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November 2001:

PhD in History, University of Sofia. PhD thesis: "Urbanization Process and Demographic Changes in Bulgaria (1944-1989)"/in Bulgarian/.

1999-2000:

Graduate student in Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales – Paris, Centre d’Histoire du Domaine Turc. Mémoire de DEA: *Réformes et changements sociaux dans une ville ottomane au XIX-e siècle. Le cas de Sofia.*

1997-1998:

Central European University, Faculty of History, MA in Central European History. Master thesis: “*The Policy of Socialist Urbanization: Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria*”

1990-1995:

Student at University of Sofia, Faculty of History, MA in History. MA thesis: "The Urbanization Process and the Development of Sofia after World War II" /in Bulgarian/.

Participation in research projects:

2023-:

Participation in MACAUTH project – ERC Starting Grant, Institute of Mediterranean Studies, Rethymno (IMS-FORTH), principal investigator Tasos Kostopoulos.

2022-:

Participation in “Balkan historiographical wars” project, Institute of Balkan Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, principal investigator Roumen Daskalov.

2009-2014:

Participation in “Entangled Balkans. Balkan Histories: Shared, Connected, Entangled” – ERC Advanced Grants, New Bulgarian University, principal investigator Roumen Daskalov.

2008-2010:

Research project at the Institute for Studies of the Recent Past, Sofia: “The Communist Takeover in Bulgaria (9 September 1944)”

2006-2007:

Research project at the Institute for Studies of the Recent Past, Sofia. Personal projects: *The Cadres Nomenklatura of the Bulgarian Communist Party; The Communist Party Leadership; The Network of “Mass and Social organizations” of the Communist Regime.*

2006:

Fellow at the Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna. Personal Project: “*History against Geography: should we always think of the Balkans as part of Europe?*”

2005:

Fellow at the Center of Advanced Studies, Sofia / Collegium Budapest – *We, the Peoples* Project. Personal Project: “*Ottomanism as an Identity Politics.*”

2004/2005:

Fellow at New Europe College, Bucharest. Personal Project: “*The System of Nomenklatura. The Case of the Bulgarian Communist Party, 1944-1989.*”

2003/2004:

Fellow at the Center of Advanced Studies, Sofia – *Roles, Identities and Hybrids* Project. Personal Project: “*From National Leaders to Politicians. The Head of State institution in Southeast European post-communist countries.*”

2002/2003:

Participation in *Alternatif Tarih Ders Kitabı Yazma Projesi* (Alternative History Textbook Writing Project), Sabancı Üniversitesi, Istanbul, Turkey.

Teaching experience:

2018-2019:

Teaching a course “Balkans and Balkan Studies” /in English/ at New Bulgarian University, Department of History .

2008-2013:

Teaching a course on International relations in Southeastern Europe /in French/ at New Bulgarian University, Department of Political Science.

2000/ 2001; 2001/2002; 2003/2004:

Part-time assistant at the University of Sofia, Faculty of History, teaching Contemporary Bulgarian history.

Foreign Languages:

Fluent: English, French, Romanian.

Working knowledge: German, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Serbian/Croatian, Macedonian, Hungarian, Albanian, Turkish and Ottoman Turkish, Modern Greek.

List of publications:

Vlastovite strukturi na Bălgarskata komunisticheska partia (1944-1989) [The Power Structures of the Bulgarian Communist Party] (Sofia: Ciela / Institut za izsledvane na blizkoto minalo, 2008), 324 p. ISBN 9789542801979.

9 septemvri 1944 g. [The Communist Takeover in Bulgaria] (Sofia: Ciela / Institut za izsledvane na blizkoto minalo, 2014), 464 p.

Articles:

“Narastvaneto na naselenieto na Sofia sled Vtorata svetovna voina [Population growth of Sofia after World War II],” *Minalo* IV, No. 2 (1997): 85-95.

“Urbanizatsiata v Balgaria do Vtorata svetovna voina [Urbanization in Bulgaria till World War II],” *Minalo* VI, No. 3 (1999): 56-69.

“Sofia residence-ship [The restrictions to settle in Sofia, 1942-1990],” in *Sofia: 120 years as capital of Bulgaria. A Jubilee book* (Sofia: Publishing house of the Academy of Science, 2001), 237-244.

“Sistematizatsiyata v Rumăniya pri rezhima na Ceausescu [Systematization policy in Romania under Ceausescu’s regime],” *Istoriesko bădeshte* IV, No. 1-2 (2000): 224-237.

“Réformes et changements sociaux dans une ville ottomane au XIXe siècle: le cas de Sofia,” in *Etudes turques et ottomanes. Documents de travail*. CHDT (EHESS) – ESA 8032 (CNRS), coord. F. Georgeon. N 9-10, juin 2001, 15-25.

“Urbanizarea și rețeaua urbană în Sud-Estul Europei” [Urbanization and urban network in South-Eastern Europe],” in *Exerciții întru cunoaștere. Societate și mentalități în noi abordări istoriografice*, eds. Mirela-Luminița Murgescu and Simion Călția (Iași: Dominor, 2003), 111-131.

“*Kapalı Çarşı* – vaobrajaemata i istinskata, niakoga i sega [The Grand Bazaar in Istanbul – imagined and real, then and now],” *Istoriesko bădeshte* VII, No. 1-2 (2003): 279-294.

“Ochevidno samo na prav pogled: Balgarskoto vazravdane kato otdelna epoha [Self-evident only at first glance: The Bulgarian national revival as a distinct historical epoch],” *Literaturen vestnik* XIV, No. 25 (2004): 10-11; more detailed in: *Balkanskiyat XIX vek. Drugi prochiti*, ed. Diana Mishkova (Sofia: CAS/Riva, 2006), 82-127; abridged version in Albanian: “Rilindja Bullgare” si një periudhë e veçantë historike, shqyrtuar në kontekstin e “Rilindjeve kombëtare,” *Përpyekja* 30-31 (2013): 180-198.

“Decizii de o importanța deosebită: Repartizarea muncii în Secretariatul C.C, 1954-1967,” *Arhivele Totalitarismului* XIII, 46-47, No. 1-2 (2005): 111-119.

“History against Geography: Should We Always Think of the Balkans As Part of Europe?” in *History and Judgement*, eds. A. MacLachlan and I. Torsen, Vienna: IWM Junior Visiting Fellows' Conferences, Vol. 21: http://www.iwm.at/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=488&Itemid=276 ; published also in: *Ottoman Legacies in the Contemporary Mediterranean: The Balkans and the Middle East Compared*, eds. Eyal Ginio and Karl Kaser (Jerusalem: The European Forum at the Hebrew University, 2013), p. 59-77

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- “The System of *Nomenklatura*: The Case of the Bulgarian Communist Party (1944-1989),” in *New Europe College Regional Program 2003-2004 and 2004-2005*, ed. Irina Vainovski-Mihai (Bucarest: NEC, [2007]), 367-408.
- “Die neue Debatte über das Massaker von Batak. Historiografische Aspekte,” in *Batak – ein bulgarisches Erinnerungsort. Ausstellung*, eds. Martina Baleva and Ulf Brunnbauer (Sofia: Iztok-Zapad, 2007), 117-124.
- “The Authoritarianism of Turkey’s Military-Civilian Bureaucracy: The Neglected Problem in the Islam and Democracy Equation,” in *Turkey and EU: The Ultimate Challenge*, ed. Stiliyan Yotov = *Critique&Humanism* 27, No. 2 (2008): 125-135.
- “Histoire de l’État ou Histoire du Parti: l’historiographie bulgare sur le régime communiste”, *Divinatio* 27 (2008): 33-44.
- “Reconciliation of the Spirits and Fusion of the Interests. “Ottomanism” as an Identity Politics,” in *We, the People: Politics of National Peculiarity in Southeastern Europe*, ed. Diana Mishkova (Budapest: CEU Press, 2009), 47-77.
- “Proektăt i skandalăt “Batak.” Razkaz na edin otchevidetz [Batak – the project and the scandal. An eyewitness account],” *Anamnesis* IV, No. 1 (2009): 132-203: http://anamnesis.info/fonts/versiq.1.3/journal/flash_journal/broi9-A.Vezenkov/A.Vezenkov.pdf; abridged version in German: “Das Projekt und der Skandal “Batak,” *Südosteuropa* 58, No. 2 (2010): 250-272.
- “Ednopartijnata sistema: BKP i upravljenieto na stranata [The one-party system: the Bulgarian Communist Party and the way the country was governed],” in *Istoriya na Narodna republika Bălgariya. Rezhimăt i obshtestvoto*, ed. Ivaylo Znepolski (Sofia: Ciela / Institut za izsledvane na blizkoto minalo, 2009), 180-215.
- „From National Leaders to Politicians: the Head-of-State Institution in Southeast European Post-Comunist Countries (1989-2004)“. *CAS Working Paper Series* No. 2/2009.
- “Kak tăzhnata deistvitelnost se prevărna v kulturno nasledstvo: nashite starinni gradcheta [How a sad reality became cultural heritage: our old small towns]” and “Paradoksalnata upotreba na turtzizimi v razkaza za bălgarskoto” [The paradoxical use of Turkish words in the Bulgarian national discourse],” in *V tărsene na bălgarskoto. Mrezhi na natzionalna intimnost, XIX-XXI vek*, ed. Stefan Detchev (Sofia: Institut za izsledvane na izkustvata, 2010), 405-410 and 490-519.
- “In the service of the Sultan, in the service of the revolution: Local Bulgarian notables in the 1870s,” in *Conflicting Loyalties in the Balkans: The Great Powers, the Ottoman Empire and Nation-Building*, eds. Hannes Grandits, Nathalie Clayer and Robert Pichler (London: I.B. Tauris, 2011), 135-154.
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- “Ideite na 19 mai i zavetite na Bălgarskoto văzrazhdane [The ideology of the 19 May [1934] regime and the legacy of the Bulgarian national revival],” *Istorichesko bădeshte* XXIII, No. 1-2 (2019): 19-90.
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