

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

2013 – present

**Assistant professor**

Economic Research Institute at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria

<https://www.iki.bas.bg/> key research topics: household debt, competitiveness, international comparative economy,

2018-2019

**Key Expert – Head of research team**

Assessment of the impact of the Operational Program “The European Social Fund” in the deinstitutionalisation of social services and social care in Bulgaria. The project is funded with the aid of the Operational Program „Good Governance “, The European Social Fund, „Reporting to the Council of Ministers.

2017-2018.

**Key Expert – Head of research team**

“Consulting services for developing mechanisms and capacity for interaction between the administration and the civil society”, part of the project “Administration and Civil Society – partnership in governance”. The project is funded with the aid of the Operational Program „Good Governance “, The European Social Fund, „BG05SFOP001-2.001-0002. Reporting to the Council of Ministers.

2019-2020

**EXPERT ANALYST**Freedom House <https://freedomhouse.org>

Country Report co-author for the indexes of Freedom House for Bulgaria - 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria 2018-2019)

<https://freedomhouse.org/country/bulgaria/nations-transit/2020?fbclid=IwAR24oJLzpvQG2Lh-o6omqonwzMx9IT13J1AnmmFwm4BQmCMXT2zk9hrWOH8>

2018 – 2019

**Expert analyst**Freedom House <https://freedomhouse.org>Country Report co-author for the indexes of Freedom House for Bulgaria - 2018, Sofia, Bulgaria 2018-2019) <https://freedomhouse.org/country/bulgaria/nations-transit/2018>

2017 – 2018

**Expert analyst**Freedom House <https://freedomhouse.org>Country Report co-author for the indexes of Freedom House for Bulgaria - 2017, Sofia, Bulgaria 2017-2018) [https://freedomhouse.org/sites/default/files/NiT2018\\_Bulgaria.pdf](https://freedomhouse.org/sites/default/files/NiT2018_Bulgaria.pdf)

2016 - 2017

**Macroeconomic analyst**

BIM Consulting, Sofia, Bulgaria (2016-2017)

Operational Programme “Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy 2007-2013”; Conducts the macroeconomic analysis of the programme ex-post evaluation; Supervises the construction of the survey questions to the Programme beneficiaries and analyses the results; Results: Ex-post evaluation report submitted to the Ministry of the Economy and the European Commission.

2015 – 2016 **Economic analyst**

DG Consult, Sofia, Bulgaria (2015-2016)

Conducted in-depth industry analysis; Performed FDI readiness assessment of targeted manufacturing; Analysed macroeconomic value-chain positioning of targeted sectors; Results: Submission of a detailed analysis report for INVEST BULGARIA AGENCY, Ministry of the Economy

2017-2019 **Head sociological investigator**

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria

Attitudes and values towards the contemporary Bulgarian literary language

National representative sociological survey in collaboration with the Institute of Bulgarian Language, BAS.

2017 – present **Lecturer**

New Bulgarian University, Department of Political Science,  
“Introduction to sociology”

2019-PRESENT **American University in Bulgaria, Department of Political Science.  
“Bulgarian Governance and Politics”**

2014 – present **Principle investigator**

Exacta Research Group

Principal investigator on more than 20 national and regional sociological surveys, electoral surveys and exit-polls

2014 - 2016 **Country researcher**

Austrian National Bank

Revisiting communism. Collective Economic Thought in Historical Perspective

International comparative project in all former socialist countries

Headed by János M. Kovács, IWM, Vienna, Austria

2013 **Principal investigator**

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria

National representative sociological survey and macroeconomic analysis on household debt.

2013 **Principal investigator**

Association of the European Journalists, Sofia, Bulgaria

Internet sociological survey on the media freedom in Bulgaria.

2013 **Principal investigator**

AUBG

The perception of civil and political rights in Bulgaria

Focus group research, in collaboration with Emilia Zankina, AUBG

2009 – 2013 **Assistant professor**

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria

Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge (former Institute of Sociology), Social control deviation and conflicts

- 2012 – 2013 **Lecturer**  
New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Bulgarian School of politics, lectures in Game theory.
- 2012 **Volkswagen research fellow**  
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary  
Institute for advanced Study (former Collegium Budapest)  
Comparative analysis of household debt in the new EU member states
- 2008 – 2009 **Scientific coordinator and assistant professor**  
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Institute of Sociology, Centre for Conflict Research at the Institute of Sociology.
- 2008 – 2009 **Data expert**  
Institute for New Economic Development, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Analysis and prognosis, analysis of sociologically relevant data.
- 2008 – 2009 **Lecturer**  
Confederation of Independent Bulgarian Labour Unions, Sofia, Bulgaria  
A joint project for education and training of union leaders;  
Lectures in “Conflict Management and Prevention”.
- 2004 – 2007 **Research Associate and Guest Lecturer**  
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA  
Center for West European Studies/European Union Center  
A Jean Monnet Center of Excellence
- 2002 – 2003 **Tutor**  
Université de Provence Aix-Marseille I, Aix en Provence, France  
Tutoring graduate students in developing their Master thesis research projects;  
Tutorship in Classical Sociology.
- 2001 – 2004 **Researcher**  
Université de Provence Aix-Marseille I, Aix en Provence, France  
LAMES, Laboratoire Méditerranéen de Sociologie.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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- 2007 **Ph.D. in Sociology**  
Université de Provence Aix-Marseille I, Aix en Provence, France (2007)  
Ecole Doctorale “Cultures, Espaces, Sociétés”  
Ph.D. in Sociology, Principal Research Advisor Dr. Jacques Lautman.  
Actional and Interactional Patterns in the Problematical Bilateral Cooperation.

- Honours: “mention très honorable, avec félicitations du jury”,
- highest possible honour by unanimous decision of the dissertation committee with recommendation for publication.
- Dissertation committee: Prof. Raymond Boudon – chair
- Prof. Alan Kirman, Prof. Jacques Lautman, Dr. Michel Forsé, Dr. Nikolay Nenovsky
- Fields of concentration: Sociology of Economics, Abstract Modelization, Rationality
- Theory, Methodological Individualism, Epistemology and Quasi-Experimentation, Methods of Research, Game Theory, Computer Simulations.
- Area of concentration: Cooperation and conflict, Sociology of Individual and Collective
- action, Sociology of Action and rationality, Social Theory and Rationality

2001 – 2002

**Master in Sociology**

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Université de Provence Aix-Marseille I, Aix en Provence,

- Majors: Research Work and Construction of Ph.D. Project
- Honours: Major de Promotion, Magna cum Laude, highest possible GPA.

1999 – 2001

**Master degree in Sociology**

Université de Provence Aix-Marseille I, Aix en Provence, France

- Major: Social Policy Analysis and Sociology of Organizations, Social and Political Theory

1996 – 1999

**Bachelor in Sociology**

Université de Provence Aix-Marseille I, Aix en Provence, France

- Major: Sociological Theories and Concepts

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Bulgarian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
French	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2
English	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2
Russian	B1/B2	B1/B2	B1/B2	B1/B2	B1/B2

Communication skills

- Good communication skills acquired at universities in the USA, France and Hungary during long-term academic stays; teamwork in the private sector in Bulgaria as a sociologist for political parties, private companies and others.

Organisational / managerial skills

- Leadership in projects and skills for full participation in various organizations as consultant, expert and external evaluator

Job-related skills

- Extremely rich theoretical culture of sociology acquired in a strictly academic curriculum in France and the United States
- Long experience in collaboration with economists and political scientists in multidisciplinary researches
- Autonomous and in-depth realization of empirical sociological research (leader of more than 10 representative sociological studies)
- Existence of rich international experience in the academic sphere
  - - A French Translator of Raymond Budon's book "Sociology as a Science"
- Long-term track of collaboration and work with the private sector

Digital skills

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user

Driving licence B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<p>Publications</p>	<p>Country Report co-author for the indexes of Freedom House for Bulgaria - 2019, Sofia, Bulgaria 2018-2019)</p> <p>Country Report co-author for the indexes of Freedom House for Bulgaria – 2018</p> <p>Country Report co-author for the indexes of Freedom House for Bulgaria - 2017</p> <p>Modélisation analytique de l'action. Pareto vs. Weber”, in <i>European Journal of Sociology/Archives européennes de sociologie/Europaeisches Archiv fuer Soziologie</i>, Cambridge University Press, Vol. XLVIII, 2, 2007, pp. 321-348.</p> <p>Strategic Analysis of the Creditor-Debtor Interaction on the Bulgarian Household Credit Market” in Anna Mantarova (ed.), <i>Bulgaria in the EU: Social Challenges</i>, Sofia: Unipress, 2009, pp. 101-120.</p> <p>“Credit Indebtedness of the Bulgarian Households. Endogenous Risk in the Bulgarian Household Credit System”, in <i>The financial crisis and indebtedness of Bulgarian Households</i>, collective monograph of the Institute of Sociology, Bulgarian academy of Sciences), Sofia: Chance, 2010, pp. 163-179.</p> <p>“A King and a Premier: Construction of Political Charisma and the Return of Simeon II to Bulgarian Politics,” co-authored with Emilia Zankina, <i>Sociology and Economy</i>, Vol. 4, 2011, pp. 21-36.</p> <p>“Populism and the Construction of Political Charisma: Post-transition Politics in Bulgaria”, <i>Problems of Post-communism</i>, co-authored with Emilia Zankina, Vol. 60 (1), 2013, pp. 3-17.</p> <p>“Credit Indebtedness of Bulgarian households: causes, dynamics, policy for intervention”, <i>The Yearbook analysis of the Institute for Economic Research at BAS</i>, 2014 pp. 84-96.</p> <p>“What happened in the household crediting sector in Bulgaria? Past dynamics and current tendencies“, in <i>Private indebtedness in Bulgaria, Trend and comparisons with Central and South-East European countries</i>, 2014 pp. 22-39.</p> <p><b>Research Papers:</b>            Interactional Patterns in Bilateral Cooperation,” presented at the GREQAM workshop <i>Interactions</i>, November 2006, Marseille.</p> <p>“A King and a Premier. Misguided Perceptions of Political Personality: the Return of Simeon II to Bulgarian Politics,” co-authored with Emilia Zankina, presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), Dublin, July 14-17, 2009.</p> <p>“Analytical Sociology of Action and Decision Making Praxeology,” presented on the Fifth Session of the ISSC/UNESCO, Sofia, September 03-09, 2009.</p> <p>“Endogenous Risk in the Bulgarian Household Crediting System. Population Financial Culture and Creditors Rights” presented at the Conference “Cultures of Indebtedness: Displacements of Value in Eastern Europe”, New Europe College, Bucharest, January 22-23, 2010.</p> <p>“Charisma and Populism: Post-transition Politics in Bulgaria” co-authored with Emilia Zankina, presented at the 2010 Annual Conference of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), November 18-21, Los Angeles, California; under reviewing in <i>Problems of Post Communism</i>.</p>
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Honours and awards	<p><b>Ministère de l'éducation national et de la recherche</b> (2002-2005) Research grant "Allocation de recherche".</p> <p><b>Directorate of the Institute of Sociology</b>, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (2009) Financial award for outstanding performance.</p> <p><b>NewDem Volkswagen Research Fellowship</b> Institute for advanced studies, Central European University, Budapest, (2012)</p>
Additional research activities	Translator of Raymond Boudon The Sociology as a science, East-West publishing house, Sofia 2012.