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RESEARCH FIELD AND INTERESTS	social and cultural anthropology; migrations; ethnic and religious minorities in Bulgaria; nations and nationalism; cultural heritage
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Historical anthropology of Bulgaria Introduction to anthropology Anthropology of contemporary cultural practices
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SCIENTIFIC DEGREES AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS	2022–Present: Assistant professor , Department of History and Theory of Culture, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski 2022–2023: Postdoctoral fellow , Centre for Advanced Studies – Sofia 2019–2020: Researcher , Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Faculty of Philosophy 2019–2020: Visiting fellow , University of Graz, Centre for Southeast European Studies 2016: Visiting fellow , Kadir Has University, Department of New Media 2014–2015: Visiting fellow , Istanbul Bilgi University, Cultural Policy and Management Research Centre
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PUBLICATION
ACTIVITY

2021. "A "Place for Our Small Problems": Online Ethnic Media of the Turks in/from Bulgaria", In: Gladkova, A., S. Jamil, (eds.) *Ethnic Journalism in the Global South*. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 155–170.
2021. "Memory Practices and Memory Politics in the Town Fest of Dzhebel". *Ethnologia Bulgarica*, 1/VII, 62–76.
2020. (with I. Strahilov) „Османското наследство отвъд утвърдения дискурс: спомени, разкази и практики на наследяване“. В: Янчев, В., М. Кипровска, Гр. Бойков (съст.) *Вакъфите в България* [“The Ottoman Heritage Beyond the Authorized Discourse: Memories, Stories and Practices of Heritagization”. In: Yanchev, V., M. Kiprovsk, G. Boykov (eds.) *The Waqfs in Bulgaria*]. Sofia: St. Kliment Ohridski University Publishing House, 417–461.
2020. (with V. Gueorguieva and G. Goncharova) ““A Home for Our Children”: The Bulgarian (Dis)illusion with Democratic Society Thirty Years Later”. In: Kavaliauskas T. (ed.) *Europe 30 Years after 1989: Transformations in Values, Memory, and Identity*. Leiden: Brill Rodopi, 140–172.
2018. (with I. Strahilov) “Performing Affection, Constructing Heritage? Civil and Political Mobilizations around the Ottoman Legacy in Bulgaria”. In: Smith, L., M. Wetherell, G. Campbell (eds.) *Emotion, Affective Practices and the Past in the Present*. Abingdon: Routledge, 179–194.
2016. “Digital Ethnicities and (Re-)Construction of Ethnic Identities in Social Media”. In: Karatzogianni, A., D. Nguyen, E. Serafinelli (eds.) *The Digital Transformation of the Public Sphere: Conflict, Migration, Crisis and Culture in Digital Networks*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 283–301.
2015. (with I. Strahilov) „Османското минало: между наследеното и наследството“ [“Between Inherited and Heritized: The Ottoman Legacy in Bulgaria”]. *Seminar_BG*, 12.
2014. „Виртуална умма – конструиране на виртуална общност в социалните медии“. *Социологически проблеми* [“Virtual Umma – Constructing a Religious Community in Social Media”. *Sociological Problems*], 1–2, 138–152.
2013. „Да бъдеш или да не бъдеш... българин?“ [“To Be or not to Be... Bulgarian?”]. *Seminar_BG*, 8.
2012. „Wikipedia като ‘контактна зона’“ [“Wikipedia As a ‘Contact Zone’”]. *Seminar_BG*, 7.
2012. (with M. Domecka, M. Eichsteller, P. Musella, L. Ojamäe, E. Perone, D. Pickard, A. Schröder-Wildhagen, K. Siilak, K. Waniek) “Method in Practice: Autobiographical Narrative Interviews in Search of European Phenomena”. In: Miller, R., G. Day (eds.) *The Evolution of European Identities: Biographical Approaches*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 21–44.
2012. (with M. Draganova, R. Jeleva, D. Pickard) “Farmers: More and Less Europeans”. In: Miller, R., G. Day (eds.) *The Evolution of European Identities: Biographical Approaches*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 102–114.
2012. (with R. Jeleva, M. Draganova, D. Pickard) “‘Europe’ as a Hope: A Farmer’s Viewpoint from Bulgaria”. In: Miller, R., G. Day (eds.) *The Evolution of European Identities: Biographical Approaches*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 115–128.
2012. “Projections of Motherland in the Perceptions of the Turks Migrants from Bulgaria to Bursa”. *ADAM Akademi Sosyal Bilimler Degrisi*, 2(1), 61–80

CONFERENCES

- 2022: "Contesting the Contested: Bulgaria's Ottoman Heritage and its Vernacular Communities" (with I. Strahilov), *Contested Heritage in the 21st Century: Eastern Europe and Beyond*, KU Leuven;
- 2021: "'They've Learnt a lot from Us as We Had Brought Modernisation': Gender, Ethnicity, and Modernist Discourses amongst the Turkish Women Migrants from Bulgaria to Turkey"; *53rd Annual Convention of The Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies*;
- 2021: "'We are like the Birds...': Circular Migration through the Bulgarian-Turkish Border", *Between the Worlds: Migrants, Margins, and Social Environment*, IEFSEM-BAS;
- 2021: "Gender, Ethnicity and Dynamics of Representations among Turkish Women Migrants from Bulgaria to Turkey", *Gendered Transformations of Muslim Lives in Socialist and Post-socialist Contexts*, Charles University;
- 2021: "Dis/Inheriting the Ottoman Legacy in Contemporary Bulgaria" (with I. Strahilov), *Transregional Academy: Shadows of Empires: Imperial Legacies and Mythologies in East Central Europe*, Centre for Advanced Studies (Sofia);
- 2020: "Entangled Histories of Population Politics: Migrations of the Turks from Bulgaria to Turkey", *Sickle and Veil Project Autumn Workshop*, Charles University;
- 2019: "'Strangers Among Own People': Stories of Regular Border Crossings of the Turks from Bulgaria", *International Symposium on the 30th Anniversary of Forced Migration from Bulgaria to Turkey*, İzmir Kâtip Çelebi University;
- 2019: „Beyond the Authorised Discourse: Memories and Stories about the Ottoman as Heritage“ (with I. Strahilov), *The Fate of the Waqf Lands in Bulgaria in the Transition between Imperial and Nation State Governance*, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski;
- 2017: "Living There, Sharing Here: Memories over the Borders", *Between the Worlds: People, Spaces and Rituals*, IEFSEM-BAS;
- 2016: "Mediatization of Memory – Past as Nostalgia, Past as Trauma", *Transcultural Memory and Reception in Europe*, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski;
- 2016: "Remembering the Past, Sharing the Present", *Social Media in Turkey: Uses and Impacts in Social and Political Life*, Middle East Technical University & The British Institute at Ankara;
- 2015: "Digital Ethnicities? How New Media (Re-)Construct Collective Identities Today", *Media Bridges. Culture*, Kadir Has University;
- 2015: "Performing Affection, Constructing Heritage? Civil and Political Mobilizations around the Ottoman Legacy in Bulgaria" (with I. Strahilov), *5th International Annual Balkan Conference*, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and Istanbul University;
- 2014: "'We are Turks' and 'We are from Bulgaria'. The Identity Paths and Community Construction", *In Motion. Movements, Crossings and Transfers in Turkey from Prehistoric Heartlands to Modern Nation-state*, The British Institute at Ankara;
- 2013: "'We are Turks' and 'We are from Bulgaria', The Traumatic Collective Memory as a Strategy for Community Construction", *In Search of Transcultural Memory in Europe*, Jagiellonian University;
- 2013: "Identity Online: How Bulgarian Muslims (Re-)Construct Identities through New Media", *Intersectional Conflict and Dialogue: Transnational Migrant and Digital Diaspora Networks*, University of Hull.
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- PROJECTS
- 2021–2023: *Water as a Resource, Water as Heritage. Ottoman Public Baths and Their Contemporary Socio-Economic and Cultural Dimensions in Bulgaria*, funded by the National Science Fund – Ministry of Education and Science;
- 2020 – 2023: *Sickle and Veil: Communist Gender Policies Towards Muslim Minorities in Eastern Europe*, funded by the Primus Grant of Charles University;
- 2016 –2021: *The New Festivity: Communities, Identities, and Policies in Bulgaria in the 21st Century*, funded by the National Science Fund – Ministry of Education and Science;
- 2017–2020: *Returnees: Stories and Trajectories of the Turks from Bulgaria*, funded by the National Science Fund – Ministry of Education and Science;
- 2020: *Contemporary Challenges for Field Research in Anthropology*, funded by the Science Fund of Sofia University;
- 2014: *New Cultural Heritages*, funded by the Science Fund of Sofia University;
- 2012: *Dynamics of the Processes of Return and Reintegration of Bulgarian Migrants*, funded by the National Science Fund – Ministry of Education, Youth and Science;
- 2012: *“Clean” and “Dirty” Places: Research on the Social Reconstruction of Urban Space*, funded by the National Science Fund – Ministry of Education, Youth and Science;
- 2009–2012: *EUROIDENTITIES – The Evolution of European Identity: Using Biographical Methods to Study the Development of European Identity*, funded by the 7th FP of the EC.
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- MEMBERSHIP IN RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS
- The Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)
 - The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)
 - The International Association for Southeast European Anthropology (InASEA)
 - International Media and Nostalgia Network