

Curriculum Vitae: Dr Mira Slavova



Personal information

First name(s) / Surname(s) **Dr Mira Slavova**
Address(es) 13A Yuri Gagarin Str, Bankya 1320, Bulgaria
Telephone(s) +44 (0) 77 34408829
E-mail mira@mmd4d.org
Nationality Bulgarian
Date of birth 12 Nov 1979
Gender Female

Desired employment / Occupational field **ICT Researcher or Consultant**

Work experience

Dates **May 2009 – Present**
Occupation or position held **Visiting Research Fellow**
Main activities and responsibilities Collaborates on the preparation of working papers on mobile information seeking during policing. Develops interests in ICTs, mobile services and market information systems introduced in developing countries.
Name and address of employer Leeds University Business School, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK
Type of business or sector Research, Education
Dates **Nov 2008 – March 2009**
Occupation or position held **e-Business Consultant**
Main activities and responsibilities Contributed to *Trade at Hand for Liberia's Market Women* and the *Liberia Export Development Project*. Gathered data on mobile information use and behavior from Liberian market women and small businesses. Facilitated the design and delivery of a mobile market information system fitted to the context of Liberian markets. Prepared communication materials, training materials for end users and sustained a network of partners.
Name and address of employer International Trade Centre – ITC, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland
Type of business or sector International Development, Consultancy
Dates **June 2006 – Oct 2008**
Occupation or position held **Research Fellow in Information Management**
Main activities and responsibilities Worked on the project *Policing Activity and Mobile Information Seeking*. Investigated mobile information practices occurring in the course of routine policing activities. Studied the theoretical literatures on activity theory and communities of practice, conducted extensive fieldwork, maintained contact with external partners, analyzed field data. Evaluated efficiency gains from mobile information systems introduced by the UK police service and by local government.
Name and address of employer Leeds University Business School, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK
Type of business or sector Research, Education

Education and training

| | |
|--|---|
| Dates | Oct 2002 – Feb 2007 |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | Judge Business School and King's College University of Cambridge Cambridge, UK |
| Title of qualification awarded | PhD |
| Principal subjects/occupational skills covered | Management Studies: Operations Research (OR) and Information Systems (IS) Thesis: <i>Uncertainty, Bidding Behavior and Microstructure in Internet Auction Marketplaces</i> |
| | Aug 2003 – Dec 2003 Visiting Researcher Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, USA |
| Dates | Aug 1998 – May 2002 |
| Name and type of organisation providing education and training | Reed College Portland, OR, USA |
| Title of qualification awarded | BA |
| Principal subjects/occupational skills covered | Mathematics-Economics Thesis: <i>Impacts of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic on Capital Accumulation and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa</i> |
| | Oct 2000 – May 2001 Visiting Student Wadham College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK |

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) **Bulgarian**

| Other language(s) Self-assessment <i>European level (*)</i> | Understanding | | Speaking | | Writing | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| | Listening | Reading | Spoken interaction | Spoken production | | | | | | |
| English | C2 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user | C2 | Proficient user |
| Spanish | A2 | Basic user | A2 | Basic user | A2 | Basic user | A2 | Basic user | A2 | Basic user |
| French | A1 | Basic user | A1 | Basic user | A1 | Basic user | A1 | Basic user | A1 | Basic user |

(*) *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*

Social skills and competences
Communication: preparing dissemination materials, concept papers, articles and training resources.
Team work: collaborating within research and project implementation teams; supporting project leaders.
Intercultural skills: experienced working (USA, UK, Switzerland), living and travelling internationally.

Organisational skills and competences
Project management: preparing project plans and progress reports; updating project logs and risk assessments.
Networking: building project support networks; liaising with external partners, collecting feedback, validating findings.

Research Experience

Jan. 2006 – April 2006
Research Volunteer
Aidworld Humanitarian ICT, Cambridge, UK

Oct. 2005 – Dec. 2005
Research Assistant
"Internet Congestion Control Using Pricing"
Judge Business School, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK

June 2001 - August 2001
Alta S. Corbett Grant for Research on Public Policy Issues
Reed College

Teaching Experience

MSc Management Supervisor
Leeds University Business School
University of Leeds

Supervision Tutor: Quantitative Methods in Economics
St. Edmund's College
University of Cambridge
Oct. 2005 - Dec. 2005
Jan. 2005 - March 2005

Supervision Tutor: Quantitative Methods in Management Studies
Judge Business School
University of Cambridge
Oct. 2005 - Dec. 2005
Oct. 2004 - Dec. 2004

Teaching Assistant: Probability and Statistics
Mathematics Department
Reed College
Jan. 2002 - May 2002
Sept. 2001 - Dec. 2001

Teaching Assistant: Econometrics, Introductory Economics
Economics Department
Reed College
Jan. 2002 - May 2002
Sept. 2001 - Dec. 2001
Jan. 2001 - May 2001

Technical skills and competences

Qualitative and quantitative research methods

Computer skills and competences

Atlas.ti, NVivo, Stata, SPSS, Matlab, LATEX, Java, html

Other skills and competences

Personal blog on the topic "Mobile Market Design for Development" at mmd4d.org.
Contributor to MW4D working group at W3C.

Additional information

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Lundgren Research Award, University of Cambridge, 2005-2006.
James Alleman Best Student Paper Award, Curtin Business School.
British Federation of Women Graduates Grant, 2005-2006.
Sperling Studentship, King's College, 2002-2005.
Walter Mintz Economics Scholarship, Reed College, 2001-2002.
Marian Warne Cannell Memorial Scholarship, Reed College, 2000-2001.
Commendation for Academic Excellence, Reed College, 2000-2001.

PUBLICATIONS

Working with Activity Theory: Context, Technology and Information Behaviour. With D. Allen and S. Karanasios. To appear in Journal of American Society of Information Science and Technology.
Innovation in International Development: the Case of Mobile Commerce Applications in Liberia. Working paper.
Technology, Mediation and Information Behaviour: the use of ANPR in the UK Police Service. With D. Allen. Working paper.
Cohesion of Collective Information Behaviour within Hybrid Contexts. With D. Allen. Working paper.
Encouraging foreign exchange: A cross-border initiative to share market information in West Africa, ICT Update, Issue 47: Market Information Systems, February 2009.
Perceptions and Adoption of Technological Innovations in UK Public Safety Organisations: the Case of Introducing Location Services in the Police. With G. Vardaxoglou, D. Allen and T. Wilson. Presented at EGPA 2008: Innovation in the Public Sector, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.
Integrated Design of Technology-Based Marketplaces for Agriculture and Development. Presented at IST-Africa 2007, Maputo, Mozambique
Behavioral Friction in Online Contracting: Evidence from Yankee Auctions in "The Economics of ICT Networks", ed. Gary Madden, Physica-Verlag 2006.

2009 PRESENTATIONS AND ATTENDANCES

Invited expert at CTA's ICT Observatory, 2-4 Nov 2009, Wageningen, the Neatherlands.

Presented at Africa Gathering, 9-10 Oct 2009, London

Presented at IFPRI, 26 Aug 2009, Washington, DC

Attended Africa Gathering, 25 April 2009, London

Attended 1st Euro-Africa Cooperation Forum on ICT Research, 25-26 March 2009, Brussels

PUBLICATIONS AND ATTENDANCES