

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Academic career:

- 2017 – Professor of Sociology, University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”
- 2006 – Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski
- 2000 – Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski
- 1999 – Researcher at the Institute of Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
- 1999 – PhD in Philosophy and Social Sciences, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris, France)

Foreign languages: French, English, Russian

### Courses taught at Sofia University:

- Political sociology: the new forms of populism;
- Sociology of culture;
- Epistemology of social sciences;
- Introduction to sociology;
- Key issues in contemporary social and cultural theory

### Membership in research and academic organizations:

- Member of the Board of “Human and Social Studies Foundation – Sofia”;
- Member of the Editorial Board of “Critique and Humanism” Magazine;
- Chief Editor of the site KX Reviews;
- Participant in the network OFFRES (Francophone Organization for formation and European Research in the humanities)

### Participation in research and academic projects:

- 2016-2017 – Participation in the International Study Group *PublicDemos. Public Space Democracy* organized and directed by Nilüfer Göle (EHESS, Paris) and supported by NOMIS Foundation;
- 2014-2016 – *The Protest Movements after 2011* – international academic project organized by Humans and Social Studies Foundation – Sofia (HSSF) and supported by Open Society Institute – Sofia;
- 2011-2012 – “*People*” and “*Civil Society*” as Resources of Democracy – collective research project on civic mobilizations and civic protests in Bulgaria organized by Humans and Social Studies Foundation – Sofia (HSSF) and supported by The Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe;
- 2009-2012 – *The Nation as a Public Repertoire* – collective research project organized by the Department of sociology at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski” and supported by the National Fund “Scientific Research”;
- 2009-2012 - *The Challenges to Representative Democracy Today* – collective research project organized by Humans and Social Studies Foundation – Sofia (HSSF) and supported by the National Fund “Scientific Research”;
- 2005-2009 - Academic Fellowship Program (Returning Scholar) in the framework of Higher Education Support Program (HESP), Open Society Institute, Budapest;
- 2000-2002 - Eastern Scholar Fellow in the framework of “Civic Education Project” for Central and Eastern Europe (HESP), Open Society Institute, Budapest.

#### Research Fellowships:

- 2017 – Visiting Professor – Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS, Paris) – May 2017;
- 2011-2012 – Research Fellow – Centre for Advanced Studies (CAS) - Sofia – October 2011-February 2012;
- 2011 – Visiting Professor – Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS, Paris) – May 2011;
- 2007 – Visiting Professor - Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS, Paris) – May 2007;
- 2004 - Visiting Fellow at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS) - April-June 2004;
- 2003 – Visiting Fellow at Maison des Sciences de l’Homme – Nord Pas de Calais (University of Lille III «Charles de Gaulle») – November 2003;
- 2003 – Visiting Fellow at the Humboldt University (Berlin, Germany), February-March 2003;
- 2001 – Visiting Fellow at Maison des Sciences de l’Homme (Paris, France), February-March 2001;
- 1995 - Three-month scholarship at the Centre for the Study of Democracy of Westminster University, London, May-July 1995.

Participation in International Conferences and Seminars:

- 2016 – Organizer and director (with Momchil Hristov) of the European Summer University *Peuples et populimes: demos, ethnos, ochlos*, University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”, July 21-27 2016;
- 2016 – Participation in the XX-th congress of AISLF, organized by UQAM and University of Montreal, July 4-8. Contribution: “Une petite société à l’épreuve de la globalisation: variété des récits apocalyptiques”;
- 2016 – Participation in Istanbul Seminars 2016, Reset Dialogues on Civilization : Religion, Rights and the Public Sphere, University Bilgi (Istanbul), May 24-28 2016. Contribution: “Unveiling the religious motives in contemporary radical social critique”;
- 2015 – Participation in the international conference *The Unhuman*, Apriltsi (Bulgaria), December 6-9. Contribution: “The Two Powers of Cornelius Castoriadis”;
- 2015 – Participation in the international conference *La démocratie de la place publique : Les mouvements de Maidan*, EHESS (Paris), November 19-21. Contribution: « Les protestations bulgares de 2013 : la guerre des métaphores »;
- 2014 – *L’avenir de la démocratie en Europe*, round table organized by French Institute in Sofia, September 24. With the participation of : Tzvetan Todorov (CNRS, Paris), Stoyan Atanassov (University de Sofia), Bogdan Bogdanov (New Bulgarian University) and Boyan Znepolski (University de Sofia);
- 2012 – International conference *Marx and Hegel on the Global Crisis*, October 22-23, University of Warsaw, organized by the Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology and the Faculty of Law and Administration. Contribution: “Transforming social critique in times of crisis: from pragmatism back to Marx”;
- 2011 – Lecture in the framework of the centre «Raymond Aron», EHESS (Paris), May 27, topic of the lecture: *La querelle du sujet et ses voix*;
- 2011 - Keynote speaker at the annual conference of the American University in Blagoevgrad (AUBG) *The Fellowship of the Mind*, April 9. Lecture: “On the strengths and weaknesses of academic social critique”;
- 2010 - International conference around the works and with the participation of Axel Honneth and Luc Boltanski: *What Social Critique Today?*, Forum “Dialogues in Sofia”, November 27-28. Contribution: “After Social Critique: Populist Critique of the Elites and Cultural Critique of National Identity as Critical Genres”;
- 2010 – International conference *Philosophy and Social Sciences*, organized by Czech Academy of Sciences and Charles University, Prague, May 12-16. Contribution: “From Critical Sociology to Pragmatic Sociology and Back: A Question of Legitimacy or of Efficiency?”;
- 2010 - International student conference “National Model United Nations” (NMUN), New York, March 28 – April 1. Academic adviser of the Bulgarian team.
- 2009 - European Summer University “New Figures of the State. Violence, Law, and Society”, organized by the University of Toulouse II, July 8-16 2009;

- 2008 – International seminar “Justice, politics and religion”, organized by the University of Sofia and the French cultural Institute in Sofia, Sofia, April 11-12. Organizer of the seminar together with Prof. Vladimir Gradev;
- 2008 - International conference “European meetings of the big metropolis: the crisis of the common life”, New Bulgarian University, April 3-6. Participant in the discussion: “Public and juridical dimensions of citizenship: national and European contexts”;
- 2006 - European Summer University “Coming Europe: Secularization, Justice, Democracy”, Cluj, Romania, September 3-13. Leading a workshop on “Democracy facing the Global Age”;
- 2006 - Inter-Regional Academic Fellowship Program Discipline Meeting in Social Sciences: “Thinking and Moving Forward: Action and Direction”. Contribution: “What should be the usefulness of social sciences in transforming societies?”, Tbilisi, Georgia, March 1-5;
- 2005 - International seminar “Problems of Identity”, Ecole française d’Athènes, Greece, December 5-10. Contribution: “The fictional dimensions of identity”;
- 2004 - European University “Action”, organised by the Faculty of Humanities, Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic), July 7-15. Contribution: “What creative action does it mean?”;
- 2003 – Participation in the series of lectures *The Subjectivity*, organized by the Department of Philosophy, University of Lille III Charles de Gaulle, November 13. Lecture: “Jurgen Habermas: l’herméneutique face aux défis de la rationalité”;
- 2003 - International Conference “Social Philosophy and Theory of Culture: Mechanisms of Social Integration in Post-traditional Societies” around the work and with the participation of Axel Honneth, Sofia, April 26-27. Contribution: “From Individuality to Subjectivity and Back”;
- 2002 - “The Screenplay of Arbitrariness: An Analysis of the Language of the Postcommunist Press” - Contribution to the International Conference “Power and Power Relations in East European Politics and Societies”, organised by the Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ISEEES), University of California, Berkeley, November 8-10;
- 2001 – European Summer University “La Responsabilité. Droit et Société. Morale et Politique”, organized by the University Lille III “Charles de Gaulle” (France), September 15-28;
- 1997 - International Conference around the work and with the participation of Paul Ricoeur: “Paul Ricoeur: Philosophy Facing the Challenges of Changes”, Sofia, October 1997. Contribution: “Dimensions of the Historical Consciousness: Cognition and Usages of the Past”.

## Publications:

### Books:

- *The Limits of the Subject*, Sofia, AGATA-A, 2007, 202 pp.
- *Hermeneutic Paradigms*, Sofia, AGATA-A, 2004, 319 pp.

### Magazines:

- *“People” and “Civil Society” as Resources of Democracy*, (Editor of the Issue), Critique and Humanism Journal, Special Issue, 2013;
- *Challenges 2* (second volume of *Challenges to Representative Democracy Today*), (Editors of the issue: Dimitar Vatsov, Boyan Znepolski, Kolyo Koev), Critique and Humanism Journal, Special Issue, 2012;
- *Rethinking Democracy: Power and Resistance*, (Editors of the issue: Dimitar Vatsov and Boyan Znepolski), Critique and Humanism Journal, Vol. 38, No 1/2012;
- *Negotiating “Nation” and “Society”: The Public Sphere in Post-Communist Bulgaria*, Euxeinos/2/2011 (Guest Editor), Newsletter of the Center for Governance and Culture in Europe, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland;
- *Politics in the Layers of Time and Space*, (Editors of the issue: Dimitar Vatsov and Boyan Znepolski), Critique and Humanism Journal, Vol. 33, No 3/2010;
- *Critique and Sovereignty* (Editors of the issue: Dimitar Vatsov and Boyan Znepolski), Critique and Humanism Journal, Vol. 32, No 2/2010;
- *The Spectre of the People: New Forms of Populism* (Editor of the issue), Critique and Humanism Journal, Vol. 24, No 1/2007;
- *The Myths in History and Historiography* (Editor of the issue), Critique and Humanism Journal, Vol 12, No 3/2001.

### Articles:

- *Unveiling the religious motives in radical social critique (forthcoming)*, B: Philosophy and social criticism, SAGE, 2017;
- *How to Criticize Our Societies Today? Part I: Pragmatic Sociology and Pragmatic Social Theory as a Social Critique*, B: Dialogue and Universalism, Vol. XXVI, No 2/2016, pp. 33-48;
- *How to Criticize Our Societies Today? Part II: The Radical Philosophical Critique of Democracy and Capitalism*, B: Dialogue and Universalism, Vol. XXVI, No 2/2016, pp. 49-64;
- *Bulgarian Student Occupations in the Focus of Two Rationalities*, B: Youth, Civic Action and Protest, Critique and Humanism, Vol. 46, 2/2016, pp. 97-108;
- *Le a demokráciával! Éljen a nép! (Zizek, Badiou, Laclau politikai filozófiájáról)*, Magyar Lettre International 97/2015, pp. 76-80;

- *Autour des débats sur les fondements des sciences sociales et de la critique sociale*, B : From the Case Study to the Event. On the Principles of Historical Reasoning, *Divinatio*/39-40, spring-summer 2015, pp. 273-304;
- *How to Criticize Our Society Without Destroying It ?*, CAS Working Paper Series, Issue 5, Advanced Academia Program 2009-2012, Sofia 2013, pp. 1-36;
- *Narratives on the Bulgarian Apocalypse*, In : Youth Cultures of Socialism and Post-Socialism, Critique and Humanism, No 43, кн.1-2/2014, pp. 313-333;
- *La Bulgarie sous la vague des protestations civiques : les protestations des étudiants bulgares et leurs détracteurs*, B : Le discours sur l'Europe : philosophie, économie, politique, *Divinatio*/37, spring-summer 2013, pp. 139-158;
- *Les expériences entre-culturelles : Heinz Wismann et Tzvetan Todorov*, B : Le discours sur l'Europe : philosophie, économie, politique, *Divinatio*/37, spring-summer 2013, pp. 107-130;
- *Dans quelle société vivons-nous? Wébérienne ou durkheimienne? A Conversation with Vincent Descombes*, In: Is Democracy Sick of Its Own Media?, *Divinatio*/35, spring-summer 2012, pp. 193-208;
- *The Concept of 'Subject' in the Light of the Expressivist Turn (On Axel Honneth's Theory of Reification)*, In: Discourse Practices and Identities, Sociological Problems, Special Issue/2012, pp. 34-44;
- *Down with Democracy! Long Live the People! ('The People' as a Critical Idea in Contemporary Political Philosophy)*, In: *Challenges 2* (second volume of *Challenges to Representative Democracy Today*), (Editors of the issue: Dimitar Vatsov, Boyan Znepolski, Kolyo Koev), Critique and Humanism, Special Issue, 2012, pp. 39-53;
- *Civil Protest in Bulgaria: the Missing Social Critique*, In: *Negotiating "Nation" and "Society": The Public Sphere in Post-Communist Bulgaria*, *Euxeinos*/2/2011, Newsletter of the Center for Governance and Culture in Europe, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, pp. 21-28;
- *On the strengths and weaknesses of academic social critique*, *Eurozine*, November 26 2010;
- *The French Exception (The Conflict of Interpretations)*, In Sociological Problems, *Legality and (Il)legitimacy of Power*, Special issue 2010, pp. 82-100;
- *On the Strength and the Weakness of Academic Social Critique*, In Critique and Humanism, "Critique and Sovereignty", Vol. 32, No 2/2010, pp. 11-25;
- "The Power that everyone exercises" (Forward), In Dimitar Vatsov, *Essays on Power and Truth*, Sofia, New Bulgarian University, 2009, pp. 7-18;
- "L'Atelier du roman": a storage or an exile of the novel in Critique and Humanism, "Literature, Historiography, Sociology", vol. 29, 2/2009, pp. 325-341;
- "Rationality and Creativity of Social Action", In *Sociology Facing the Challenge of Differences*, Sofia, University Publishers, 2009, pp. 126-142;
- *The Bulgarian press and the projections of successful life*, In Sociological problems 3-4/2008, The New Media Constellation, pp. 73-80;
- *Concilier Marx et Heidegger?* In *Divinatio Journal*, Le silence sur le communisme, vol. 27, spring-summer 2008, pp. 227-240.
- *The concept of ideology and its successors*, Sociological problems, special issue 2007, pp. 159-76.

- *From Individuality to Subjectivity or from Subjectivity to Individuality*, Critique and Humanism (International issue in English and German), "Justice and Communicative Liberty", Vol. 21/2006; pp. 131-138.
- "Co je to kreativni jednani?" ("What creative action does it mean?") in J. Capek, A. Svec (Eds.), *Filosofie jednani (Philosophy of Action)*, Prague, 2006; pp. 172-183.
- *La querelle du sujet et ses voix* in Divinatio Journal, Dossier: Umberto Eco – signes, représentations, interprétations, publ. by MSHS, vol. 21, spring-summer 2005, pp. 143-155.
- *Après la rationalité: Qu'est-ce que "agir créatif" veut dire?*, In Ondrej Svec, Ciprian Mihali (sous la dir. de), Philosophie de l'action, Actes de l'Université Européenne d'été de Prague - juillet 2004, Cluj, Ed. Idea, 2005, pp. 203-216.
- *La subjectivité après la métaphysique* in Divinatio Journal, Dossier: Pierre Nora – Lieux de mémoire et construction du présent, publ. by MSHS, No 19, spring – summer 2004, pp. 209-220.
- *Do we still need reason?*, Reason Magazine, 2004 (6), pp. 118-131;
- *The Balkans looking for themselves* in Critique and Humanism, "Multiculturalism", Vol. 16, No 2/2003, pp. 330-334.
- *The Screenplay of Arbitrariness: Reviewing the Short History of the Bulgarian Free Press* in Vox Litterarum: The Magic in Literature and Language, 1/2003, pp. 121-127.
- *The Two Projects of Modernity (The Return of the Subject is It Possible?)*, Critique and Humanism, "Reflexive Modernity and Tradition", Vol. 14, No 2/2002, pp. 155-173.
- *The Limits of Philosophy in Eastern Europe (In the Light of a Debate between Habermas and Rorty)*, in Arches (Actes de l'Association Roumaine des Chercheurs Francophones en Sciences Humaines), Bucharest-Cluj-Iasi, Enjeux de la philosophie contemporaine à l'Est et à l'Ouest, Tome 3/2002, pp. 66-76.
- *How Philosophy is/to be taught at School*, Critique and Humanism Magazine, "Humanitarian Education (Institutions and Models)", Vol.8, No 1/2000, pp. 75-86.
- *Ricoeur and Habermas: Directions of Modern Social Philosophy*, In the collection Jürgen Habermas and Paul Ricoeur: Dialogue one after the other, Sofia, publ. by Center of Sciences of Man and Society, 2000, pp.123-144.
- *Habermas et les lieux de l'herméneutique* in Divinatio Journal, Dossier: Rationalité et légitimité dans un monde en mutation. Hommage à Max Weber, publ. by MSHS, No. 9, spring-summer 1999, pp. 81-105.
- *Dimensions of the Historical Consciousness: Cognition and Usage of the Past*. In the collection Paul Ricoeur: Philosophy Facing the Challenges of Changes, Sofia, publ. by MSHS, 1998, pp. 72-83.
- *Paul Ricoeur and the French Philosophy*, In: The Language of Desires, collection dedicated to Paul Ricoeur, Sofia, publ. by Citizen Society, 1997, pp. 137-140.
- *Conflits interprétatifs. Apories existentielles* in Divinatio Journal, The Idea of Sociocultural Progress. On the Hermeneutic Phenomenology of Science, publ. by MSHS, No. 5, autumn-winter 1997, pp. 149-154.
- *The Experience of one strike* (The big French strike in the autumn of 1995), Democratic Review Journal, № 4-5/1996, pp. 80-86.

**Bulgarian translations:**

- Milan Kundera, *The Art of the Novel*, Sofia, Colibri, 2007.
- Milan Kundera, *Ignorance*, Sofia, Colibri, 2004.
- Milan Kundera. *The book of laughter and forgetting*, Sofia, Colibri, 2001.
- Milan Kundera. *Slowness*. Sofia. "St. Kliment Ohridski" University Publishers. 1999.
- Maurice Merleau-Ponty, *The Philosopher and His Shadow*, Sofia, Critique and Humanism Publishers, 1996.