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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. Kl. 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 d'analyse et de recherché en économie et finance internationale' LAREFI) University of Bordeaux

- Main activities and responsibilities
 - Position
- Type of business sector

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

- 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.

- Main activities and responsibilities
 - Position
- Type of business sector

Teaching under the mutual MBA program between ERI BAS and the University of Veliko Tarnovo
 Part Time Professor
 Teaching

- 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

- Main activities and responsibilities
 - Position
- Type of business sector

Teaching under the mutual MBA program between ERI BAS and the University of Thrace
 Part Time Professor
 Teaching

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Dates
- Name and type of organisation providing education and training
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
- Title of qualification awarded

April 1986-June 1991
 Economic Research Institute, Bulgarian Academy of Science
 World Economy and International Economic Relations
 PhD in International Economics

- 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

- 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

- Dates
- Name and type of organisation providing education and training
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
- Title of qualification awarded

1969 -1971
 University of Neuchatel, Switzerland Faculty of Economic Sciences
 Political Economy, Macroeconomics
 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

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 (2012) Френските преки инвестиции в постсоциалистическите страни на Балканите към края на 90-те години: Примерът на България (Les investissements directs français dans les pays ex-socialistes des Balkans vers la fin des années 90); София, Икопис, с.152, ISBN 978 954 91905-6-4.
2. Christova-Balkanska I (2010), Diversity and the Bulgarian Labour Emigration Case, *Economic Studies*, 4, 2010, p. 65-84. ISSN: 0205-3292
3. 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
4. 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
5. Christova-Balkanska I (2013), Challenges for Bulgarian industry in European context (2013). In: *Financial and Monetary Economics – EFM 2013*, Centre for Financial and Monetary Research at the Romanian Academy. pp. 187-199. ISSN 2344-3642.
6. 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](#) ISSN: 2343-9521 ISSN-L: 2066-7795 pp.104-125
7. 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
8. 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
9. Christova-Balkanska I (2016) La migration et les envois de fonds (remittances) dans les pays d'Europe du sud-est (cas de la Bulgarie (2016) *Croissance, population et protection sociale, Faits et théories face aux enjeux*, Edition Panthéon Assas, Colloques, Sous la direction de Alain Redtslob, p. 553-565, ISBN 979-10-90429-68-0
10. Christova-Balkanska I (2017) Economic convergence of Bulgaria in EU (2017). *Икономическа конвергенция в ЕС и България, В: Последниците от Европейската дългова криза върху процесите на икономическата интеграция в Европейския съюз ((Импликациите од европската должничка криза врз процесите на економската интеграција во Европската Унија), София/Скопје, И-во „ГорексПрес“с.84-103. ISBN 978-954-616-278-6*
11. Christova-Balkanska I (2017) Localisation of Global value chains and increase of FDI in Central and Eastern Europe and in Bulgaria, *Проникване и увеличение на преките чуждестранни инвестиции в Централна и Източна Европа и в България, В: Последниците от Европейската дългова криза върху процесите на икономическата интеграция в Европейския съюз (Импликациите од европската должничка криза врз процесите на економската интеграција во Европската Унија), София/Скопје, И-во „ГорексПрес“с.103-115, ISBN 978-954-616-278-6*
12. 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.

13. Christova-Balkanska I., (2018) Changes in International Trade and Investments after the Global Financial Crisis, *Economic Studies*, Vol.27, Issue 6, p. 85-95, ISSN 0205-3292
14. Христова-Балканска И., (2018), Международната търговия между свободния външнотърговски обмен и протекционизма, Идва ли времето на нов протекционизъм? Колективна монография, София, ВУЗФ, Издателство на ВУЗФ Св. Григорий Богослов“, с. 129 – 155. ISBN 978-954-8590-53-2
15. Christova-Balkanska I., (2019) « Challenges for European Banks in the Post Crisis Period: Impact on Romanian and Bulgarian Banks”, *Bulgaria and Romania: Country members of the EU, Part of the Global Economy*, 2018 International Scientific Conference, Sofia 2019, p. 55-71. ISBN print: 978-954-9313-14-7 ISBN pdf: 978-954-9313-15-4
16. Христова-Балканска И., (2019) „Засилване на протекционистичните тенденции: потенциални ефекти за Европейския съюз“, Европейският съюз след 2020 г. – нова Европа в нов свят, Доклади от Шестата международна научна конференция на катедра „Европеистика“ СУ „Св.Климент Охридски“, Университетско из-во „Св. Климент Охридски“, стр. 280-299, ISBN 978-954-07-4751-4
17. Christova-Balkanska I., (2019) Structural changes in the industry of the EU member states, *Papers of BAS, Humanities and Social Sciences*, Vol.6, No.1 p. 78-98. ISSN 2367-6248.
18. Christova-Balkanska I., (2019) La Bulgarie et la zone euro – un long chemin vers le rapprochement, *Revue internationale des économistes de langue française*, Vol. 4, No 1, Université des sciences économiques de Poznan, p. 173-194. ISSN 2551 – 895X.
19. Christova-Balkanska I., (2020), The European banks after the sovereign debt crisis: Sustainability, regulations and challenges, *Economic Thought*, ERI BAS, 3, p.36-66. ISSN 0013-2993
20. Христова-Балканска И., (2020) Икономиките от Централна и Югоизточна Европа и Китай: Конкуренция и сътрудничество? В: Икономическо развитие и политики реалности и перспективи, Международна научна конференция, посветена на 70 годишнината от Института за икономически изследвания при БАН, 21-22 ноември 2019, И-во на БАН „Проф. Марин Дринов“ с.293-302. ISBN 978-619-245-039-7
21. Christova-Balkanska I., (2020) Emigration du travail dans le contexte urbain de l'Union européenne (UE) – manifestation fondamentale de la globalisation. Le cas de la Bulgarie, In : *Villes en transformation : Défis, (Pré)visions, Perspectives*, Colloque International, 18-20.10.2018, Nouvelle université bulgare, p. 131-151, ISBN 978-619-233-120-7 (paperback) 978-619-233-121-4 (online)
22. Christova-Balkanska I., (2020) The reform of the Bulgarian banking system under the conditions of EU membership, *Knowledge Horizons – Economics*, Volume 12, No 1, Dimitrie Cantemir, Christian University, p. 81-94, P-ISSN 2069-0932, E-ISSN 2066-1061
23. Христова-Балканска И. (2020) Кризата и промените в посткризисната световна икономика: Външна търговия и чуждестранни инвестиции, В: България в посткризисната световна икономика, И-во на БАН „Марин Дринов“ с. 10 -74, ISBN 978-619-245-028
24. A.Tassev, Dimitrov M., Bobeva D., Keremedchiev S., Houbenova T., Christova-Balkanska I, Yotzov V., Nestorov N., Peneva T., (2020) Opportunities and Prospects for Japan's Investments in Bulgaria, *Икономически изследвания*, книжка 1, сс. 3-45 ISSN 0205-3292
25. Христова-Балканска И., (2020) Международната търговия, еволюция и факторите, които определят нейното развитие през последните години, В: „Пари и култура“ ВУЗФ, с. 5-25, ISSN 2683-0965