

If you have news or information that you want included in the monthly e-newsletter for research staff, for example events you are organising or want promoting, or that your network or group is doing, please contact **Sandy** (sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk x74121)

Opportunities from the Learning & Development Centre

Learning & Development Centre opportunities for training and development are for contracted Warwick Research Staff.
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers>

The LDC Research Staff Development Programme is available on the website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/#rp>

Workshops	Date
Two Day Writing Camp (publications or bid writing)	7 & 8 September
Realise 2 Strengths Taster session (Careers session)*	20 September
Realise 2 Strengths session**	4 October
How to Network - a Strategic and Practical Approach	6 October
Building external relationships to gain research funding - for Social Science Faculty	11 October
Raise your profile - electronically & other alternatives	12 October
Academic Writing Programme - Workshop 1	20 October
Practical Project Management for Researchers	27 October
Building external relationships to gain research access - for Social Science Faculty	31 October
How to sell yourself & your research	1 November
Academic Writing Programme - Workshop 2	3 November
Building external relationships to assist with dissemination and impact - for Social Science Faculty	8 November
Technology for Research: Focus on Funding	9 November
Academic Writing Programme - Workshop 3	17 November
How to write a proposal to influence panel members - for Social Science Faculty	22 November
Project Management 2 for Researchers - the next steps	24 November
Relating your research skills to employer needs	29 November
Academic Writing Programme - Workshop Day 4 - Peer review *new*	1 December
How to write a proposal to influence a reviewer - for Social Science Faculty	6 December

The workshops highlighted above in yellow are not yet live on the website. To register your interest in receiving further information on any of these sessions email Val Bentick v.bentick@warwick.ac.uk

This will be the final term of researcher programme opportunities funded by Roberts'.

Research Team Leaders' Programme (RTLTP)

A pilot leadership programme has been developed for Research Team Leaders. The four half day workshops with coaching support will run in the autumn term. The overall aim of the development programme is to equip Research Team Leaders with the key skills needed to lead and manage their teams. Content is based on four key areas:

Workshop One	Working with Others	26 October
Workshop Two	Leading your Team	9 November
Workshop Three	Handling Change and Uncertainty	23 November
Workshop Four	Running Effective Meetings	7 December

Full programme details including how to nominate are on the LDC website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/development/rtlp/>

*Realise 2 Strengths Taster Session

This session will introduce you to the Strengths profiling tool. This allows you to assess your current strengths and other unrealised strengths you wish to build on to enhance your future career growth.

Come along and discover more about what's energising you in a day to day context, is it for example, action, drive or communication? Research staff who have completed the profile comment that it's given them more insight into their career choices and goal setting.

**Realise 2 Strengths Session

Once you have completed your strengths profile you can look at the ways in which you wish to use it to help you develop more versatility in your work based skills.

This session is designed to help you be a good strength spotter in yourself and others, generate career plans that play to your strengths and are energising and encourage you to positively address your career planning.

Academic Writing Programme.

The website has been updated with the upcoming provision of 1-1's, workshops session & writing camp as well as the previous session information.

The programme aims to support Post Doc /Early Career Researchers who wish to develop writing strategies to generate publications from active research.

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/awp>

Booking is available for the following Academic Writing offerings:

- **One to One sessions**

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/acawrite/booking/>

- Workshops

Workshop 1 - 20 October 2011

Workshop 2 - 3 November 2011

Workshop 3 - 17 November 2011

new Workshop 4, Peer Review Day - 1 December 2011

Booking form: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/acawrite/bookingworkshops/>

- 2 Day Writing Camp

7 - 8 September 2011

Booking form: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/awp/bookingaway/>

Research Network Meeting

The Research Network Meeting is a group of people leading networks for research staff in their departments/faculty, it is an opportunity to talk about what they are doing and share their learning and experiences. The meetings are open also to researchers who are keen to organise a network in their faculty

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or department. The group meets once a term for an hour over lunchtime. The next meeting will be 22 September 2011. Please contact Sandy if you interested to join us.

Research Staff Networks

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/networks/>

If there are any bespoke workshops for departments or groups of research staff that you are interested in, please contact Sandy to discuss (sandy.sparks@warwick.ac.uk x 74121)

The LDC General Programme

Other Learning & Development Centre offers that may be valuable to Research Staff are on the general programme

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/calendar/>

Funding opportunity for researchers:

For further information about individual or departmental funding opportunities, please see <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/funding/researchers/>

****Please note: Roberts' funding for individual & departmental grants has been used up.****

Roberts' funding individual & departmental grants total = £263.5K

- Arts Faculty - x34 applications = £45.5K
- Social Science Faculty - x43 applications = £37.5K
- Science Faculty - x133 applications = £151K
- Medicine - x35 applications = £29.5K

Roberts' funding applications

A record of previous applications is available at: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/rfapps/>

25 Individual/Departmental applications approved during August:

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/rfmonthapps/>

Feedback from Roberts' Funded Events

To read some reports from colleagues who have recently attended Roberts' funded events go to: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/rfeedback/>

Sessions taking place that are Roberts' funded and open to Research Staff include:

- **20 September 2011 – Interdisciplinary Workshop on Masculinity Studies**
Organised by Sergio Lussana: S.Lussana@warwick.ac.uk
- **22 September 2011 – Workshop on kinship and health**
organised by Antje Lindenmeyer.
Antje.Lindenmeyer@warwick.ac.uk
- **23 September 2011 - Symposium on 'Rural Geographies of Gender and Space, Britain 1840-1920'**
Organised by Charlotte Mathieson:
C.Mathieson@warwick.ac.uk
- **10 October 2011. Meeting for RAPS/RAMS and Macrogrouop,**
Scarman House. Contact Helen Willcock for further information:
H.Willcock@warwick.ac.uk

- **Autumn term 2011 (weekly from weeks 2-10, except reading week) – Humanities Building** - Contact Dr Sotirios Paraschas/ Dr Fabio Camilletti for further information:
s.paraschas@warwick.ac.uk / F.Camilletti@warwick.ac.uk
- **Oct – Dec 2011 – RSC Lectures.** Contact Christophe Corre/ Matt Gibson for more information.
c.corre@warwick.ac.uk / M.I.Gibson@warwick.ac.uk
The Early Career Researcher Poster session will take place on 6 October 2011.
- **Chemical Biology Cluster Meetings** - up to end of December 2011. Organised by Elizabeth Hardiman:
E.Hardiman@warwick.ac.uk
- **16 November 2011 - IAS Seminar Room**
Organising a one-day workshop on 'Researching China'
Dr Nana Zhang: N.Zhang@warwick.ac.uk
- **23 November 2011 - IAS - Organising a one-day conference on 'Gender, Subjectivity and Oral History'** - Dr Angela Davis:
Angela.Davis@warwick.ac.uk
- **1 August - 17 December 2011.**
Applied Mathematics and Statistics Seminar Series.
For further information contact Kody Law:
K.J.H.Law@warwick.ac.uk
- **July/Oct/Dec 2011.**
Physics Lunchtime Seminars.
For Post-doc researchers to exchange ideas and present work to peers. For further information contact Dr Susan Burrows:
S.E.Burrows@warwick.ac.uk
- **27 April - 17 Dec 2011.**
Statistics department events. Bi-monthly seminar series -
Partial Differential Equations & Geometry, Mathematics Dept.
http://www.warwick.ac.uk/~masiai/Geom_PDE.html
- **WMG Researcher Network/Forum.** Contact Vanessa Goodship for further information: V.Goodship@warwick.ac.uk
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/ldc/researchers/withinwarwick/>
- **WMG Researcher Seminars.** International Digital Laboratory.
- September: tbc
- October: Dr Bhattacharjee, TATA Steel
- November: tbc
- December: Dr. Rebecca Cain, WMG
Liaise with Rebecca Cain for further information:
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<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/wmg/research/researchseminars>
- **WMS Early Career Researchers' Network programme.**
For further information contact Dr Anca Alba:
Anca.alba@warwick.ac.uk

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EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferrable Skills Funding

Up to £70K of EPSRC Enterprise & Entrepreneurship Transferrable Skills Funding that will be available from 1 September 2011 to 31 March 2012. The criteria, application form & more details will be added onto the LDC website shortly. The funding cannot be used to support conference attendance.

The Business Engagement Network

The Business Engagement Network will meet monthly. It is a social network whose purpose is to encourage and support colleagues in establishing and building business relationships. The Business

Network will be informal, yet structured. Business relationships are essentially about business-specific behaviours however; they are generally built up through a social exchange process. The Network will aim to explore the complex and informal nature of business relationships by meeting together, interacting with fellow researchers, colleagues and other people to build a network with a business engagement portfolio.

For further information please contact Trevor Robinson:
T.Robinson@warwick.ac.uk

Further opportunities/support/information within Warwick

19-20 2011 September - Women in Science Symposium

The two day Symposium is open to PhD students and postdoctoral researchers.

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/pioneers/events/womeninscience>

Library Support

Research Exchange is at: <http://go.warwick.ac.uk/researchexchange>

IT Services Training Support for Research Staff

http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/its/service-support/training/course_cat/teaching_research

Opportunities outside Warwick

Vitae

Information for Research Staff, see <http://vitae.ac.uk/researchers/1269/Research-staff.html>

Vitae Course / Events <http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/337551/Courses-and-events.html>

- 12 September, **Advancing in Academia**, Birmingham Thistle Hotel
<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/337551-383031/Advancing-in-Academia---September-.html>
- 12/ 13 September, **Effective Researcher** at Loughborough University
Workshop for Early Career Research Staff .The cost to external institutes will be £50 per delegate, this does not include travel or accommodation costs. <http://pdwww.lboro.ac.uk/eventdetails.asp?run=10888>
- 25 October, **Focus on....Institutional Approaches to Engaging Pl's and Supervisors**, Warwick University -
<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/researchers/56271-337181/New-Date-Focus-onInstitutional-Approaches-to-Engaging-Pls-and-Supervisors.html>
- 12 - 14 December **Leadership in Action**, Warwick University
<http://www.vitae.ac.uk/policy-practice/397071-393481/Leadership-in-Action.html>

UK Council for Graduate Education - <http://www.ukcge.ac.uk/events/>

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) – Invitation Fellowships

Call for Applications with Fellowships to start between 1 April 2012 to the end of March 2013.

Closing Date: Friday 2 September, 2011

Invitation Fellowships provide the opportunity for mid-career to professorial level researchers to conduct collaborative research activities with leading research groups at Japanese Universities and Institutions. There are 2 types of Invitation Fellowship. The Short Term Invitation Fellowship is for visits of 14 to 60 days and the Long Term Invitation Fellowship is for visits of 2 to 10 months. Eligible research fields are not limited: computer, engineering, health, biological, life, natural and physical sciences, mathematics, humanities and social sciences etc.

Application guidelines and documents are available here: <http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-inv/index.html>

Research Staff Profiles

Dr. Peter Glen Walley, Research Fellow, School of Life Sciences



Current Research: My current research is on leafy vegetables and salads for the Vegetable Genetic Improvement Network (VeGIN). VeGIN is a DEFRA-funded project that brings together research focused on key vegetable crops. The network encourages collaborations between industry and researchers to address how genetic improvement of crop varieties can contribute to a sustainable increase in food production to meet the twin challenges

of food security and climate change. I also maintain the VeGIN website: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/lifesci/research/vegin>

Life before Warwick

Going backwards through time, my PhD was registered at Warwick and I was based at Horticulture Research International (HRI) which became Warwick HRI. I did an MSc in industrial biotechnology; worked as a lab manager for 2 years for Eurofins Scientific; I did an honors degree in biochemistry and microbiology.

Best things about working at Warwick

The research being undertaken is world class, which is helped by having excellent research facilities. I find it rewarding to work with a diverse range of people, both academic and non-academic and I have made some good friends. It is refreshing to be able to drop in and share ideas with colleagues.

Worst thing about working for Warwick or If you could change one thing at Warwick, what would it be?

The nature of fixed-term contracts, and the glass ceiling it creates; however, this applies to the majority of Universities and research institutes; as with the majority of things in life, it comes down to finance.

What people are surprised to learn about me....

In work, that I own a Chihuahua Jack Russell cross called Roo. Outside work, that I have a PhD and I am interested in plant breeding and crop genetics. I think this is because I look more like a builder.

What would your dream job be?

My dream job would be to have my own research group with an unlimited supply of funds. I would remain in crop genetics and plant breeding, hopefully making a significant impact on sustainable food production.

Research interest

My main interests lie in plant breeding and crop genetics, with a particular interest in post harvest quality. I enjoy discovering regions of a plants genome that influence specific traits, and working out which gene or genes may influence the trait and how best to capture useful allelic variation within a crop and how to apply this variation to improve current commercial cultivars.

What have been useful training/ development to date

Technical writing course
Presentation Skills
Personal Development
An introduction to hypothesis testing
Introduction to GenStat for Windows
Research project management skills workshop
Stand and deliver (developing personal effective presentation skills)
Personal impact/ confident networking
Managing research relationships
Fellowship workshop
Commercial logic (Advanced transferable skills) (June)

I was awarded Roberts funding to attend a two week course "Quantitative methods in plant breeding".

Other roles (eg. peer review journals)

I am the research staff forum representative for the School of life sciences. I was part of the Athena Swan focus group for the School of life sciences.

My teaching activities stretch to two MSc modules, Quantitative biology and Plant genetics, genomics and bioinformatics. I represent Warwick Crop Centre as a member of The British Society of Plant Breeders. I act as a referee for the Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture and the Journal of Horticultural Science and Biotechnology.

Next bid/ grant

My next grant application will be as co-applicant on a project that aims to build on my previous work on post harvest quality in Brassica crops. I will also play a role in the continuation of the vegetable genetic improvement pending decisions made by DEFRA.

Latest academic writing publication(journal/ book etc)

- Walley, P. G. & Buchanan – Wollaston, V. (2011). Chapter 5 – Brassica; in: Health promoting properties of fruit and vegetables. Edited by Terry, L. CABI, UK. ISBN-13: 9781845935283. (In press for September, 2011)
- Walley, P.G. et al. (2011). A new framework broccoli x broccoli genetic map – better for breeders, better for complex trait analysis. Theoretical and Applied Genetics, Submitted

Looking for?

Permanent position.

Collaboration with other scientists, this can be on anything – I am broad-minded.

Research funding.

Major achievement to date

Getting my PhD is a major achievement. Having a job that I love.

Three top tips / learning

- It is important to look at the detail – but also try and keep an overview.
- Consider different opinions ("once I thought I was wrong, but I was mistaken").
- It is worth venturing outside of the box, but do not get lost.

Alessandra De Martino Cappuccio, Associate Research Fellow, Department of Italian



Current Research: I am currently working on a publication on contemporary theatre, which addresses issues of diversity such as cultural, political or linguistic differences in theatre. I am co-editor with Dr Paola Toninato, also from the Italian Department, and Prof Paolo Puppa, from the University of Venice Ca' Foscari. The idea sprung after an international conference on marginalized voices in theatre I organized with Paola Toninato at

Warwick on 11 May 2011. This book of original essays by leading critics and scholars from North America, the United Kingdom and Italy aims to address an important area of both Italian and European cultural history – the relation between theatre and political development. The volume intends to cover a variety of authors and topics across a multi-cultural and geographical

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span and its contributions would present previously unexplored connections between the discourses of theatre and anthropological as well cultural studies. I consider my involvement in this project a good opportunity to take up a new role as editor/peer reviewer and to further my knowledge in my research field.

Life before Warwick

Before moving to Warwick I lived in London and taught Italian as a foreign language in colleges of higher education in South London and Surrey. I loved my work, as my students were highly motivated and enthusiastic learners. Working as a language teacher combined well with my other job as a translator, and provided that human contact which is rare in my solitary translating profession. Both jobs suited well my needs as a mother of two young children and provided flexible working hours. I moved to Warwick six years ago, when my husband was offered a chair in the Medical School, so I took this opportunity to start a new study project involving an MA and a PhD.

Best things about working at Warwick

Since I joined Warwick I have taught Italian language and culture and Translation Skills to first, second and third year students in the Italian Department. Working at Warwick is very stimulating. The facilities are outstanding and this adds a great deal to the quality of research which can be conducted in optimal conditions. Countless opportunities are offered to researchers who find the right environment to develop themselves both as individual scholars and within collaborative studies.

During my MA in Italian Studies, Warwick gave me the fantastic opportunity to work at the Royal Shakespeare Company as a theatre interpreter for Pippo Delbono, a prominent Italian avant-garde actor, director and playwright, and his theatre company. Whilst carrying out my PhD I was able to take part in different training programs. The most effective of all was certainly an intensive three-day course which aimed at gaining skills in time management, project management, networking, team work, communication skills, assertiveness, motivation and confidence building. It looks like a long list, but every single element was thoroughly covered and proved essential in my future career. Last but not least, positive competitiveness is also an important aspect of life at Warwick, as it encourages mental engagement and collaboration among different departments, making it a very proactive work environment.

Worst thing about working for Warwick or If you could change one thing at Warwick, what would it be?

Although I feel I am receiving a great deal of support in my work, I can see that improvements can be made in order to implement Warwick's ethos of Excellence in research. If I could change one thing at Warwick, I would introduce a system of co-optation of those non-core research staff showing special initiative and commitment. This on the one hand would enhance motivation and on the other would facilitate the appointment of quality researchers, rewarding those who show inventiveness and credibility.

What people are surprised to learn about me.....

My passion for theatre is a lifelong one. Since my teens I was involved in theatre, acting in amateur companies and constantly reading about and going to the theatre. Italian dialects were also my passion, as I was fascinated by how my language, considered worldwide the epitome of beauty and elegance, could have developed from such a myriad of dialects, still very much in use, which for variety and number can only be compared to Indian dialects. That is why at university I studied...Law and became a lawyer! That is certainly what puzzles whoever learns about my academic background. However, this is only in apparent contrast

with what I do, as the rigorous study and the technicality of the subjects I learned equipped me with an excellent research method and an inquisitive mind, qualities which prove vital in my work. Besides, I would not be terribly mistaken if I said that lawyers are, in a way, actors and that public speaking is a skill that comes very handy in academia too.

What would your dream job be?

Studying is what I have done all my life and is what I love. Teaching is also very important as it gives me the opportunity to disseminate what I learn through my research whilst keeping me in touch with younger generations. So, I can say that working in the academia is my ideal job, especially because in this international environment I have found the way to expand my knowledge to 360 degrees.

Research interest

My research interest is in theatre translation, which was the subject of my PhD thesis on English translations of a selection of plays by the contemporary Neapolitan actor/playwright Eduardo De Filippo. This has led to the organization of three international conferences, all hosted by the University of Warwick, gathering scholars and theatre practitioners from other institutions in the UK and abroad. From Neapolitan theatre I furthered my research to theatre of marginalized cultures. Therefore, co-editing a book on diversity on stage represents a natural evolution of my research. Linked to the main field of my research is my interest in language and power, in particular with regard to the exertion of power through the linguistic medium as examined by the twentieth century thinker Antonio Gramsci..

Latest academic writing publication (journal/book etc)

My interest in language, including theatre language, and power is at the basis of works I have done on women and power in Italian literature, and on theatre and power in Italy at the beginning of the twentieth century. Recently I have been invited to write an article on translation of dialect theatre. The article, entitled 'Translating Neapolitan Dialect in Theatre: Problems of Cultural Transfer', will be published in 2011 by the American journal Translation. I have also written a chapter entitled 'Characters in an English Adaptation of Napoli milionaria!' in the forthcoming book The Tradition of the Actor-Author in Italian Theatre edited by Dr Donatella Fischer.

Next bid/ grant

As a development of my interest in translation of minority languages and cultures in theatre in April I have submitted an application to the AHRC in the Emerging Theme Translating Cultures. My bid aimed to obtain a grant for a nine month study on Romany theatre in Italy, looking at texts by the Florentine playwright and director Daniele Lamuraglia. With my project I intend to address the issue of the reception of Romany culture in Italy and explore how Romany culture 'translates' into a dominant environment which itself presents challenges of indigenous multilinguism and cultural heterogeneity. This study seeks to investigate the problem of integration of Romany communities in Italy, in particular in Florence, which, although considered one of the liveliest cultural cities in Italy, has taken a rather hostile approach to Romany communities settled in the outskirts of the city.

Looking for?

I think that theatre is a fantastic medium to propagate and bridge cultures. Therefore, I am looking for a sponsorship to organize an Italian Theatre Season at the Warwick Arts Centre. A similar initiative was set up in London and proved very successful. It would be a wonderful opportunity to bring Italian theatre also to Warwick and it would certainly enhance the visibility of Warwick University on the whole.

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Major achievement to date

Since I moved to Warwick my life has been a roller coaster of experiences. However, my major achievement to date remains completing the PhD. Being a mature student undoubtedly offered advantages as I could benefit from years of experience and maturity. On the other hand, it was challenging for exactly the same reason: I had less energy and family commitments seemed always to take priority. So I needed a great deal more motivation and determination than my younger colleagues to carry out a very demanding project, especially since working on a PhD is a solitary and self-determined activity.

Finally, I can say that completing this important venture while maintaining close contact with my family and remaining a reference point for my two sons through their studies has made me incredibly fulfilled.

Three top tips / learning

From my experience as a student and researcher, if I were to give three top tips to other researchers the first one would certainly be planning. It does not necessarily mean writing a detailed plan, but it implies having a fairly clear idea of what you want to achieve and how you are going to do so. My second tip would be organization. Being messy can lead to distraction and can infringe on your ability to see things with consequent confusion. On the contrary, having an organized schedule helps an awful lot to keep focused, which is an essential factor in research as it is in any job. The last tip is something I learned during a training course: think outside the box. Keeping an open mind is vital in research and helps develop new ideas and perfect existing ones. It is also very useful when working with other researchers, especially in a global context as is the one in which we work today, and opens up countless opportunities for expanding and disseminating knowledge.



ERDI LELANDAIS Gülçin, Marie Curie Fellow, Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations.

Current Research: I'm working on a project about identity and territory dimensions of social movements against public planning projects in Turkey. This project focuses on three minority communities (Kurds, Alevis and Romanis) who struggle for protecting their life space against public projects which envisage forced displacements.

Life before Warwick

I've done my graduate studies in International Relations at the University of Galatasaray in Istanbul. I obtained my PhD at the Ecole des hautes etudes en sciences social in Paris. I was lecturer between 2005-2007 at the Institut of Political Studies in Toulouse and then postdoctoral researcher at the University of Picardie Jules Verne.

Best things about working at Warwick

Huge facilities of the Campus. (Housing facilities, Art and Sport Center).

Worst thing about working for Warwick or If you could change one thing at Warwick, what would it be?

I would like to see more students in research seminars of departments. There is a lack of interest and not enough participation.

What would your dream job be?

A permanent researcher in a European University and work in European scale research project.

Research interest

Collective action, transnational social movements, and politics in Turkey.

What have been useful training/ development to date

IT Services training programme helped me to improve my computer skills. I participated also to academic writing, interview successful and project management workshop which were really instructive (LDC programmes/academic writing).

Other roles:

I participate to a collective research project about Climate migrants funded by French Ministry of Environment. I've also been referee for journals Cultures&Conflicts, International Political Sociology, Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change. I've been also supervisor for the master thesis of two students in France.

Latest academic writing publication (journal/book etc)

My book "Altermondialistes en Turquie. Entre le cosmopolitisme politique et ancrage militant" will be published next month in France.

Looking for?

Improving my skills in academic writing in English and research grant proposals.

Major achievement to date

My book and obtaining my Marie Curie Fellowship.

Three top tips / learning

Being helpful and listen the others. Being open to critics and to other research disciplines.