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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Dates September 1975 – to date
 - Name and address of employer Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Economic Research Institute, 3, Aksakov Street, Sofia 1040, Bulgaria
 - Main activities and responsibilities Academic research
 - Position Professor
 - Type of business or sector International Economics

- Dates 1993- 1997
 - Name and address of employer Bulgarian-French Center "MARCOM"
 - Main activities and responsibilities Teaching in French the following subjects, - International economy, Small and medium enterprises.
 - Position Part time professor
 - Type of business sector Teaching

- Dates 1998 – 2018
 - Name and address of employer Faculty of Economics and Management; Sofia University "St. Cl. Ohridsky". French Filiere, 125 Tzarigradsko Shose Blvd. Sofia Bulgaria
 - Main activities and responsibilities Teaching in French the following subjects – Economics, Money, Finance and Banks, International Economy. "International Finance, "International Capital Markets and management
 - Position Part time Professor
 - Type of business sector Teaching

- Dates 2010
 - Name and address of Faculty of economic sciences and technologies, University Lille 1
Cité Scientifique 59650 Villeneuve d'Ascq, France, Université de Lille
 - Main activities and responsibilities Economic development of EU Central and East European countries - course to the doctoral program at the University
 - Position Visiting Professor
 - Type of business sector Teaching

- Dates 2012
 - Name and address of Laboratory for analysis and research in economy and international finance (Laboratoire

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main activities and responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position • Type of business sector 	d'analyse et de recherche en économie et finance internationale' LAREFI) University of Bordeaux Université de Bordeaux Avenue Léon Duguit LAREFI 33608 PESSAC CEDEX Foreign Direct Investments in Southeastern Europe - course to the doctoral program at the University Visiting Professor Teaching
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates • Name and address of 	1998 - 2017 University of Veliko Tarnovo "Saint Saint Cyrille and Metodii" Velikotarnovski Universitet "St.St. Kiril I Metodii" Stopanski Fakultet , Ucheben korpus No 4, 5000 Veliko Tarnovo, ul. Arh.G.Kozarev No 1.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates • Name and address of 	2011 – 2016 University of Thrace, Stara Zagora, Faculty of Economics and Management, A joint program between the University and ERI BAS Trakiiski universitet, Stopanski fakultet, Stara Zagora 6000
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<p>EDUCATION AND TRAINING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates 	April 1986-June 1991
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name and type of organisation providing education and training • Principal subjects/occupational skills covered • Title of qualification awarded 	Economic Research Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Science World Economy and International Economic Relations PhD in International Economics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates • Name and type of organisation providing education and training • Principal subjects/occupational skills covered • Title of qualification awarded 	1992-1993 University of Dijon, University of Paris 1; Scholarship funded by EGIDE France European Small and Medium Enterprises Postdoc specialization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates • Name and type of organisation providing education and training • Principal subjects/occupational skills covered • Title of qualification awarded 	October 1971 January-April 1975 University for National and World Economy (ex-High School of Economics "Karl Marx") International Economic Relations Master
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates • Name and type of organisation providing education and training • Principal subjects/occupational skills covered 	1969 -1971 University of Neuchatel, Switzerland Faculty of Economic Sciences Political Economy, Macroeconomics

• Title of qualification awarded

Certificate

**PERSONAL SKILLS AND
COMPETENCES**

LANGUAGE(S)

Language	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Writing</i>
<i>French</i>	C2	C2	C2
<i>English</i>	C1	B2	C1
<i>Russian</i>	B2	B2	B2
<i>Bulgarian</i>	Native	Native	Native

TECHNICAL

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point)

PERSONAL

Team work and management skills

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS

2001 - September - Expert evaluator on the key action "Improving the socio-economic knowledge base", European Commission.

2002 - March - Expert evaluator for the panel "Citizenship, governance and dynamics of European integration and enlargement" for the session from March 11 to March 16, 2002, European Commission.

2009 - 2018 - External evaluator of the MBA program of the University of Nottingham Trent (England) and the University of National and World Economy (Bulgaria).

2015 - present - Member of the Scientific Council of the Association of Economists of the French Language (L'Association des économistes de langue française (AIELE))

2010 - July 2018 - Participant and co-founder of the European Financial Inclusion Network (EFIN) Brussels, Belgium

2018-2021 - Associate member of the Financial Watch Network - Brussels, Belgium

2010 - present - Director for Bulgaria - CEDIMES Institute (Center for the Study of International Development and Economic and Social Change) (Centre d'études du Développement International et des mouvements économiques et sociaux) Paris France

1995 - present Member of the Bulgarian Association for European Studies - Sofia Bulgaria

2015 - present - Member of the "Resource Center for the Study of the Asian Economy" ERI BAS

Internal projects of the unit:

2017-2018 - Participant in the project - "**Strategy for energy development in Bulgaria with a focus on electricity**", Project of ERI BAS., Project manager: Prof. Alexander Tasev

14.12.2016 - 30.09.2018 - Participant in the project - "**Post-crisis development of financial intermediation in the European Union and the Bulgarian banking and capital market**" Project of the unit. Project manager: Prof. Daniela Bobeva.

2018 - present - Participation in the project - "**Agreement for cooperation with the Institute for Development Research at Fudan University in China**" Project of the unit / Project leader: Prof. Alexander Tasev

November 1, 2016 - May 31, 2018. - Participation in the project - **Bulgaria in the post-crisis world economy - foreign trade and foreign investment** "Project of the unit. Project leader: Prof. Emil Panusheff

31.05.2018 to 31.05.2020 - Participant in the project: **"Bulgaria in the international economic specialization"** Project of the unit. Project leader: Prof. Dr. Emil Panusheff

30.09.2018 to 31.03.2021 - Participant in the project - **"Trade and Investment Relations Bulgaria-China"** Project of the unit. Project leader: Prof. Iskra Christova-Balkanska

01.06.2022 to 01.06.2024 - Participation in the project - **"Bulgaria's foreign economic relations in the conditions of global uncertainty"** Project of the unit. Project leader: Prof. Dr. Emil Panusheff

International Projects:

1998 - Scholarship under the ACE PHARE program of EU European Commission at the University R.O.S.E.S, Paris I, France, Topic: **"French direct investment in the post-socialist Balkan countries: The case of Bulgaria"**

2005-2006 - Coordinator and participant in the joint Bulgarian-French project. **The constraints of the Bulgarian economy before its accession to the EU** "Integrated Action Program" RILA "N 09805VG with the participation of the University of Lille 1 and the Institute of Economics of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (now ERI BAS), funded by the Ministry of Education of Bulgaria and the French research funds (EGIDE).

2005 - 2011 - Coordinator for Bulgaria and participant in the project **"Sustainable Development in a Diversified World"** (SUSDIV) under the 6th Framework Program of the EU European Commission. Led by the Enni Enrico Matei Institute - Milan, Italy.

2005-2007 - Member of the Central and Eastern Europe Group and Coordinator for Bulgaria of the project **"Provision of Financial Services and Prevention of Financial Exclusion"**, managed by the Network for Alternative Financing (Réseau Financement Alternatif), Brussels, Belgium and funded by European Commission of the EU.

2008-2009 - Coordinator for Bulgaria of the project **"Mutual learning of financial inclusion"**, led by the Network for Alternative Financing (Réseau Financement Alternatif), Brussels, Belgium and funded by the EU European Commission.

2018 - Participant in the project **"Social Innovation in micro-saving"**, a project led by the European Financial Inclusion Network (EFIN), funded by the EU Progress Program.

2013 - 2015 -. Coordinator and participant in a joint project - **"Regionalization and European integration in Bulgaria and Romania: a comparative study"** between ERI BAS - Section "International Economics" and the Institute of National Economy at the Romanian Academy (RA)

2015-2018 - Coordinator and participant in a joint project - **"Bulgaria and Romania in the global economy: cases"**, between ERI BAS - Section "International Economics" and the Institute of World Economy (IWE) at the Romanian Academy (RA).

2013 - 2016 Participant in a joint project between ERI BAS and the Macedonian Academy of Sciences - **"The European debt crisis and its impact on the economies of Bulgaria and Macedonia"**

2016 - 2017 Participant in a joint project: **Revitalization of the capital market in Bulgaria after the crisis: lessons from the Korean experience**, between the Ministry of Strategy and Finance (MOSF) of the Republic of Korea, Institute for Development of

Korea (KDI) and ERI BAS with participation of the Ministry of Education - Bulgaria, Agency for Small and Medium Enterprises, Bulgaria.

2019 - 2021 Coordinator and participant in a joint project "**Bulgaria and Romania in the global economy**" between ERI BAS - Section "International Economy" and IWE at RA.

2019 - 2021 Participant in a joint project - **Coordination with the EU monetary authorities: Bulgarian experience and Ukrainian perspective** within the mutual program of ERI BAS and the Institute of Economics and Forecasting, at the Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS FIELD OF RESEARCH

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM AND EXCHANGE RATE POLICIES; FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS – THEORIES AND PRACTICE; EUROPEAN BANKING SYSTEM AND EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION, INTEGRATION OF BULGARIA TO THE EU ECONOMIC AND MONETARY STRUCTURES AND ECONOMIC CONVERGENCE OF BULGARIA; INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION - BULGARIAN LABOR MIGRATION AND REMITTANCES, FINANCIAL EXCLUSION AND INCLUSION AND OVER INDEBTEDNESS IN EU COUNTRIES AND BULGARIA; EU INDUSTRIES AND NEW INDUSTRIAL POLICY; INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS (GVCs).

1. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2010) *Case Study on Bulgarian Immigration to Germany*, (as co-author), In: Sustainable Development and Diversity in Bulgaria, Sofia, Ikopis, pp. 133 – 164
2. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2010), *Foreign Direct Investments and Remittances from Bulgarian Labour Migration, Possible effects on the diversity and the Development of the Bulgarian Economy*. In: Sustainable development and Diversity in Bulgaria, Sofia, Ikopis, pp. 179-196.
3. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2010), *The Increase of Diversity in Sofia: Economic and Immigration Changes* (as co-author). In: Sustainable development and Diversity in Bulgaria, Sofia, Ikopis, pp. 197- 205.
4. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2010), *Development and Efficiency of FDIs between Bulgaria and Russia*, FABER, Veliko Tarnovo, p.73-78, (Развитие и ефективност на преките чуждестранни инвестиции между Русия и България. В: Икономическите отношения България-Русия, (ФАБЕР – Велико Търново), София, 2010, стр. 73-78, ISBN 978-954-400-307-4)
5. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2010) *An impact of FDIs on Economic Sciences (at the example of Central and Southeastern Europe*, Gorex Press, Sofia, p. 130-143, ISBN 978-954-616-210-6, (*Отражение на ролята и значението на преките чуждестранни инвестиции в икономическата наука (на примера на страните от Централна и Югоизточна Европа)*). В: Икономиката и социалната политика на България в условията на съвременната глобална криза. Доклад от юбилейната научно-практическа конференция, посветена на 60-та годишнина от създаването на Икономическия институт на БАН, 11-12 декември 2009 г. Велико Търново, ГорексПрес, София, 2010, с. 130-143. ISBN 978-954-616-210-6)
6. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2010), *Diversity and the Bulgarian Labour Emigration Case*, Economic Studies, Vol. 4, p. 65-84. ISSN: 0205-3292
7. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2011), *Emigration and Foreign Direct Investments: Links and Impact on the Bulgarian Economy*, *Economic Studies*, 2, pp. 80-103, ISSN: 0205-3292
8. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2011) *Over-indebtedness in Bulgaria-overview and practical solutions*, Regional and Local Prevention and Assessment of Over-indebtedness) European Conference Report, EU, L'Observatoire du Credit et de l'Endettement, Wallonie, p. 125-149. D/2011/7140/2
9. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2012) *Les investissements directs français dans les pays ex-socialistes des Balkans vers la fin des années 90: Le cas de la Bulgarie (Френските преки инвестиции в постсоциалистическите страни на Балканите към края на 90-те години: Примерът на България)* София, Икопис, с.152, ISBN 978 954 91905-6-4.
10. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2012), *The impact of FDI and the European Structural Funds on the increase of the innovation potential of Bulgaria* Възможности за повишаване на иновационния потенциал на България по линия на ПЧИ и европейските структурни фондове), *Economic studies*, book 3, part 2, p. 95-108.
11. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2012) *The impact of the economic crisis on FDI entry in Southeastern Europe*, Влиянието на икономическата криза върху преките чуждестранни инвестиции в страните от Югоизточна Европа, Икономиката на България – пътят към еврото, Сборник доклади, Издателски комплекс -УНСС.

- C. 35-46. ISBN 978-954-644-372-4
12. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2012), *The impact of remittances of the Bulgarian emigration on Bulgarian economy*. In: 20 Years Investments in the future, Materials from the International Conference May 18-19 2012, Gorex Press, Sofia, (2012), p. 81-92, ISBN 978-954-616-221-2
 13. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2012), *Social and economic development of EU27 and of Bulgaria*. Социално икономическо развитие на ЕС27 и на България. В: Българската емиграция: Теории, Политики, Емпирични изследвания, Икопис, София, с- 93-127. ISBN 978-954-91905-8-8
 14. **Christova-Balkanska I, Mintchev V**, (2012),. *Money transfers and incomes (Empirical data at the example of the return migrants in Spain*, Парични трансфери и доходи (Емпирични свидетелства на примера на завърналите се емигранти в Испания) В: Българската емиграция: Теории, Политики, Емпирични изследвания, Икопис, София, с. 221-243. ISBN 978-954-91905-8-8
 15. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2013) *Bulgarian Labour Emigration and Remittances: Benefits and Losses for the Bulgarian Economy*, В: *Посткризисно икономическо развитие на ЕС и България, Международна научна конференция 18-19 октомври 2012 г.* София. Горекс прес, с.341-355. ISBN 978-954-616-230-4
 16. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2013), *Challenges for Bulgarian industry in European context*. In: *Financial and Monetary Economics – EFM 2013*, Centre for Financial and Monetary Research at the Romanian Academy. pp. 187-199. ISSN 2344-3642.
 17. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2013) *Bulgarian industry and the priorities of EU industrial policies*. (2013). Българската индустрия и приоритетите на индустриалната политика на ЕС. В: „Инвестиции в бъдещето - 2013”, IX -та научно-приложна конференция с международно участие, График ООД – Варна, с. 237-247. ISSN 1314 – 3719
 18. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2013) *Structural reforms and regulation of EU banking sector* (2013). Структурна реформа и регулиране на банковия сектор в ЕС. В: *Посткризисно икономическо развитие на ЕС и България, Международна научна конференция 18-19 октомври 2012 г.* София. Горекс прес, с.41-62. ISBN 978-954-616-230-4
 19. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2014), *Reindustrialization in EU and structural changes in European industries*, Реиндустриализацията в Европейския съюз и структурните изменения в европейската индустрия, В: « Европейският съюз на кръстопът» Доклади от международната конференция на катедра «Европейстика» СУ «Св. Климент Охридски», София, с.101-115. ISBN 978-954-8702-30-0
 20. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2014) *Economic Development of Bulgaria and Romania in the Post Crisis Period* Journal Of Financial and Monetary Economics, 1, Annual Review, “Victor Slavescu” Centre for Financial and Monetary Research <http://jfme.icfm.ro> ISSN L 2392-9685
 21. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2015) *Structural Changes in the Industry of the European Union and Bulgaria, Evolution and Future Challenges*, Journal of Global Economics, Vol 7, No 1 pp.104-125 ISSN: 2343-9521 ISSN-L: 2066-7795
 22. **Christova-Balkanska I.**, (2015) *Labor Migration and Remittances in South East European Countries: A Special Focus on Bulgaria*, Western Balkans and the European Union Lessons from the past enlargements, challenges to further integrations,. Ed. Mintchev V., Nenovsky N., Richet X, ,Sofia, p. 130- 143. ISBN 978-954-644-736-4
 23. **Christova-Balkanska I**, (2015), *Opportunities to enhance the economic potential of Bulgaria under the European Structural Funds*, European Union – A new Start? Sofia University „St. Kliment Ohridski”, Hanns Seidel Foundation.p 47-61. ISBN: 978-954-8702-35-5
 24. **Christova-Balkanska I.**, (2016), *EU integration of Bulgaria and Economic Convergence*, Western Balkans integrating the EU: Challenges, Policies, Issues, Ed. X. Richet, S. Redzepagic, CEMAFI, p. 118-137. ISBN 978-2-9544508-4-1
 25. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2016) *La migration et les envois de fonds (remittances) dans les pays d'Europe du sud-est (cas de la Bulgarie* Croissance, population et

- protection sociale, Faits et théories face aux enjeux, Edition Panthéon Assas, Colloques, Sous la direction de Alain Redslob, p. 553-565, ISBN 979-10-90429-68-0
26. **Христова-Балканска И.** Хубенова-Делисивкова Т. Е.Панушев (2017) **Структурни реформи и конкурентоспособност на българската икономика.** В Последниците от Европейската дългова криза върху процесите на икономическата интеграция в Европейския съюз, Горекс Прес,БАН, с. 69-84 ISBN 978-954-616-278-6
 27. **Христова-Балканска И.** (2017) **Икономическа конвергенция в ЕС и България,** В: Последниците от Европейската дългова криза върху процесите на икономическата интеграция в Европейския съюз, Горекс Прес,БАН с.84-103, ISBN 978-954-616-278-6
 28. **Христова-Балканска И.** (2017) **Проникване и увеличение на ПЧИ в Централна и Източна Европа и в България,** В: Последниците от Европейската дългова криза върху процесите на икономическата интеграция в Европейския съюз Горекс Прес,БАН с.103-115, ISBN 978-954-616-278-6
 29. **Christova-Balkanska I.,** Yeongseop Rhee, et al., (2017), **Revitalizing the Capital Market in Bulgaria after the Crisis: The Lessons from the Korean Experience,** In: 2016/17 Knowledge Sharing Program with Bulgaria: A Study on Promoting Innovation and Competitiveness of SMEs in Bulgaria: Shaping-up of the Public Policy Management of the Financial and Research Policy Instruments, Seoul, p.83-143, Government Publications Registration Number 11-1051000-000773-01, ISBN 979-11-5932-232-7 94320, ISBN 979-11-5932-227-3 (set)
 30. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2017) **Structural Reforms in EU Industries: Special Focus on Bulgaria and Romania,** In: Bulgaria and Romania: Country Members of the EU, Part of the Global Economy, International Scientific Conference Proceedings, FastPrintBooks, pp. 107-120. ISBN: 978-954-9313-09-3. (Google Scholar, RePEC)
 31. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2017) **European debt crisis and challenges for the Bulgarian banking system,** Европейската дългова криза и предизвикателствата пред българската банкова система, *Списание на Българската Академия на Науките*, 3, с. 51-58. ISSN 0007-3989
 32. **Christova-Balkanska, I,D.Gillet, O.Jerusalmy, N.Liliethal, N. Sasnovskaya, J. Sieblolds, T.Tedd, F.Tocque.** (2017). **Early Detection and constructive response about households' financial difficulties,** EFIN Research Group of Over indebtedness, <http://ec.europa.eu/social/easi> . p. 1-37.
 33. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2017) **Bulgarian industry and re-industrialisation in EU,** Българската индустрия и реиндустриализацията в ЕС. В: Българската икономика десет години в Европейския съюз, София, FastPrintBooks, с. 163-171 ISBN 978-619-7312-71-3.
 34. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2017). **Икономическата конвергенция в Европейския съюз и България,** В: Икономиката в променящия се свят-национални, регионални и глобални измерения (ИПС-2017), Сборник с доклади от VIII международна научна конференция, Варна, Издателство „Наука и икономика“ с. 19-36, ISBN 978-954-21-0928-0
 35. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2017). **Преките чуждестранни инвестиции и България.** В: Българската икономика десет години в Европейския съюз, София, FastPrintBooks, с. 127-133. ISBN 978-619-7312-71-3.
 36. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2017). **Развитието на българската банкова система в условията на членство в ЕС.** В: Българската икономика десет години в Европейския съюз, София, FastPrintBooks, с. 99-102. ISBN 978-619-7312-71-3
 37. **Christova-Balkanska I** (2017). **Реалната икономическа конвергенция на България в Европейския съюз,** В: Единадесета научноприложна конференция с международно участие „Инвестиции в Бъдещето-2017“ Сборник доклади Научно-технически съюзи Варна, Икономически университет Варна, с.144-150.ISSN 1314-3719.
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- европейските банки**, В: „Съвременни предизвикателства пред финансовата наука в променяща се Европа“, Сборник доклади от международна научнопрактическа конференция 65 години катедра „Финанси и кредит“ при СА Свищов, Академично издателство „Ценов, с. 548-558, ISBN 978-954-23-1239-0
39. **Christova-Balkanska I.**, (2018), *Deindustrialization or a new European industrial policy: issues for Bulgaria*, In: Integration Processes in Global Economy, Conference Proceedings, Svishtov, p. 266-272., ISBN: 978-954-23-1666-4
 40. **Christova-Balkanska I.**, (2018), *Possibilities for Reindustrialization in EU and Bulgaria*, Economic and Management Policies and Challenges: Towards Industry 4.0 – Technologies or ideologies, Conference Proceedings, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Faculty of Management. University of National and World Economy, p. 223-239, ISBN 978-954-9399-50-9.
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 43. **Christova-Balkanska I.**, (2019) *Challenges for European Banks in the Post Crisis Period: Impact on Romanian and Bulgarian Banks*”, В: Bulgaria and Romania: Country members of the EU, Part of the Global Economy, 2018 International Scientific Conference, Sofia, p. 55-71. ISBN print: 978-954-9313-14-7 ISBN pdf: 978-954-9313-15-4
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