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Katarina has 15 years' experience working as a teaching fellow, social researcher, mentor and experienced higher education sector consultant. In her most recent role at the University of Surrey as the Senior Professional Training Tutor she led the professional training programmes for undergraduate and postgraduate students across variety of disciplines, including Psychology, Sociology, Political Sciences and Liberal Arts. She has overseen professional training related institutional changes, developed new programmes, modules and online teaching and learning platforms. She has been a face of professional training, placements, national and international internships for the School of Psychology and Department of Sociology.

Katarina's PhD from the University of Surrey was a sociological study focusing intersection of gender, social class, age and nationality on migration experiences of Eastern and Central European domestic workers in the UK. Her expertise in gender and social equality and migration has been utilised whilst working on several research projects at the London School of Economics (LSE), Centre for Research on Nationalism, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism (CRONEM) at the University of Surrey and Roehampton and the Institute of Education – University College London (UCL).

As a consultant, Katarina has worked with several higher education institutions, such as the University of Huddersfield, University of Roehampton, University of York and Kingston University to support them to develop their new internship and/or professional placement programmes. Katarina has also successfully delivered social research courses on facilitating focus groups, conducting qualitative interviews and on analysing qualitative data for post-doctoral researchers, civil servants and NGO employees as well as the bespoke social research courses for organisations such as the Surrey County Council and HEFCE.

Katarina has a vast experience in teaching sociology, political science, psychology and business skills, tutoring and supervising adult learners, professionals and university students of all levels. She is a trained mentor and sports coach, confident public speaker and effective negotiator. She is an impassioned advocate of gender and social equality and has been writing and researching diversity and equality in workplace for many years.