

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date of birth: 27/01/1990

WORK EXPERIENCE

01.11.2020

Assistant Professor

“Balkan Ethnology” Department, IEFSEM-BAS
Academic Research

2018 – 31.10.2020

Researcher

"Balkan Ethnology" Department, IEFSEM-BAS
Academic research

EDUCATION

2014-02.06. 2020

Doctor of Sociology, Anthropology and Culture Studies

Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Studies with Ethnographic Museum – Bulgarian Academy of Science, Sofia, Bulgaria

Thesis title: “Anthropological dimensions of the borders and identity construction (on cases from the borderlands of Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of Macedonia and Republic of Serbia)”.

(Diploma 16.06.2020)

2016/2017 – present

PhD Student

Department of History/ Centre of Southeast European Studies, Graz University, Graz, Austria.

Provisional topic: Urban deconstructions: Nation-building diversities in Macedonia [The cases of Skopje and Tetovo]

Supervisor: Univ. Prof. Dr. Florian Bieber

2012 – 2013

Master’s degree in Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology

Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria

Thesis title: “Skopje 2014”- creating a new Macedonian identity”

2008 – 2012

Bachelor degree in Ethnology

Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Bulgaria

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Bulgarian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Russian	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2

Certificates

English

(2014) IELTS International English Language Testing System, Band: 8.00

(2008) Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE); Cambridge English Language Assessment, part of the University of Cambridge, Level C1.

(2007) **First Certificate in English (FCE)**; Cambridge English Language Assessment, part of the University of Cambridge, Level B1.

Russian

(2008) Сертификат по русскому языку из Государственного института русского языка, имени А.С.Пушкина, Москва; Постпороговый уровень (B2)/ Pushkin State Russian Language Institute Certificate, Level **B2**

Other Languages: German – A1 (2015; 2020); **Italian** – A2 (2013); Macedonian, Serbian – Independent User

Communication skills

Good communication skills in an international and domestic setting in professional and everyday environment and among different ethnic communities (fieldwork, etc); teamwork

Organisational / managerial skills

Good organizational skills when working in team and within projects under different (academic and otherwise) conditions; organizational skills and event planning skills – festivals, conferences, filming

Professional skills

Good skills in conducting scientific and research activities, good presentational skills

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

MONOGRAPHS

Христова, М. 2020. „Българи сме, но не съвсем“. *Междинни пространства и хибридни идентичности на Балканите през XXI век.* [“We are Bulgarians, but not quite”. In-between Spaces and Hybrid Identities in the Balkans in the XXI c.] София:

Парадигма.

EDITED BOOKS

Maeva, M., Erolova, Y., Stoyanova, Pl., Hristova, M., Ivanova, V. 2020. *Between the Worlds: Magic, Miracles, and Mysticism*. E-collection with open access/Proceedings of the “Between the Worlds: Magic, Miracles, and Mysticism” Conference (forthcoming).

Воскресенски, В., Матанова, Т., Христова, М. 2020. „Български общности в чужбина: аспекти на културата, идентичността и миграцията“. Академично издателство „Проф. Марин Дринов“ (предстоящ). [Voskresenski, V., Matanova, T., Hristova, M. 2020. Bulgarian communities abroad: aspects of the culture, identity, and migration. (forthcoming)].

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Hristova, M. 2020. Quest for outsmarting fate: Bulgaria and the COVID - 19 crisis. Special Section Article. *Social Anthropology/Anthropologie Sociale, COVID-19 Urgent Anthropological forum*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1469-8676.12861> .

Hristova, M. 2019. In-between Spaces: Dual Citizenship and Placebo Identity at the Triple Border between Serbia, Macedonia and Bulgaria. *NewDiversities*. Special Issue: New Solidarities: Migration, Mobility, Diaspora, and Ethnic Tolerance in Southeast Europe. 21(1): 37-54. Available at: http://newdiversities.mmg.mpg.de/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019_21-01_04_Hristova.pdf

Христова, М. 2017. "Българин по професия. Българин по потекло"(записки върху идентичността). В: *Български фолклор*. 1: 84 – 110. [Hristova, M. "Bulgarian by profession. Bulgarian by descent"(notes on the identity). In: *Bulgarian Folklore*, 1: 84-110].

Христова, М. 2015. Сакрални места и културна памет на тройната граница (изследване в Осоговски манастир). В: *Българска Етнология*. 1: 79-93. [Hristova, M. Sakralni mesta i kulturna pamet na troynata granitsa (izsledvane v Osogovski manastir). V: *Balgarska Etnologia*. 2015 (1), str. 79-93.]. [Hristova, M. Sacred places and cultural memory on the triple-shared border (research in the Osogovo monastery). In: *Bulgarian Ethnology*. 2015 (1), pp. 79-93].

ARTICLES IN EDITED VOLUMES

Христова, М. 2020. Малцинството-жертва: механика на менталността и травматичен наратив сред българското малцинство по източната сръбска граница. В: Воскресенски, В., Матанова, Т., Христова, М. 2020. „Български общности в чужбина: аспекти на културата, идентичността и миграцията“. Академично издателство „Проф. Марин Дринов“ (предстоящ). [Hristova, M. 2020. Minority as Victim: Mechanics of the Mentality and the Traumatic Narrative among the Bulgarian Minority on the Eastern Serbian Border. In: Voskresenski, V., Matanova, T., Hristova, M. 2020. Bulgarian communities abroad: aspects of the culture, identity, and migration. (forthcoming)].

Hristova, M. 2020. The Role of Middlemen in Acquiring Bulgarian Citizenship – Social and Identity Repercussions. In: Traditional and Modern Balkan Migration destinations and patterns. Volume proceedings of Bilateral Project BAS-MASA, (forthcoming).

Hristova, M. 2016. Is Macedonian Identity Challenged? Observations from Dolno Dupeni Border Region. In: V. Nitsiakos, I. Manos, G. Agelopoulos, A. Angelidou, V. Dalkavoukis, V. Kravva, (eds.), *Ethnographic Research in Border Areas. Contributions to the Study of International Frontiers in Southeast Europe*, pp. 84-91.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Hristova, M. 2018. ‘Should I stay or Should I go?’ Migration patterns of Macedonia’s young people. In: Rajkovic, M. I., Kelemen, P., Zuparic-Ilijc, D. (eds), *Contemporary Migration Trends and Flows in the Territory of Southeast Europe*, pp. 105-122.

Hristova, M. 2015. Shifting Borders, Creating New Identities – New Concepts of History. In: P. Hristov, A. Kasabova, E. Troeva, D. Demski (eds.), *Contextualizing Changes: Migrations, Shifting Borders and New Identities in Eastern Europe*, pp. 561-573.

Hristov, P., Hristova, M. 2014. Sacred places and cultural memory on the triple-shared border- pilgrimage in the Osogovo monastery. In: *Етнолог/ Ethnologist*. 15: 45-61.

Христова, М. 2015. Градското пространство — конструкт на националната идентичност (по примера на "Скопие 2014". В: Б. Петкова, С. Антонов. *Терени и граници*, стр. 134-154.]. [Hristova, M. The Urban Space as a Construct of the National identity (The Macedonian case). In: B. Petkova, S. Antonov. *Fields and Borders*. 2015, pp. 134-154]. Available at: <http://logos.uniplovdiv.net/documents/35514/588619/Tereni+i+granici.pdf/b54d922f-e508-4584-b98e-9e1b218ee1bc>.

INTERVIEWS

Христова, М. Теренни интервюта. В: М. Груев, М., В. Тепавичаров, П. Василева-Груева, В. Коцева-Попова, М. Костадинова. *Насилие, политика, памет – комунистическият режим в Пиринска Македония – рефлексии на съвременника и изследвателя*. 2011. [Hristova, M. Terenni intervvyuta. V: M. Gruev, M., V. Tepavicharov, P. Vasileva-Grueva, V. Kotseva-Popova, M. Kostadinova. *Nasilie, politika, pamet – komunisticheskiyat rezhim v Pirinska Makedonia – refleksii na savremennika i izsledovatelya*. 2011]. [Hristova, M. Fieldwork Interviews. In: M. Gruev, M., V. Tepavicharov, P. Vasileva-Grueva, V. Kotseva-Popova, M. Kostadinova. *Violence, politics and memory – Communist regime in Pirin Macedonia – reflections of the coeval and the researcher*. 2011].

Project experience
last 3 years

- 2019 – 2022 **SRF (Bulgaria):** Still in Bulgaria. Cultural and Social Effects of Labour Mobility and Migration on Bulgarian Society (1990-2019), IEFSEM – BAS, Coordinator: Assoc. Prof. M. Maeva
- 2019 – 2020 **National Program: "Young Scientists and Post-Doctoral Students":** Urban Landscapes: Ethnic Dynamics in Republic of Macedonia, Coordinator: M. Hristova, PhD
- 2018 – 2019 **National Program: "Young Scientists and Post-Doctoral Students":** Urban Landscapes: Ethnic Dynamics in Republic of Macedonia, M. Hristova, PhD
- 2017 – 2021 **SRF (Bulgaria):** The Refugees in the notions of Bulgarians – fears, understanding and

empathy, IPS – BAS, Coordinator: Prof. T. Nedelcheva

2017 – 2021 **SRF (Bulgaria):** Cultural Adaptation and Integration of Immigrants in Bulgaria, IEFSEM – BAS, Coordinator: Assoc. Prof. P. Hristov

2017 – 2020 **Bilateral BAS-MASA:** Traditional and Modern Balkan Migration destinations and patterns

2016 – 2017 **Program for Financial Support of Young Scientists, Bulgarian Academy of Science:** Borders and Identity Construction (on the example of the tripoint border between Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of Serbia and Republic of Macedonia), Coordinator: M. Hristova

Academic forums

2020 Second International Conference: "Between the Worlds: Magic, Miracles and Mysticism".

06. – 09.12.2019 **IX Conference**, dedicated to the cultural history of modernity: "Rush slowly: Time regimes" (Cultural Centre of Sofia University), Sofia, Bulgaria: "Time and Heterotopia on the Border between three countries"

3-4.06.2019 **International Symposium:** „Homing: displacement, suspension, projections and achievements in making home on the move”, University of Trento, Trento, Italy. Topic: „Little Russia in the Bulgarian Seaside".

31.05. 2019 **Round Table:** "Migration from and to Bulgaria", IEFSEM – BAS, Sofia, Bulgaria, Topic: Topic: „Little Russia in the Bulgarian Seaside", IEFSEM – BAS, Sofia, Bulgaria

30-31.10.2017 **International Conference:** „Between the worlds: People, Spaces and Rituals". Topic: Between the Past and the Present, between 'here' and 'there', between 'us' and 'them', IEFSEM – BAS, Sofia, Bulgaria

30.08.-2.09.2017 **Workshop 'A New Man for the Socialist Society'**, Juraj Dobrila University of Pula. Тема: 'Same and different. The socialist people divided by a border'

18.07.2017 **Scientific Research Workshop: „Mobility. Migration. Culture"** lecture: Dual Citizenship and dual identity at the EU border, IEFSEM – BAS, Sofia, Bulgaria

07.12.- 09.12.2016 **International Conference:** "Културен трансфер и българска идентичност"/"Cultural transfer and Bulgarian Identity", organized by the Bulgarian Cultural Institute "House Witgenstein" – Vienna, Austria with topic: "Bulgarian by Profession. Bulgarian by Blood" (observations on the Bulgarian Minority in Bosilegrad, Serbia).

10-11.11.2016 **International Scientific Conference:** „Contemporary migration: Trends and Flows on the Territory of Southeast Europe“ in Zagreb, Croatia, organized by Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences с тема: "Should I stay or should I go": migration patterns of Macedonia's young people.

26.06 - 30.06. 2016 Beyond the Borders. **10th Joint Meeting of Bulgarian and North American Scholars**, paper topic: "Border dimensions and identity construction", Sofia, Bulgaria

23 - 25.04.2015 **ASN 20th Annual Conference, New York, USA**, paper: Tooling the history: centre-periphery reflections

- 08 - 10.10.2014 **International Conference** - „Contextualizing Changes: Migrations, Shifting Borders and New Identities in Eastern Europe“, Sofia, Bulgaria, paper: *Shifting the borders, creating new identities-new concepts of history (on the example of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)*
- 18 - 21.09.2014 **7th InASEA conference** - “Cultures of Crisis: Experiencing and Coping With Upheavals and Disasters in Southeast Europe”, Истанбул, Турция, с тема: *Identity as Governmental policy: the traumatic collective memory (Bulgarian Communist Party and some strokes on Pirin Macedonia history)*
- 12 - 13.09.2014 **Scientific Symposium** - “The Ethno-tourism and the Ethnological Cultural Heritage”, Скопје, Macedonia, paper (co-authored, assoc. prof. P. Hristov): *Sacred places and cultural memory on the triple-shared border- pilgrimage in the Osogovo monastery*
- 1 - 4.05.2014 **12th International Border Crossings Students’ Conference**- “A World in Flux: Globalising Flows, Local and Regional Responses and Anthropological Reflections”, Белград, Сърбия с тема: *Tooling History: Being Different Among the Similar*
- Public Lectures** Lecture at "European Research Night" 2018 at IEFSEM-BAS, Sofia, Bulgaria. Topic: Border(less).
- Conference organization**
- 29.- 31. 10. 2020 International Conference: “Between the Worlds: Magic, Miracles and Mysticism”, Sofia, Bulgaria, IEFSEM – BAS, Balkan Ethnology Department. *Organizing Committee*
- 08 - 10.10.2014 International Conference: “Contextualizing Changes: Migrations, Shifting Borders and New Identities in Eastern Europe”. IEFSEM – BAS. *Secretary of the Organizing Committee*
- Summer Schools and Exchange programmes**
- 2020/2021 Academic Exchange with the University of St. Andrews, Edinburgh
- 1.02. 2015 - 01.07.2015 Erasmus + Student Exchange with University of Graz, 2015
- 23.07 - 08.08. 2014 Summer School in Anthropology, Ethnography and Comparative Folkloristics in Konitsa, Greece, 2014, Border Crossings Network
- 29.06 - 12.07. 2013 Summer School in Graz, Austria in “Collective Identities: Nationalism, Transnationalism – Europe and Beyond”, 2013, Graz International Summer School Graz

29.06-12.07.
2013

Creative Writing Course: *Graz University Summer School Seggau 2013*, Tutor: Rolando Hinojosa-Smith

Awards and Scholarships

2017

BAS Academy Award for Youngest Scientist (under 30 years of Age) for Academic achievements "Ivan Evstratiev Geshov) in: „Cultural and Historical Heritage and National Identity” Track

Memberships

Association for the study of Nationalisms (ASN) - 2015 г.

The International Association for Southeast European Anthropology (InASEA) – 2014-2016; 2019 -