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RESEARCH FIELD AND INTERESTS

Late Antiquity, Byzantium and the Crusades; mental structures of the political and religious culture of medieval Europe; rituals and identity construction; representations of power and practices of rhetorical, topographical and visual constructions; relics and transfer of symbolic resources; ceremonies, memory and symbolism of the urban landscape; historical anthropology and microhistory; medievalism and its uses in various aspects of modern and contemporary culture;

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Since 2005 «Political Phenomena of Medieval Europe», mandatory, BA course, Dept. of Theory and History of Culture; assistant lecturer

Since 2005 «Mental Structures of Medieval Europe», mandatory, BA course, Dept. of Theory and History of Culture; assistant lecturer

Since 2011 «Imperial Centers and Culture in Medieval Europe», elective, BA course, Dept. of Theory and History of Culture;

Since 2011 «Power and Ceremony in the Culture of Medieval Europe», elective, BA course, Dept. of Theory and History of Culture;

Since 2016 «Sacred theft (furta sacra) and its uses: relics, memory and power in the Byzantine palace ceremony», elective, BA course, Dept. of Theory and History of Culture;

SCIENTIFIC DEGREES AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS

1992-1993: Lecturer, NBU

1993-present: Assistant Professor, Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski ”

1993-2013: Member of commissions of the Ministry of Education and Science for development of secondary education curricula

1999-2002: Member of the Expert Council of the European Program, Open Society Institute – Sofia

1999-2005: Member of the Art Council of the BNB

1999-present: Co-founder and chairman of the board of the Paidea Foundation

2006: Member of the Advisory Board for Education of Sofia Municipality

EDUCATION

1990 Diploma (MA) in History, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski ”

2017 PhD in 3.1. Sociology, Anthropology and Cultural Studies, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

Edited volumes:

1993-1996: editor in chief of the series *Historical etudes*, Anubis Press

1998-2003: editor in chief of the series *The History*, LIK Press

2005-2010: compiler and editor (together with Tsv. Stepanov) of the periodical scientific periodical *Mediaevalia Christiana*.

- *Mediaevalia Christiana No 1. Power, image, imagination. Sofia: East-West Press, 2005.*
- *Mediaevalia Christiana No 2. Medieval urbanism: memory, sacredness, traditions. Sofia: Sofia University Press, 2007.*
- *Mediaeval Christianitas: Regions, 'Faces', Approaches, Sofia: Voenno izdatelstvo Ltd., 2010.*

Selected articles and book chapters:

„Sacrum Imperium: to the theology of imperial power in Byzantium“. – В: *Mediaevalia Ucrainica: Ментьльныст та істория іаей*. Ред. Т.А. Кінько. Київ: АН України, 1993, 3-25.

„Medieval eschatological texts and images of women in the Balkans“ (co-written with Tsv. Stepanov). – In: *The boundaries of citizenship: European women between tradition and modernity*. Eds. R. Gavrilova and Kr. Daskalova. Sofia: LIK Press, 2001, pp. 17-29.

„The invention of the Roman heritage: two ceremonies from the history of early Constantinople“. – In: *Cultura Animi. In honor of Prof. Anna Nikolova. Eds. V. Gerdzhikova and E. Marinova. Sofia: East-West Press, 2004*, pp. 254-263.

„Why Byzantium has no political theory?“ – In: *Civitas Divino-Humana. In honor of Prof. G. Bakalov. Eds. Tsv. Stepanov and V. Vachkova. Sofia: Center for the Study of Bulgarians TANGRA TanNakRa Press, 2004*, pp. 183-192.

„Between Faith and Depravity. The Fourth Crusade and the Looting of Constantinople“. – *Christianity and culture*, 2005, 13, pp. 98-105.

„Power, Representation and Legitimacy in Byzantium in the 10th Century: The Limburg Staurotheke and "Her" Relics of Christ“. – *Mediaevalia Christiana*, vol.1, 2005, pp. 77-103.

„Roman Trophies and Christianity: Ceremony and Urbanization in Early Constantinople“. – In: *Byzantium in her own Eyes and in the Eyes of Others*. Eds. V. Vachkova, Al. Milanova and Tsv. Stepanov. Sofia: Gutenberg, 2007, 22-31.

„Public ceremony, Christian memory and the symbolic topography of the city: the story of the martyr and his functions in late antiquity (III-VI centuries).– *Mediaevalia Christiana*, vol. 2., 2007, pp. 77-105.

„Empire, Theologie et Reconstruction: les byzantins avaient-ils de théorie politique“. – *Mediaevalia Christiana*, vol. 3., 2010, pp. 218-229.

„Ceremony, Memory and Orthodoxy in Byzantium: The Feast of Orthodoxy and its Establishment“. – *Christianity and culture*, 2016. 110, 30-40.

Textbooks (co-written with M. Donkova):

History for 8th grade. Part 1-2. Sofia: Anubis Press, 1993.

The Man and the Mediaeval Times: History of the European medieval civilization. Part 1-2. Sofia: Anubis Press, 1994.

The Man and the Mediaeval Times. History for 8th grade. Sofia: Anubis Press,, 1995-2002 (1-8 Ed.).

Historical Atlas for 4th grade. Illustrated. Sofia: LIK Press, 1997-2000 (1-3 Ed.)

The Man and the Mediaeval Times. History for 8th grade. Sofia: Anubis Press, 1998-2002 (1-4 Ed.).

CONFERENCES

2008: „Homo Neo Romanus“. International Colloquium „Homo Bizantinus?“ GT Byzance – FMSH Paris, Programme Mellon International

2009: „Les recits de ceremonial et la construction de la memoire“. international Conference „Homo Bizantinus?“ GT Byzance – FMSH Paris, Programme Mellon

PROJECTS

2009-2011: Memory and Obvilion in Byzantium. (Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), member

2010-2012: „Image and cultural identity: symbols on coins in ancient and medieval imagery“, supported by the National Research Fund, Ministry of Education and Science, expert

2010-2014: Virtual exhibition "The Ruler in the Bulgarian Historical Memory. Mythology, doctrine, imagery ", supported by the National Research Fund, Ministry of Education and Science, expert

2011: Methodology for identification and analysis of cultural potential, supported by the National Research Fund, Ministry of Education and Science, expert

MEMBERSHIP IN
RESEARCH
ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Byzantinists and Medievalists in Bulgaria
“Byzantium” Working Group