherlands. Papers: „Organics under construction. Case of Latvia” and (with co-author A. Kalniņa) „Collective action and farmers marketing in post-socialism at the crossroads. Case of Latvia”.
- 2004.16.02. 66th conference of the University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia. Paper: “Innovation and power” (“Inovācija un vara”).

- Training
- 30.04.-12.06.2014. "Maps and the Geospatial Revolution", Coursera online course of the Pennsylvania State University.
- 02.-19.12.2003 Traineeship at the *University of Jyväskylä, Finland*.
- 2001.-2003. Course "Community Development Practice" at *The National University of Ireland, Galway*.
- 20.03.-19.08.2002. European Commission Marie Curie Training Site "In-depth Training in Sociological Practice", Institut de Recherche sur les Societes Contemporaines, Paris, France.
- Memberships
- Non-professional: Latvian Association in France, the chair of board.

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