

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

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| 04/2023 – till now | Researcher
Baltic Studies Centre |
| 04/2019 – till now | Researcher
Institute of Agricultural Resources and Economics |
| 10/2012 –12/2020 | Project manager
Latvian Fund for Nature (NGO) |
| 01/2014–12/2015 | Researcher
Institute for Social and Political Studies |
| 03/2006 –10/2012 | Project manager
SIA Stenders |
| 03/2005 –03/2006 | Project assistant
Riga Region Development Agency |

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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| 09/2008–03/2013 | PhD in Geography (In Human Geography)
University of Latvia
PhD thesis: Processes of Formation of Territorial Communities in Riga |
| 09/2005–05/2007 | Master of Science in Geography
University of Latvia |
| 09/2001–05/2005 | Bachelor of Social Sciences (in Communication Science)
Riga Stradins University |

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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| 17/01/2022-21/01/2022 | Diploma of completed course “Qualitative Research Methods and Data Analyses”
University of St.Gallen, Switzerland |
| 14/09/2021-24/09/2021 | Summer School “Agro-biodiversity in a Changing Climate”
Sapienza University di Roma, Italy |
| 19/05/2014–30/05/2014 | Mini MBA: Strategic Management Programme
Stockholm School of Economics, Latvia |

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Latvian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Russian	A1	A2	A1	A1	A2
Portuguese	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Scientific publications

Ušča, M., Vinogradovs, I., Reķe, A., Immurs, D. V., Zariņa, A. (2019). Assessment of ecosystem services for planning of green infrastructure at the regional level. Environment. Technology. Resources. Rezekne, Latvia Proceedings of the 12th International Scientific and Practical Conference. Volume I, pp.315-319

Cimdiņš R., Šķiņķis, P., Ušča, M. (2015). Qualities and indicators for social capital assessment. "Economic Science for Rural Development" Proceedings of the International Scientific Conference, Jelgava, pp. 186–195

Šķiņķis, P., Vilka, I., Cimdiņš, R., Ušča, M. (2015). Rīcībspējas novērtēšana teritorijās. Jaunas pieejas sociālās attīstības mērīšanā : cilvēki, teritorijas, pašvaldības. [Capacity assessment in territories. New approaches to measuring social development: people, territories, municipalities]. Rīga : Latvijas Universitāte. 281.-306.lpp.

Zobena, A., Krūmiņa, L., Ušča, M. (2015). Vietējo kopienu sociālais kapitāls reģionālās attīstības plānošanā un praksē. Jaunas pieejas sociālās attīstības mērīšanā : cilvēki, teritorijas, pašvaldības. [Local community social capital in regional development planning and practice. New approaches to measuring social development: people, territories, municipalities]. Rīga : Latvijas Universitāte. 36.-55.lpp

Ušča M., Miklaša M. (2012). Urban re meets rural: evaluating potential of short-time solutions in specific suburban development areas. Economic Science for Rural Development Nr.27, pp. 261–266.

Ušča, M. (2012). Teritoriālās kopienas veidošanās un to veicinošie faktori : Mūmieku ielas piemērs Rīgā. [Territorial community formation and factors contributing to it: An example of Mūmieku Street in Riga] . Latvijas Universitātes raksti, 785.sēj., 112.-122.lpp

Miklasa, M., Ušča, M. (2011). Local communication patterns of the community: the case of post-soviet suburban neighbourhoods near Riga. In: Muravska T. (Ed.) European integration and Baltic Sea region: diversity and perspectives. University of Latvia, pp.501-514.

Ušča M. (2010). Urban activity spaces: the case of a post-Soviet neighbourhood in Riga. In: C.A.Brebbia, S.Hernandez and E.Tiezzi (Eds.) The Sustainable City VI. Urban Regeneration and Sustainability. WitPress, pp.583-595.

Ušča, M. (2010). Sociālā telpa un apkaimes – izpratne un pieejas. [Social space and neighborhoods - comprehension and approaches]. Latvijas Universitātes raksti, 752.sēj. 222. – 228.lpp

Miklasa, M., Ušča, M. (2011). Local communication patterns of the community: the case of post-soviet suburban neighbourhoods near Riga. In: Muravska T. (Ed.) European integration and Baltic Sea region: diversity and perspectives. University of Latvia, pp.501-514.

Ušča M. (2010). Urban activity spaces: the case of a post-Soviet neighbourhood in Riga. In: C.A.Brebbia, S.Hernandez and E.Tiezzi (Eds.) The Sustainable City VI. Urban Regeneration and Sustainability. WitPress, pp.583-595.

Ušča, M. (2010). Sociālā telpa un apkaimes – izpratne un pieejas. [Social space and neighborhoods - comprehension and approaches]. Latvijas Universitātes raksti, 752.sēj. 222. – 228.lpp

Popular-science publications

Ušča M. (2022). Saīsināt piegādes ķēdi – no abiem galiem [Shorten the Supply Chain – From Both Ends]. Žurnāls Bioloģiski, October 2022, pp.18-21.

Ušča M. (2022). Vai Latvijas pircējs var atļauties bioloģisko pārtiku? [Can People in Latvia afford Organic Food?] Žurnāls Bioloģiski, May 2022, pp. 13-15.

Ušča M., Lakovskis P. (2021). Saimniekot bioloģiski. Kur? [Farming Organically. Where?] Žurnāls Bioloģiski, December 2021., pp. 48-51.

Efeja, L., Kalach, A., Krastiņa, S., Olesen, G.B., Pētersone, A., Szoleczky, J., Ušča, M., Vaskovich, Dz. (2016). Klimatam draudzīgu pasākumu organizēšana [Organization of Climate-friendly Events]. Pētersone A. (Ed.), Biedrība homoecos, 120 lpp

Pētersone, A., Ušča, M., Pusvilka, S., Krastiņa S. (2015). Organising Environment Friendly Events. Jansons A. (Ed.), Biedrība homoecos, 74 lpp.

Ušča, M. (2011). Dzīve mazstāvu ēkās pilsētā [Life in low-rise buildings in the city]. Latvijas Arhitektūra. Burtīca 97., Latvijas arhitektu savienība, pp.92.-94

Scientific conferences

Ušča, M. (2022) “Does Sustainable Agriculture Matter?: The Motivation of Organic Farmers to Take Part into the Direct Purchasing Network”. 29th Session of the Permanent European Conference for the Study of the Rural Landscape: Living Together in Rural European Landscapes, September 26-30, Baeza and Jaen, Spain.

Ušča, M. (2022) “Changes of Participation in Direct Purchasing Network During Covid-19 Pandemic”. A transition towards a participatory society? Exploring participation: strategies, challenges and solutions of participation in rural and urban Alternative Food Networks (AFN), ESRS 2022 Satellite Event: far apart but still close together “Just Rural Transitions: Opportunities and Challenges”, June 23, online.

Ušča M. (2022) “Organic Farming and New Food Values: The Case of Direct-Sales Network”. Multiple Nordic Geographies, 9th Nordic Geographers Meeting, June 19-22, Joensuu, Finland.

Ušča, M. (2021) “Bioloģiskā lauksaimniecība: idejas attīstība un dinamika Latvijā” [Organic Agriculture: Development of the Idea and Dynamics in Latvia]. Daba: starpdisciplināra pērspektīva, Latvijas Universitātes 79. zinātniskā konference [Nature: An interdisciplinary Perspective, 79th Scientific conference of University of Latvia], February 3, Riga, Latvia (online).

Ušča, M. (2021) “Bioloģiskā pārtika tiešās pirkšanas pulciņos: pieprasītākie produkti 2020. gadā” [Organic Fodd in Direct Purchasing Groups: The Most In-demand Products in 2020] Latvija ceļā uz ilgtspējīgu pārtikas ražošanu un patēriņu [Interdisciplinary scientific conference Latvia on the road to sustainable food production and consumption], June 11, Riga, Latvia (online).

Jansone, I., Piliksere, D., Morozova, I., Ušča, M., Millere, A. (2020). “Rudzu raža un kvalitāte, audzējot atšķirīgos Latvijas reģionos bioloģiskajā saimniekošanas sistēmā” [Organically Grown Rye Yield and Quality in Different Regions of Latvia]. Līdzsvarota lauksaimniecība, February, 20, Jelgava, Latvia.

Pužulis A., Ušča M. (2019) “Social Aspects of organic Farming in Latvia”. 5th International Scientific Conference Trends in regional Development in the EU Countries, November 15, Warsaw, Poland.

Ušča, M., Vinogradovs, I., Reķe, A., Immurs, D. V., Zariņa, A. (2019) “Assessment of ecosystem services for planning of green infrastructure at the regional level”. Environment. Technology. Resources, June 20-22, Rezekne, Latvia.

Cimdiņš R., Ušča M. (2016) “Darbīgums un tā novērtēšana teritorijās” [Local activity patterns and evaluation of them]. Latvijas Universitātes 74. zinātniskā konference, Ģeogrāfija, Vietu plānošana un attīstība, [74th Scientific conference of University of Latvia. Geography, local planning and development], February 5, Riga, Latvia.

Ušča M. (2015) “Qualities and Indicators for Social Capital Assessment. International Scientific Conference”. Economic Science for Rural Development, April 24-25., Jelgava, Latvia

Ušča M. (2015) “Inovatīvu reģionālās attīstības diagnostikas instrumentu izstrāde” [Development of innovative regional development diagnostic tools]. Latvijas Universitātes 73.zinātniskā konference. , [73rd Scientific conference of University of Latvia], February 6., Riga, Latvia.

Ušča M. (2013) "Territoriālo kopienu veidošanās un tipi Rīgā" [Development and types of territorial communities in Riga] Latvijas Universitātes 71. zinātniskā konference [71st Scientific conference of University of Latvia], February 1, Riga, Latvia.

Ušča M. (2012) "Territorial Communities at Neighbourhood level: the Case of Post-Soviet Riga". International Scientific Conference Post-Urbanity: reflecting on Cultural and Social Change in Urban Spaces, October 4-5, Klaipeda, Lithuania.

Ušča M. (2012) "Communities Rooted in Place: a Reality in Post-soviet cities? The Case of Riga". International Geographical Congress „Down to Earth”, August 26-30, Cologne, Germany.

Ušča M., Miklaša M. (2012) "Urban Re-meets Rural: Evaluating Potential of Short-time Solutions in Specific Suburban Development Areas". International Scientific Conference „Economic Science for Rural Development”, April 26-27, Jelgava, Latvia.

Ušča M. (2011) "Territorial communities in suburban space – the basis for new planning approach: the case study of Pierīga". 2nd International Scientific Conference, Section „Architecture and Urban Planning: Sustainable City”, October 5-6, Riga, Latvia.

Ušča M. (2011) "The Formation Processes of Territorial Communities in a Post-soviet Neighborhood: The Case of Riga". Cities After Transition 4th Workshop: Space, Culture and Transition, September 14-17, Bucharest, Romania

Pužulis A., Ušča M. (2011) "Searching for Liveability in Post-soviet Suburban Space: The Case of Riga". European Urban Research Association conference „Cities without limit”, June 23-26, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Ušča M. (2011) "Suburban Patterns of Riga: Fragmentation and the Search for Common Structures". Nordic geographers meeting, May 24-27, Roskilde, Denmark.

Ušča M. (2011) "Pilsētu kopienas un teritorialitāte post-padomju telpā: Rīgas piemērs" [Urban Communities and Territoriality in the Post-Soviet Space: the Case of Riga]. 14. Starptautiskā zinātniskā konference „Sabiedrība un kultūra: Robežas un jauni apvāršņi" [14th International Scientific Conference "Society and Culture: Borders and New Horizons"], May 19-20, Liepaja, Latvia.

Ušča M. (2010) "The Structure and Quality of Urban Environment as a Variable that Affects the Process of Territorial Community Formation". Global and local identity of urban space, October 7-8, Riga, Latvia.

Ušča M. (2010) "The Street as a Space for Community Development". Social Street. The 7th Urban and Landscape Days, September 22-23, Tallinn, Estonia.

Ušča M. (2010) "Urban activity spaces: the Case of a Post-Soviet neighbourhood in Riga". Sixth International Conference: Sustainable City, April 14-16, La Coruna, Spain.

Ušča M. (2010) "Apkaimes robežas no iedzīvotāju skatpunkta: Mežciema piemērs" [Neighbourhood Boundaries from the Residents' Point of View: the Case of Mežciems]. LU 69. zinātniskās konference [69th Scientific conference of University of Latvia], February 5, Riga, Latvia.

Participation in associations,
organizations etc

Member of Latvian Geography Society

Member of European Society for Rural Sociology