

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CURRENT POSITION

2018 – Assistant Professor, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Department of Sociology

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 – 2018 Assistant, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Department of Sociology
- 2011 – 2015 Part-time Lecturer, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Department of Sociology
- 2008 - 2010 Project Coordinator, Research Center of Social Studies at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Department of Sociology

EDUCATION

- 2011 – 2014 PhD: Sociology at New Bulgarian University, Department of Philosophy and Sociology. Title of the thesis: *Power in a Situation: Theoretical and Empirical Aspects*. Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Kolio Kolev
- 2009 – 2011 MA: History of Philosophy at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Department of History of Philosophy. Title of the master thesis: *Subject and Power. The Problem of Critical Action in Bourdieu and Foucault*. Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Alexander Kanev.
- 2004 – 2008 BA: Sociology at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Department of Sociology
- 2008 Erasmus Student at Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

CURRENT UNIVERSITY COURSES

BA level, Department of Sociology, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

- 2015 - The History of Sociology: Genesis of the National Sociological Traditions - Associate Professor Svetla Marinova, Assistant, Professor Lea Vajsova
- 2015 - The History of Sociology After World War II - Associate Professor Svetla Marinova, Assistant Professor Lea Vajsova
- 2015 - Sociology of Power - Prof. Dr. Petya Kabakchieva, Assistant Professor Lea Vajsova

2015 - Sociology of Modern Ideology - Prof. Dr. Petya Kabakchieva, Assistant Professor Lea Vajsova

PAST UNIVERSITY COURSES

BA level, Department of Sociology, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

2011 – 2017 Social Theory and Pragmatism

BA level, Philosophy and Sociology Department, New Bulgarian University

2014 SOCB803 Media and Public Relations

2013 PHIM017 Discourse Analysis and Archival Research Method

2013 PHIB754 Sociology of Ethnic Relations

2013 SOCB005 Research Project and Research Process

2012 PHIM001 Contemporary Social Theories

2012 PHIB617 Social Philosophy

GUEST-LECTURING

2020 Feminist Boot Camp, organized by the Bulgarian Fund for Women. Title of the lecture: *The Role of Feminism(s) in Contemporary Debates about the Veil. The Case of Bulgaria*. Nessebar, 23.09 – 26.09 2020.

2019 Feminist Boot Camp, organized by the Bulgarian Fund for Women. Title of the lecture: *Intersectionality and Social Inequalities*. Bankia, 12. 05 – 15. 05 2019.

- 2019 Educational program “Leaders of Change“, organized by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Bulgaria. Title of the lecture: *A World of Democracy, a World of Inequalities: Political and Gender Dimensions*. Veliko Tarnovo, 19.04. – 21.04. 2019.
- 2016 Seminar *Multipolis - Images of the City*, organized by *the Fridge* in partnership with Cultural Centre of Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. Sofia, 10.06. 2016.

LANGUAGES

Mother tongues	Bulgarian, Slovak		
	Levels: A1/2: Basic User; B1/2: Independent User; C1/2 Proficient User (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)		
Other languages	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	C1	B2	B2
Czech	B2	A1	A1
German	A2	A1	A1

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2020 Young Scientist, National Program "Young Scientists and Postdoctoral Candidates" of the Ministry of Education and Science, Bulgaria. Titles of specialization: *The Construction of Femonationalism in Bulgaria*.
- 2012 Participant, Summer School “Seeing Matter(s): Materiality and Visuality”. Karl Jaspers Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies, Heidelberg, Germany. 29.08 – 4.08 2012.

MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS

- 2020 - present International Sociological Association
- 2020 - present European Sociological Association
- 2015 Human and Social Studies Foundation – Sofia
- 2008 Research Center for the Social Sciences at The Department of Sociology, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- 2018 - present Co-founder and member of informal feminist collective *Levfem*
- 2011 Volunteer in European Alternatives
- 2009 Volunteer for Erasmus Student Network (ESN), Sofia
- 2007 – 2009 Volunteer for the Association of Sociology Students at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Department of Sociology

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

(2020) *Care as a Commodity. Problems of Care Work in Bulgaria*. (In co-authorship with Raia Apostolova, Neda Genova). Available from: [file:///C:/Users/Lea/Downloads/-%Do%BA%Do%Bo%D1%82%Do%BE-%D1%81%D1%82%Do%BE%Do%BA%Do%Bo.-%Do%9B%Do%B5%Do%B2%Do%A4%Do%B5%Do%BC.%20\(2\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Lea/Downloads/-%Do%BA%Do%Bo%D1%82%Do%BE-%D1%81%D1%82%Do%BE%Do%BA%Do%Bo.-%Do%9B%Do%B5%Do%B2%Do%A4%Do%B5%Do%BC.%20(2).pdf) [Accessed 20/08/20] [in Bulgarian]

(2012) *Portraits of Disappearing Sofia*. Sofia: Iztok – Zapad (In co-authorship with Nevena Germanova, Veronika Dimitrova, Elena Lilova, Tsvetelina Panova, Tsvetelina Slavcheva, Kristiyan Hristoff) [in Bulgarian]

EDITOR

(2019) co-edited with Kalina Drenska, Raia Apostolova, Mariya Ivancheva, Stoyanka Eneva: *Feminist Horizons: Violence, Labour and Mobilizations* [in Bulgarian]

(2017) co-edited with Milla Mineva, Todor Christov, issue 48 of *Critique & Humanism*: Conspiratorial Mind and Social Imagination [in Bulgarian]

(2015) co-edited with Momchil Christov, issue 44 of *Critique & Humanism*: Michael Foucault: Ways of Usage. Volume I [in Bulgarian]

(2015) co-edited with Momchil Christov, issue 44 of *Critique & Humanism*: Michael Foucault: Ways of Usage. Volume II [in Bulgarian]

(2014) co-editor with Daniel Smilov: *#The Protest: Analyses and Positions in the Bulgarian Press, Summer 2013* [in Bulgarian]

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

(2020) The Role of Feminism(s) in Contemporary Debates about the Veil. The Case of Bulgaria. *Annual of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", book Sociology, Volume 109* (forthcoming)

(2018) Judicial Power or Conspiracy? The Emergence of Citizen-Investigator in the Context of a Politics Centered around the Rule of Law and Fight against Corruption. *Critique and Humanism*, 49, pp. 385 – 404 [in English]

(2017)) Judicial Power or Conspiracy? The Emergence of Citizen-Investigator in the Context of a Politics Centered around the Rule of Law and Fight against Corruption. *Critique and Humanism*, 48, pp. 257 – 278 [in Bulgarian]

(2015) To Disclose Yourself: Power and Constitution of the Sexual Subject in Foucault's Works. *Critique and Humanism*, 44, pp. 65 – 79 [in Bulgarian]

(2014) Ethnomethodological Notes on the Position of the Researcher Participating in the Protest. In: Iakimova, M.; Kabakchieva, P.; Liakova, M.; Dimitrova, V. (eds.) *Following the Steps of the Other: A Collection in Honor of Maya Grekova*. Sofia: Prosveta, pp. 311 – 328 [in Bulgarian]

(2013) From *a priori* to Historical *a priori* and the Commentary. The Problem of Objectification in Kant through Foucault. *Sociological problems*, 3-4, pp. 138 – 146 [in Bulgarian]

(2013) The Photographed Emotions of a City: Sketches on the Crumbling Houses of Old Sofia. *Seminar BG*, 8. Available from: www.seminar-bg.eu [Accessed 19/08/15] [in Bulgarian]

(2013) Occupy “Orlov most”! The Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere – on Ecological Protest in June 2012. *Critique and Humanism*, 41, pp. 273 – 292 [in Bulgarian]

(2012) In the Track of Insecurity in Action with Kolyo Kolev. Because of Bruno Latour, back to Max Weber and Alfred Schutz. In: Deyanov, D.; Karamelska, T.; Sabeva, S.; Todorov, H. (eds.) *The Stranger and Everyday Life. A Collection Dedicated to Kolyo Koev’s 60th Birth Anniversary*. Sofia: New Bulgaria University, pp. 135 – 144 [in Bulgarian]

(2012) (Self)Governed Citizens. Or What Does the Campaign “Let’s Clean Up Bulgaria for a Day” Tell us. *Critique and Humanism*, 39, pp. 249 – 264 [in Bulgarian].

(2012) Subject and Power. The Problem of Critical Action in Bourdieu and Foucault. *Critique and Humanism*, 38, pp. 245 – 263 [in Bulgarian]

(2011) Facebook: Nationalism and Citizens Mobilizations. In: Ditchev, I.; Spassov, O. (eds.) *New Media and New mobilizations*. Sofia: Open Society Institute, pp. 134 – 155 [in Bulgarian]

(2010) Social Inequalities in the Changing Space of One Post-socialist Neighbourhood of Sofia (the Case of Dragalevtsi). *Sociological problems*, 1 – 2, pp. 231 – 256 (In co-authorship with Svetla Marinova and Lyubomir Pozharliev) [in Bulgarian]

(2009) Facebook: Playing a Citizen. *Seminar-BG*, issue 1. Available from: www.seminar-bg.eu [Accessed 20/08/19] [in Bulgarian]

REVIEWS

(2015) *A Comment on the “Amazon Armor” Art Catalogue by Boryana Rossa*. Available from: www.blistermagazine.com [Accessed 19/08/15] [in Bulgarian]

Marinova, S. (2012) *Toward a Political Economy of the Narratives About the Past in German History of Sociology*. Sofia: Sofia University Press. Available from: www.hssfoundation.org [Accessed 19/08/15] [in Bulgarian]

(2011) Patriotism, Nationalism, Citizenship, and Beyond. *Critique and Humanism*, 37, pp. 373 – 380 [in Bulgarian]

(2010) International Conference “What Is Social Critique Today?” On Luc Boltanski and Axel Honneth. *Sociological problems*, 3 – 3, pp. 317 – 326 (In co-authorship with Dimitar Bojkov) [in Bulgarian]

TRANSLATION

(2012) Butler, J. Introduction: The Psychic Life of Power. *Critique and Humanism*, 38, pp. 41 – 64 [English to Bulgarian]

OTHERS (POPULAR SCIENCE ARTICLES, etc.)

(2020) *Historical Bath. A Model for Development of the North and East Wing of the Central Mineral Baths - Sofia*. https://sofiaplan.bg/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/%d0%98%d1%81%d1%82%d0%be%d1%80%d0%b8%d1%87%d0%b5%d1%81%d0%ba%d0%b0-%d0%b1%d0%b0%d0%bd%d1%8f_%d0%ba%d0%be%d0%bd%d1%86%d0%b5%d0%bf%d1%86%d0%b8%d1%8f_compressed.pdf [Посетена 11/12/2020] (co-authorship with Ivo Anev, Vesselin Alexiev, Elitsa Dimitrova, Nadezda Sucheva, Tanya Mitakeva, Pavel Panchev, Gavrilia Haralanova, Denica Kirkova) [in Bulgarian]

(2020) *What Has Provoked the Strengthening of Conservative Voices in Europe?* Available from: <https://nmd.bg/kakvo-provokira-zasilvaneto-na-konservativnite-glasove-v-evropa/> [Accessed 11/12/2020] [in Bulgarian]

(2019) The Potential of Left-wing Feminism in the World and in Bulgaria. (co-author Raia Apostolova, Mariya Ivancheva). IN: Drenska, K.; Apostolova, R.; Ivancheva, M.; Vajsova, L.; Eneva, S. (co-edit.). *Feminist Horizons: Violence, Labour and Mobilizations*. Sofia: Dedrax, pp. 13 – 50

(2019) *An interview made by Lea Vajsova with Zorka Michailova – a Bulgarian emigrant working as a caregiver in Greece, Athens*. Marginalia Online Magazine. Available from: <https://www.marginalia.bg/author/leavaisova/> [Accessed 11/12/2020] [in Bulgarian]

(2018) *An interview by Yuliana Metodieva with Lea Vajsova: Sexism and Racism: Business Wins as Social inequalities and Humiliation grow*. Marginalia Online Magazine. Available from: <https://www.marginalia.bg/aktsent/30440/> [Accessed 11/12/2020] [in Bulgarian]

(2017) *Sex, Revolution, Emancipation: a conversation between Boryana Rossa and Lea Vajsova*. dBEPCЯ Magazine. Available from: <http://dversia.net/2714/sex-revolution-emancipation/> [in Bulgarian]

(2015) *What Does it Mean to Be a Black Immigrant in Bulgaria?* Marginalia. Available from: <http://www.marginalia.bg/analizi/kakvo-e-da-si-chernokozh-imigrant-v-balgariya/> [Accessed 19/08/15] [in Bulgarian]

Photographer for: Collina, V. (2014) *Time and Beauty. Art Nouveau in Bulgarian Cities*. Sofia: Parish Publishing Center “Saints Cyril and Methodius” [in English]

(2014) *Negotiating Art within the Public Sphere. Portal “Culture”*. Available from: www.kultura.bg [Accessed 19/08/15]. (In co-authorship with Vladiya Mihaylova) [in Bulgarian]

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2020 – 2021 *Sociological Study of Feminist Organizations in Bulgaria*, Bulgarian Fund for Women, Project Manager and Researcher

2020 – 2021 *ONE FOR ALL – Multidisciplinary Digital Education Platform*, ONE Foundation for Culture and Arts, National Culture Fund, Team Member

2016 – 2021 *Educational Inequalities – Strategic Objectives of the Reforms in Bulgarian Education and Practical Results*, Department of Sociology, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, The Bulgarian National Science Fund, Researcher

2020 *Historical Bath*, Sofiaplan – Sofia Municipality, Team Member

- 2019 – 2020 *Politics and Practices in the Field of Care Work*, LevFem, Bulgarian Fund for Women, Researcher and Project Coordinator
- 2017 – 2020 *Political Uses of the Bulgarian Revival: Historical Heritage and Modernity*. Department of Sociology, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgarian National Science Fund, Researcher
- 2019 *Gender, Sexuality and Intersectionality*, LevFem, Bulgarian Fund for Women, Team Member and Project Coordinator
- 2016 *Multipolis - Images of the City, the Fridge*, Fund for Innovations in Culture, Team Member
- 2014 – 2016 *Civic Practice for Students and Teachers After the 2011 Protests*, Human and Social Studies Foundation – Sofia, NGO Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area, Researcher
- 2015 *New Left Perspectives for Bulgarian Society [Social Processes, Social Conflicts] - Part Four - 2015*, Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Project Coordinator
- 2015 *Volunteerism – Path for Realization*, National Alliance for Volunteer Action, program Erasmus +, Department of Sociology, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Researcher
- 2011 – 2012 *People and Civil Society as Resources of Democracy*, Human and Social Studies Foundation – Sofia, CEE Trust, Researcher
- 2011 *Cartography of Disappearing Memory. Biographical Portraits of Run-down Houses in Old Sofia*, Department of Sociology, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, The Bulgarian National Science Fund, Researcher and Project coordinator
- 2008 – 2012 *National as Public Repertoire*, Department of Sociology, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, The Bulgarian National Science Fund, Researcher and Project coordinator
- 2008 – 2012 *Nation and Citizenship*, Sociology Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, The Bulgarian National Science Fund, Researcher and Project Coordinator
- 2009 – 2010 *New Media. New Mobilizations*, Open Society Institute – Sofia, Researcher
- 2009 *Cultural Map of Sofia*, Sofia University Scientific Research Fund, Researcher

- 2008 *Social Inequalities in the Changing Space of One Post-socialist Neighbourhood of Sofia (the Case of Dragalevtsi)*, Sociology Department, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgarian National Science Fund, Researcher
- 2008 *Minorities in the City. Roma in Sofia: From Isolation to Integration*, Department of Sociology, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgarian National Science Fund (BNSF), Researcher