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Research Areas

- Burial and funeral rites in the present and the 20th century
- Attitudes toward death, ideas about the afterlife
- Critical heritage studies
- Sociology of the family - parenting, intergenerational relations, the elderly
- Family and social policy

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Education

- 2008: Faculty of Humanities, Charles University, Prague, PhD. in anthropology
- 2004: Faculty of Humanities, Charles University, Prague, M. A. in social anthropology
- 2001: Faculty of Humanities, Charles University, Prague, B. A. in humanities Work Experience
- 2024–present: Faculty of Humanities, Charles University, assistant professor
- 2019–present: Institute of Ethnology of the CAS, researcher, head of Department of Critical Heritage Studies
- 2004–present: Research Institute for Labour and Social Affairs, researcher
- 2003–2015: Institute of Sociology of the CAS, cooperation on research projects

Foreign Fellowship

2003 – 2004: J. W. Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main

Memberships

- Since 2023: Association of Critical Heritage Studies
- Since 2023: International Society for Ethnology and Folklore
- Since 2022: International Cemetery Research Group
- 2015–2018: European Sociological Association
- 2013–2017, again since 2023: Grant Agency of Czech Republic, member of panel 404 – Sociology, demography, social geography and media studies
- Since 2012 TransPARENT - International research network for studies of the transition to parenthood

Selected Publications

- Nešporová, O. – Tóth, H. 2023. Communist Funeral Reform in Central Europe (1948–1989): From Religious to Civil Funerals in Czechoslovakia and Hungary. *OMEGA—Journal of Death and Dying*, 87(2): 344–362.
- Nešporová, O. 2023. A Century of Funeral Change in Burial Practices: From Church Burial to Cremation Without a Ceremony. *Ethnological/Journal Český Lid*, 110 (2): 127-156.
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- Nešporová, O. 2019. Hazy Transition to Fatherhood: The Experiences of Czech Fathers. *Journal of Family Issues*, 40 (2): 143-166.
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- Nesporova, O. – Stuchla, R. 2016. Constructions of Parenthood in The Czech Republic: Maternal Care and Paternal Help. In Grunow, Daniela - Evertsson, Marie. *Couples' transitions to parenthood*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, pp. 243-265.
- Nešporová, O. 2016. The Initial Years of Motherhood and Fatherhood as Perceived by Expectant Parents: The Division of Care and Paid Work. *Social Studies*, 13 (4): 9-25.
- Nesporova, O. – Stahl, I. 2014. Roadside memorials in the Czech Republic and Romania: Memory versus religion in two European post-communist Countries. *Mortality*, 19 (1): 22-40.
- Nešporová, O. 2013. *O smrti a pohřbívání*. [On Death and Burial.] Brno: Centrum pro studium demokracie a kultury.
- Nešporová, O. 2007. Believer Perspectives on Death and Funeral Practices in a Non-believing Country. *Sociologický časopis / Czech Sociological Review*, 43 (6): 1175-1193.