

PERSONAL INFORMATION



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Sex Female | Date of birth 22/10/1981 | Nationality Bulgarian

WORK EXPERIENCE

2015–Present

Guest lecturer in European Migration Policies

Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Sofia (Bulgaria)

2012–Present

Senior government official

Administration of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia (Bulgaria)

Senior expert in the cabinet of the President

Political analysis and speech writing

2007–Present

Researcher/Lecturer

CERMES (Center for European Refugees, Migration and Ethnic Studies), New Bulgarian University, Sofia (Bulgaria)

Researcher, Project assistant, Lecturer

Re.Cri.Re - Between the Representation of the Crisis and the Crisis of the Representation is an European project (Horizon 2020) aims to understand what kind of social identity change is going on within European societies; to verify whether the symbolic universes grounding in social identities has undergone a major change within European societies as a consequence of economic crisis; to draw strategic and methodological implications for policy-making from previous stage analysis.

eEAV - E-engagement against violence is an European project on populist organizations and the role of the new media in the construction of hate speech towards the 'other', raising awareness about this through media literacy education and e-engagement against violence.

2013–2016

Researcher

CAS - Centre for advanced study Sofia, Sofia (Bulgaria)

EUBORDERSCAPES (Bordering, Political Landscapes and Social Arenas: Potentials and Challenges of Evolving Border Concepts in a post-Cold War World) is a large-scale FP 7 international research project that investigates and interprets conceptual change in the study of borders, in relation to the fundamental social, economic, cultural and geopolitical transformations that have taken place in the past decades.

RAGE (Hate Speech and Populist Othering in Europe: through the Racism, Age, Gender Looking Glass) is a comparative research project funded by the European Commission's Directorate General Justice, under the Scientific Programme "Fundamental Rights and Citizenship". The project examines populist political discourse and its effect on those "othered" by such discourse, particularly in the context of economic austerity and dwindling opportunities for young people.

2008–2012

Senior government official

Administration of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia (Bulgaria)

Senior Expert in Analytical unit

- 2006–2007 **Diplomacy/International Relations**
Institut Francais de Sofia, French Embassy, Sofia (Bulgaria)
Assistant of the Attache for institutional cooperation

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2016–2016 **Gender Issues in the World of Work**
V.V. Giri National Labour Institute
Scholarship of the Indian Government
- 2016–2016 **Europe's New Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management (ENTRi)**
Ecole nationale d'Administration, Paris (France)
Civilian crisis and post-conflict management in an international context
- 2015–2015 **International cycle in Public Administration**
Ecole nationale d'Administration, Paris (France)
Human Rights Protection
- 2014–2014 **Post Doc Scholarship of the French Government**
Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Paris Nord, Paris (France)
- 2009–2014 **PhD in Political Science**
Department of Political Science, New Bulgarian University, Sofia (Bulgaria)
Title of the thesis: European Cities, Mobility, New Citizenship : Sofia – a possible „Open“ City

Charlz Mozer Scholarship for Excellency in the study of Political Science
- 2012–2012 **Scholarship of Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie**
Migrinter, Maison des Science de l'Homme et de la Société, Université de Poitiers and CNRS, Poitiers (France)
The one month research is part of the AUF project on the migration of Bulgarian doctors in France
- 2011–2011 **Scholarship of the French Government**
Migrinter, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme et de la Société, Université de Poitiers et CNRS, Poitiers (France)
The one month scholarship is part of research on global migration movements
- 2009–2009 **Scholarship, HESP program and the Open Society Institute, Budapest**
School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham, Nottingham (United Kingdom)
The one month PhD scholarship is part of the project for institutional cooperation in-between the Center for European Governance, University of Nottingham (UoN) and the New Bulgarian University

with the financial support of the HESP program and the Open Society Institute, Budapest, with research aims: resources investigation and networking

2007–2007 Socrates Intensive Program in Social policies
 University of Antwerp in cooperation with 6 European universities, Antwerp (Belgium)
 Social Policies

2005–2007 MA in Diplomacy and International Relations
 Department of Political Science, New Bulgarian University, Sofia (Bulgaria)

Title of the thesis: Migration of the Bulgarian Turks - from forced to voluntary

2003–2004 Exchange programme
 Université de Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
 Political Science

2001–2005 Bachelor in Political Science
 Filière francophone on Science Politiques, Department of Political Science, New Bulgarian University, Sofia (Bulgaria)
 Political Science

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Bulgarian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
French	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
	DALF				
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
	TOEFL				
Russian	A2	B2	A2	A2	A1
Spanish	A2	B2	A2	A2	A1
German	A2	B1	A2	A2	A1
Hebrew	A2	A2	A2	A2	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills Excellent communication skills
 Experienced in achieving results in cross-cultural environment
 Used to work in multicultural settings

Organisational / managerial skills Sense of organization, especially events' organization and management ;
 Good experience in project management
 Strongly self-motivated

A decision maker
Well-organized
High sense of responsibility
Committed and reliable
Creative and inspiring

Digital competence Good command of Microsoft Office™ tools (Word™, Excel™ and PowerPoint™)
Internet

Other skills Horse Riding
Israeli Folk Dances
Painting

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Projects**
- Re.Cri.Re (Between the Representation of the Crisis and the Crisis of the Representation), Horizon 2020, 2015-2018
 - EUBORDERSCAPES (Bordering, Political Landscapes and Social Arenas: Potentials and Challenges of Evolving Border Concepts in a post-Cold War World), FP 7, 2012-2015
 - RAGE (Hate Speech and Populist Othering in Europe through the Racism, Age and Gender looking Gals) DAPHNE Program, 2012 - 2014
 - e-EAV (e-Engagement against Violence) DAPHNE Program, 2012 - 2014
 - Success at School, Leonardo Transfer of Innovation Program, 2012- 2014
 - Quality of Bulgarian democracy, National Scientific Found, 2011-2014
 - L'émigration féminine hautement qualifiée dans le secteur de santé roumain et bulgare vers la France : enjeux, défis et perspectives futures, AUF, 2011-2013
 - La rue comme lieu d'expression politique, AUF, 2011-2013
 - E-citizenship, National Scientific Found, 2011-2013
 - Migrapass, Leonardo Transfer of Innovation Program 2010-2012
 - Open Cities, URBACT and British Council, 2008-2010
 - Integration of third country nationals, National Found for Third Country nationals integration, 2008

- Publications**
- Отова И. (2016) Европа между радикализацията и миграцията. В Има ли достатъчно Европа и съюз в ЕС. София: СУ и Ханс Зайдел
 - Отова И&Е.Стайкова (2015) Правата на човека в България - традиции, институции, дебати. В Политически изследвания. 3-4/2015. София: СУ
 - Staykova E.&Otova I.&Ivanova V. (2015) Anti-elitism as populist strategy of defending 'the people' In: Ranieri, M. (ed.) Populism, Media and Education. Challenging discrimination in contemporary digital societies, Routledge
 - Jehel, S&Kamenova, D. and Otova, I. (2015) Conclusion. In M. Ranieri (ed.), e-Engagement against Violence: Tools for Media and Citizenship Education Rome: ARACNE International
 - Otova I&D. Kamenova (2014) Mobilité des médecins bulgares : facteurs, tendances et enjeux. Paris : L'Harmattan
 - Отова, И. (2013) Екологичните мобилизации в България: оф и онлайн. В: Кръстева А. (съст.) Дигиталният гражданин. София: НБУ
 - Otova, I. (2013) Le mouvement écologiste en Bulgarie: off et online. In : Krasteva A. (sous la dir. de) E-citoyenneté. Paris : L'Harmattan
 - Отова, И. (2012) Миграция, интеграция, градове: европейски контекст. В: Социологически проблеми 1-2, стр. 222-237
 - Отова, И. (2011) Отговорите на градовете. В: София – град на многообразието. София:

Асоциация за развитие на София

- Krasteva A. & Otova I. & Staikova E. & Ivanova (2011) A Bulgarian migration profile 2011. Migration citizenship Education
- Кръстева, А. & Отова, И. & Е. Стайкова (2011) Задволяване на нуждите от работна ръка чрез миграция в България: 2004-2009. European Migration Network
- Кръстева, Анна & Отова, Илдико, Е. Стайкова (2011) Временна и циркулярна миграция в България: данни, политики, перспективи 2004-2009. European Migration Network
- И. Отова (2009) Изследване на политиките за интеграция в пет държави-членки на ЕС, Франция В: Методически оказания за наблюдение и оценка на политиките и мерките за интеграция