## **Dr Anton Popov**

Senior Lecturer, Sociology and Policy at Aston University Birmingham, , GB

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#### **Biography**

Dr Popov is a senior lecturer in Sociology at the Department of Sociology and Policy in the School of Languages and Social Sciences of Aston University. He graduated from the Department of Ethnology, Archaeology, Ancient and Medieval History, the Kuban State University in Krasnodar, Russia. Then he studied social anthropology in the Institute for Ethnology and Anthropology (Moscow, Russia), cultural studies and Russian and East European studies in the University of Birmingham (UK). He received his PhD from Birmingham University based on the study of the cultural production of identity among Greeks in southern Russia and the North Caucasus. His research interests are in social anthropology (with a particular focus on postsocialist societies); identity and transnationalism; violence, ethnicity and (non-Western forms of) civil society; youth culture; qualitative research methods (ethnography, life story and family history); history, social memory and cultural heritage. Anton conducted ethnographic research on nativist and ethno-cultural revivalist movements, migrant and ethnic minority communities in southern Russia, the South Caucasus, north-eastern Turkey and Britaine. His past research includes a study of enacted social memory among the Cossack youth; an investigation of ethnicity and cultural heritage in a provincial Georgian town; an exploration the impact of collective memory on the youth activism in the UK. Currently Anton Popov is co-ordinating the EU-funded project ?Cultural Heritage and Identities of Europe?s Future? (CHIEF; www.chiefproject.eu ).

### **Areas of Expertise**

Social Anthropology, Postsocialist Societies, Cultural Heritage, Identity and Transnationalism, Youth Culture

#### **Affiliations**

2016-Present: Member of the Association for Study of Nationalities (ASN), 2012-2014: CEELBAS representative (board member) in the University of Warwick, 2008-2014: Expert of the Centre for East European Language Based Area Studies (CEELBAS)

#### **Education**

The Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, The Russian Academy of Sciences Part time PhD study

Centre for Russian and East European Studies (CREES), The University of Birmingham PhD

# The Kuban State University BA (Hons.) and MA Ethnology and World History

## Accomplishments

**Aston Achievment Award for Excellent Research** 2018

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