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Currently, he is engaged in two research projects. The first called *Asylum 2.0* aimed at investigating the implications of internet and social media in being and doing asylum seeking. The second called *Migrant Literacies*, funded through the Erasmus + KA2 programme, aims at investigating the implications of media platforms and ICT based language learning for the emancipation of newly arrived migrants.