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Elections and electoral systems, electoral forecasting, electoral security, new voting technologies, electoral clientelism

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Elections and Electoral Systems, Electoral Security, International Election Observation, Elections as an Element of National Security

SCIENTIFIC DEGREES AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Doctor of Science in Political Science (2025)

PhD in Political Science (2010)

Professor (2026)

Associate Professor (2018)

Senior Assistant Professor (2012)

Assistant Professor (2011)

EDUCATION

Specialization in Statistics, Duke University, USA (2016)

Specialization in Applied Statistics, Technical University of Sofia (2015)

MA in European Integration, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (2008)

MA in Political Science with distinction, Central European University, Budapest (2006)

BA in Political Science, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (2005)

Specialist in International Relations, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski (2004)

PUBLICATION ACTIVITY

I. Monographs

Stoychev, S. P. (2026). *Electoral Security: Configurations of Electoral Settlement in Contemporary Democracy*. Sofia: St. Kliment Ohridski University Press. ISBN: 978-954-07-6367-5.

Stoychev, S. P. (2025). *Elections and Electoral Systems Around the World: Evolution, Participation and the Introduction of Hybrid Models*. Sofia: St. Kliment Ohridski University Press. ISBN: 978-954-07-6094-0.

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II. Books

Stoychev, S. P. (2017). *Controlled and Bought Vote as an Instrument for State Capture by Organized Criminal Networks: Political Risks and Trends*. Sofia: St. Kliment Ohridski University Press.

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Stoychev, S. P., Tsoneva, A., Gueorguiev, S., & Lazarova, I. (2011). *Le processus électoral en Bulgarie: principaux risques et déficits*. Sofia: RiskMonitor. ISBN: 978-954-2914-14-3.

III. Book Chapters

Stoychev, S. P. (2020). Contemporary Risk to Bulgarian Democracy: Controlled Voting and Vote Buying. In *Crime and Criminal Law Perspectives on Refugees and Global Migration*. ISBN: 978-93-88409-47-6.

Stoychev, S. P. (2020). State Capture: A Crippling Political Affliction and the Search for Antidotes. In K. Engelbrekt & P. Kostadinova (Eds.), *Bulgarian Democratic Institutions at Thirty: A Balance Sheet*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. [Peer-reviewed, international]

Stoychev, S. P. (2017). Political Risks to International Business in Bulgaria. Routledge. [Peer-reviewed, co-authored with foreign scholars]

IV. Studies and Articles in Edited Volumes

Stoychev, S. P. (2026). Linguistic Mediation Effects of Foreign-Language Learning on Political Identity and Behavior. *Chuzhdoezikovo Obuchenie – Foreign Language Teaching*, 53(1), 85–101. DOI: 10.53656/for2026-01-06. [Web of Science]

Stoychev, S. P. (2025). Cultural and Socio-Economic Dimensions of Vote Buying: A Case Study of Electoral Practices in Bulgaria. *Chuzhdoezikovo Obuchenie – Foreign Language Teaching*, 52(1), 94–104. [Web of Science]

Konstantinov, M., Peychev, D., Stanev, A., Stoychev, S. P., & Dimitrov, D. (2022). Voting abroad in Bulgaria: Facts, problems and solutions. *AIP Conference Proceedings*, 1–10. ISSN: 0094-243X (print); 1551-7616 (online). DOI: https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0100729. [SCOPUS; IF 0.189 (2023); SJR 0.164 (2022); Q1]

Stoychev, S. P. (2016). Bulgaria: Trust in the Bulgarian Police – Implications for Human Security. In M. Babovic (Ed.), *Trust in Public Institutions across the Balkans and Turkey* (pp. 21–27). [Co-authored with foreign scholars]

Dimitrov, D., & Stoychev, S. P. (2016). Electoral Dynamics in the 2013–2015 Electoral Cycle: Three Levels of Analysis. In T. Kaleynska (Ed.), *Challenges to Representative Democracy in Bulgaria* (pp. 121–131). Veliko Tarnovo: European Information Centre. [Refereed]

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Stoychev, S. P. (2011). Deficits of the Parliamentary Oversight in the Security Sector 2001–2011. In *Role of the National Assembly in Combating Organized Crime and Corruption 2001–2011* (pp. 44–51). Sofia: RiskMonitor.

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Stoychev, S. P. (2007). Typology of Violations in Public Procurement Raising Suspicions of Corruption. In S. P. Stoychev (Ed.), *Corruption Violations in Public Procurement in Bulgaria* (pp. 54–71). Sofia: Transparency Without Borders.

Stoychev, S. P. (2007). A Three-Dimensional Classification of Violations Related to Public Procurement in Bulgaria. In S. P. Stoychev (Ed.), *Corruption Violations in Public Procurement in Bulgaria* (pp. 43–53). Sofia: Transparency Without Borders.

V. Working Papers

Dimitrov, G., Haralampiev, K., & Stoychev, S. P. (2016). The Adventures of the CVM in Bulgaria and Romania. *MAXCAP Working Paper Series*, 3–38. ISSN: 2198-7653 (online). [International]

Dimitrov, G., Haralampiev, K., & Stoychev, S. P. (2015). Contextual Policy Reading of Public Opinion Data and Recent Trends in Attitudes towards European Integration. In C. Craven, A.-S. Gast, & M. Giesen (Eds.), *MAXCAP Working Paper Series* (pp. 4–49). Berlin: Freie Universität Berlin. ISSN: 2198-7653 (online). [International]

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Plenary address:

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Stoychev, S. P. (2018). *Risks to Integrity in European Elections: The Case of Bulgaria*. Section paper.

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Stoychev, S. P. (2017). *Contemporary Risks to Bulgarian Democracy: Controlled Voting and Vote Buying*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. (2017). *Female Prostitution in Bulgaria: Recent Trends and Risks*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. (2017). *Reforming Electoral Systems through Direct Democracy Tools: The 2016 Referendum in Bulgaria*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. (2016). *Criminal Networks Capturing the State: The Case of Controlled Voting and Vote Buying in Bulgaria*. Section paper.

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Stoychev, S. P. (2015). *Criminal Networks and Political Representation: From Markets to State Capture*. Section paper.

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Stoychev, S. P. (2015). *Controlling the Polls: The Organized Criminal Market for Votes in Bulgaria*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. (2015). *The Structure of Controlled Voting in Bulgaria, 2014–2015*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P., & Dimitrov, D. (2014). *Electoral Dynamics 2013–2014*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P., & Dimitrov, D. (2014). *Analysis of Electoral Dynamics, 2013–2014*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. (2011). *The Transformative Effect of EU Membership on Parliamentary Oversight Mechanisms in the Internal Security Sector*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. (2011). *Multilayered Conjunctural Europeanization: The Euro Plus Pact Case*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. (2011). *Selection Models in the Bulgarian Parliament: The Case of the Seventh Grand National Assembly (1990–1991)*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. (2008). *Europeanization and the Degree of Institutionalization of the Bulgarian Party System*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. (2008). *Degree of Institutionalization of the Bulgarian Party System*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. (2007). *Typology of Corruption Violations in Public Procurement in Bulgaria*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. (2007). *Europeanization of the Party System in Bulgaria: Dynamics and Effects*. Section paper.

Stoychev, S. P. *Types of Minority Representation in Central and Eastern Europe*. Section paper.

PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS

Projects led:

Stoychev, S. P. (2025). *Machine Voting in the Context of Electoral Security and Democratic Representativeness: International Standards and Bulgarian Practice*. Principal Investigator. Contract No. 80-10-21/21.05.2025.

Stoychev, S. P. (2024). *Impact of Electoral Reforms on Democratic Participation in Bulgaria and the EU, 2021–2024*. Principal Investigator. Contract No. 70-123-217.

Stoychev, S. P. (2023). *Electoral Dynamics and Political Behavior in Bulgaria, 2020–2023*. Principal Investigator. Contract No. 80-10-125-10.5.2023.

Stoychev, S. P. (2022). *Political Science 5.0: Raising the Standard of Scientific Publications in Political Science*. Principal Investigator. Contract No. 80-10-208/31.10.2022.

Stoychev, S. P. (2011). *Vitiation of the Electoral Process in Bulgaria*. Principal Investigator. Organisation internationale de la Francophonie.

Stoychev, S. P. (2011). *Civil Confiscation in Bulgaria (2005–2010)*. Principal Investigator. Open Society Institute – Sofia.

Stoychev, S. P. (2010). *Organized Crime and the Balkan Political Context*. Principal Investigator. BTD – Belgrade.

Stoychev, S. P. (2010). *Policymaking Capacity of the National Assembly in the Fight Against Organized Crime and Political Corruption*. Principal Investigator. Think Tank Fund – Budapest.

Stoychev, S. P. (2009). *Corruption in Public Procurement Procedures in Bulgaria*. Principal Investigator. CEE Trust, Sofia.

Participation as team member:

Stoychev, S. P. (2021). *Transform4Europe – T4E*. Team member.

Stoychev, S. P. (2019). *Europeanization of the Electoral Process in Bulgaria*. Team member.

Stoychev, S. P. (2018). *Political Dimensions of Radicalization in Bulgaria: Contemporary Aspects*. Team member.

Stoychev, S. P. (2016). *Election Campaign and Electoral Dynamics for the 2016 Presidential Elections*. Team member.

Stoychev, S. P. (2015). *Role of Caretaker Governments in Crisis Management and Electoral Dynamics in Bulgaria, 2013–2014*. Team member.

Stoychev, S. P. (2013). *Coalition Governance in Central Eastern Europe (part of Governments in Europe Data Archive Project)*. Member.

Stoychev, S. P. (2013). *Forms and Spaces of Violence in Turkey and the Balkans*. Member.

Stoychev, S. P. (2013). *Maximizing the Integration Capacity of the European Union: Lessons and Prospects for Enlargement and Beyond (MAXCAP)*. Member. EU 7th Framework Programme.

Stoychev, S. P. (2013). *Institutional Dynamics of Representative Democracy in Bulgaria: Chains of Delegation and Accountability (1990–2013)*. Team member. Sofia University Scientific Research Fund.

Stoychev, S. P. (2013). *Software Solutions for Adapting the Teaching of Quantitative Methods and Statistics in the Social Sciences to the Labor Market*. Team member. Sofia University Scientific Research Fund.

Stoychev, S. P. (2012). *Citizens' Network for Peace, Reconciliation and Human Security*. Member.

Stoychev, S. P. (2012). *Learning by Doing Europe*. Member. EU Lifelong Learning Programme.

Stoychev, S. P. (2012). *The Role of Policies for Combating Corruption and Organized Crime in Relations between Bulgaria and the EU*. Team member. Sofia University Scientific Research Fund.

Stoychev, S. P. (2011). *Assessment of the Bulgarian National Integrity System*. Member. European Commission.

Stoychev, S. P. (2010). *Electoral System Change in Europe Since 1945*. Member. University of Reading, UK.

Stoychev, S. P. (2009). *Bulgaria in the European Union: Experience from the First Years*. Team member. Sofia University Scientific Research Fund.