

Curriculum Vitae

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Education and Degrees:

1981 MA, Sociology, Sofia University
"St Kliment Ohridski"

1989 PhD, Sofia University "St Kl. Ohridski"

1992 Diploma for the One-Year Post-Graduate Study,
Program "Society and Politics", Central
European University, Prague, Czech Republic

Employment:

1982 Sociologist, Peripheral Devices Works,
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

1983-to now Associate Professor (since 2011)
Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski",
Bulgaria, Vice-Dean of the Faculty for
Philosophy and History (2013-2017)

2003-to now Head of the New Europe Centre for
Regional Studies, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Visiting Fellowships:

March-June 1993 Social Science Research Council
Fellowship, Kroc Institute, University
of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

January-June 1995 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, Kroc
Institute, University of Notre Dame, Indiana,
USA

July-August 1998 Tempus/PHARE programme, Department of
Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work,
University of Liverpool, UK

September 1999	Lecturer at the Training Seminar for Young Social Scientists, Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe, European Youth Centre, Budapest, Hungary
April 2000	WICE Programme, University of Wageningen, The Netherlands
September 2000	Lecturer at the Training Seminar for Young Social Scientists, Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe, European Youth Centre, Budapest, Hungary
September 2002	Lecturer at the Training Seminar for Young Social Scientists, Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe, Moscow, Russia
September 2005-June 2006	Visiting fellow at the Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education, University of London, UK
June-July 2010	Lecturer at the Summer School ‘Youth – Actor of Social Change’, Erasmus Intensive Learning Programme, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
September 2010	Lecturer at the University of Salerno, Italy, Erasmus Teaching Mobility, Lifelong Learning Programme.
February 2011	Lecturer in the pilot course of the MA in European Youth Studies, Budapest, Hungary
June 2016	Lecturer at the doctoral seminar of the Faculty of Education at the University of Granada, Spain
July-August 2017	Lecturer at the Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar in Bulgaria ‘Bulgaria in the Context of Migration and Challenges to European Cohesion, Sofia, Bulgaria

Educational Projects

January 2016-to now	Student Internships Project, funded by the Operative Programme ‘Science and Education
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for Smart Growth' and the European Social Fund (BG05M2OP001-2.002-0001)

September 2012-August 2015

Associated Partner, European Master in Social Work with Families and Children, Erasmus Mundus Programme, EC.

January 2012-December 2014

Student Internships Project, funded by the Operative Programme 'Development of Human Resources' and the European Social Fund (BG051PO001-3.3.07)

April 2011-May 2013

Member of the project team of 'Compass: System for Securing and Maintenance of Quality in Science', Ministry of Education, Youth and Science

October 2009-September 2011

Member of the coordination group in the Erasmus Curriculum Development Project 'Master's Degree in European Youth Studies', Lifelong Learning Programme of European Commission

Research Projects:

June 1993 - May 1994

Student Political Culture in Transition, The Research Support Scheme, The Central European University, Prague, Czech Republic

June 1994 - August 1995

Student Movement in Post-communist Bulgaria, Research and Writing Grant of MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, USA

February 1996-January 1997

Foreign Intervention in Universities in Bulgaria and Russia, Jubilee Fund of the Austrian National Bank, Vienna, Austria

April 1996 - March 1998

An Evaluation of Programmes to Assist the Young Unemployed in East-Central Europe, ACE Program, European Commission

October 1996 - December 1998

The Young Self Employed and Their Support Schemes in Post Communist Countries, Overseas Development Administration, UK

September 1997- March 1998	Youth and Europe, Youth Studies Foundation, Sofia, Bulgaria
January 1998 - March 1999	Social Change in Households, Jubilee Fund of the Assertion National Bank, Vienna, Austria
January - September 1999	Youth Participation in Central and Eastern Europe, Youth Directorate, The Council of Europe
April - September 1999	Public Attitudes towards Volunteering, Open Society Club, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
September 1999 - March 2000	Social Protection for Young People in Central and Eastern Europe, The European Youth Forum
April 2000 - March 2003	Households, Work and Flexibility, Fifth Framework Programme, European Commission
September 2000 - July 2002	Democratic Attitudes in Central and Eastern Europe, Research Support Scheme, Open Society Foundation, Prague, the Czech Republic
April 2001 – March 2004	Youth Policy and Participation, Fifth Framework Programme, European Commission
October 2001 – September 2004	Families and Transitions in Europe, Fifth Framework Programme, European Commission
January 2003 – December 2005	Transitions: Gender, Parenthood and the Changing European Workplace: young adults negotiating the work-family boundary, Fifth Framework Programme, European Commission
December 2004 – November 2005	Thematic Study on Policy Measures Concerning Disadvantaged Youth, Directorate of Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission
November 2005 – June 2006	Youth Unemployment – Living Experiences and Expectations of Young People in Two Local Labour Markets in Bulgaria, International Labour Organisation, Budapest Office.

October 2005 – November 2009	CINEFOGO: Civil Society and New Forms of Governance in Europe, Network of Excellence, 6 th Framework Programme, European Commission
March 2006 – February 2009	Quality of Life in a Changing Europe, STREP, 6 th Framework Programme, European Commission
May 2006 – April 2009	Up2Youth, Youth – Actor of Social Change, Coordinated Action, 6 th Framework Programme, European Commission
April 2010 – March 2013	E-citizenship, Strategic Research Fund of the Ministry of Science, Youth and Education of Republic Bulgaria, member of the Plovdiv team.
May 2011 – April 2013	United States of Europe, A travelling exhibition, a platform for communication, identity and intercultural dialogue, CU7-COOP7 Culture Programme, Strand 1.2.1: Cooperation Measures; member of the sociological studies team European Identity: Europeans' biographical experiences and images of the present day Europe.
March 2013 – December 2013	The Cultural Infrastructure of the City of Plovdiv (resources, partnerships, prospects), Operational Programme 'Development of Human Resources', Ministry of Labour of Social Policy.
January 2014 – December 2016	SAHWA. Empowering the young generation: towards a new social contract in South and East Mediterranean countries, Collaborative project, 7 th Framework Programme, European Commission.
May 2015 – April 2018	Partispace: Spaces and styles of participation. Formal, non-formal and informal possibilities of young people's participation in European cities, Horizon 2020, EC
September 2015 – December 2018	GEMM: Growth, Equal Opportunities, Migration and Markets, Horizon 2020, EC

March 2016 – February 2019

Young_Adulllt: Policies Supporting Young Adults in their Life Course, Horizon 2020, EC

Experience as a Policy Expert/Evaluator

Evaluator of the Youth WIKI chapters for the EACEA, 2016-2018

Member of the International Expert Team for the Evaluation of the National Youth Policy in Estonia, 1999-2000

Consultant for the European Youth Forum, on the Social Protection for Young People in Europe, 1999-2000

Evaluator for the Research DG of the European Commission, the programme “Improving the Human Research Potential and the Socio-Economic Knowledge Base”, October 2000

Consultant for the Council of Europe, Youth Directorate, on “New Forms of Youth Participation”, 2000-2001

Consultant for the Council of Europe, Directorate of Social Affairs and Health, on ‘The Situation of Young Persons regarding Access to Social Protection in the Russian Federation’, 2001

Consultant for the Council of Europe, Directorate of Social Affairs and Health, on ‘The Situation of Vagrant Children regarding Access to Social Protection in the Russian Federation’, 2001

Evaluator for the Research DG of the European Commission, the programme “Improving the Socio-Economic Knowledge Base”, March 2002

Consultant for the Council of Europe,
Directorate of Youth and Sports, on ‘The Social
Situation of Young People in Europe’, 2001-
2002

Evaluator for the Research DG of the European
Commission, the 6th Framework Programme
‘Integrating and Strengthening the European
Research Area”, June 2003

Member of the Steering Committee of the
‘Thematic study on policy measures concerning
disadvantaged youth’, funded by the European
Commission, DG Employment and Social
Affairs, contract No. VT/2004/940.

National expert for Bulgaria in the European
Observatory for Social Participation, Social
Cohesion and Trust, January-December 2005.

Member of the evaluation team of the
Community action programme to promote
bodies active at European level in the field of
Youth (EAC/D2/JK D1146 (2006).

Evaluator for the Austrian Science Fund, 2012.

Expert for the Youth in Action 2007-2013
Programme, Education, Audiovisual and
Culture Executive Agency.

Evaluator for the Research DG of the European
Commission, the 7th Framework Programme,
May 2013

Review of the Situation of Young People and
Youth Policy in the Czech Republic, November
2012 – March 2014

Member of the Steering group for the ‘Mapping
of barriers to social inclusion for young people
in vulnerable situations’, February-December
2014

Consultant for the Schell Study series of
Bulgarian youth funded by the Friedrich Ebert
Foundation, March-December 2015

Expert evaluator of the Youth Wiki project, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), 2016-2017-2018

Consultant for Bulgaria's Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Science, Education and Technology, the Regional Labour Office in Plovdiv, the department of Culture of the Municipality of Plovdiv, the Open Society Foundation in Plovdiv, and the Volunteers' Club in Plovdiv.

Interests and Activities

Research Interests: social policy, social inclusion, social protection, un/employment, youth, gender, generation and social transformation in East Central Europe

Member of the Board of RN30 Youth and Generation of the European Sociological Association (2015-2017)

Member of the Pool of European Youth researchers established by the Partnership between the European Union and the Council of Europe in the field of youth (2011-2016)

Member of the Executive Board (1994-2002) and of the Advisory Board (2002-2010) of Research Committee 34 of the International Sociological Association

Member of the Executive Board of the Bulgarian Sociological Association (1998-2003)

Member of the British Sociological Association, and the European Sociological Association

Member of the Editorial Board of the journals *Community, Work and Family* (Routledge), *YOUNG* (SAGE), *European Societies*, *Slovak Journal of Political Science*

Publications:

Books and Edited Journals:

Siyka Kovacheva, Plamen Nanov and Gergana Dimitrova (2018) *Evidence-Based Social Policy. Topical Issues from Sociological Perspective*. Plovdiv: Plovdiv University Press, 200 p., ISBN 978-619-202-324-9.

Siyka Kovacheva (ed.) 2017 *Young People and Social Change in South and East Mediterranean Countries*. Plovdiv: Plovdiv University Press, 143 p., ISBN 978-619-202-277-8.

Petar-Emil Mitev and Siyka Kovacheva 2014 *Young People in European Bulgaria. A Sociological Portrait 2014*. Sofia: Friedrich Ebert Foundation, 199 p., ISBN 978-954-2979-23-4 (published also in Bulgarian, ISBN 978-954-2979-21-0).

Ondrej Barta, Josef Bocek, Jan Husak and Siyka Kovacheva 2014 *Mladí lidé a veřejné politiky v České republice*, Prague: Open Society Foundation, 199 p., ISBN 978-80-87725-23-8.

Carmen Leccardi, Carles Feixa, Siyka Kovacheva, Herwig Reiter, Tatjana Sekulić (eds) 2012 *1989 - Young people and social change after the fall of the Berlin Wall*. Strasbourg: Council of Europe, 207 p., ISBN 978-92-871-7183-2.

Lynne Chisholm, Siyka Kovacheva, Maurizio Merico (Eds.) 2011 *European Youth Studies: Integrating research, policy and practice*. E-Reader, Innsbruck: MA EYS consortium, 371 p., ISBN: 978-3-9503144-9-6.

Work-Life Balance: Young Working Parents between Opportunities and Constraints 2010, Sofia: East-West, 411 p., ISBN 978-954-321-775-5.

Demokratická kultura v Čechách: Občanská kultura, ethos a vlastenectví ze srovnávacího pohledu. (Democratic Culture in the Czech Republic. Civic political culture, civility and civic nationalism in comparative perspective) (with Klicperová-Baker, M. Feierabend, I. K., Kovacheva, S., Titarenko, L, Košťál, J., Hofstetter, C. R.) Praha: Academia, 2009.

Work-Life Dilemmas: Changes in Work and Family Life in the Enlarged Europe. (ed.) *Sociological Problems*. Special Issue. 2008, Vol. II, 216 p.

Civil Society, Citizenship and Civic Participation in Bulgaria. (with S. Videv, P.-E. Mitev, G. Koleva and N. Tilkidjiev), Plovdiv: Makros, 2006.

Democratic Citizenship in Comparative Perspective. (with M. Klicperova-Baker, L. Titarenko, I. Feierabend and C. Hofstetter), San Diego: San Diego State University, 2003, 178 p.

Exploring the European Youth Mosaic. The social situation of young people in Europe (with Lynne Chisholm), Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2002.

Keys to Youth Participation in Eastern Europe, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 2000 (published also in French).

Sinking or Swimming in the Waves of Transformation? Young People and Social Protection in Central and Eastern Europe, Youth Forum, Brussels, 2000.

Youth Unemployment in Bulgaria in Comparative Perspective - The Problem and Its Solutions, Plovdiv: Georgy Vanchev, 1999.

Youth in Society. The Construction and Deconstruction of Youth in East and West Europe (with C. Wallace), London: Macmillan and New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998.

Structural Change of Bulgarian Universities: The Impact of Foreign Intervention, Sofia: Liberal Initiative, 1998.

Chapters in books, articles in journals and papers at conferences:

Siyka Kovacheva and Darena Hristozova 'Life Strategies of Young Bulgarian Migrants in new socio-cultural contexts', paper presented at the ESA RN30 Midterm Conference, Being Young in Context. Concepts, contexts and Comparisons in Youth Studies', Silver Lake, Serbia, 13-16 September 2018.

'The Impact of Mobility on the Life Transitions of Young Emigrants from Post-Communist Bulgaria', paper presented at XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada, 15-21 July 2018.

'Class Reproduction and Re-Formation during Young People's Education to Employment Transitions in South and East Mediterranean Countries' (co-author Ken Roberts), paper presented at XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada, 15-21 July 2018.

Ken Roberts, Siyka Kovacheva and Stanimir Kabaivanov (2018) 'Class Reproduction and Re-Formation during Young People's Education to Employment Transitions in South and East Mediterranean Countries', *Athens Journal of Mediterranean Studies*, Vol. 4, No. 3, pp. 179-200.

Ken Roberts, Siyka Kovacheva and Stanimir Kabaivanov (2018) Uses of Free Time by Young Adults in Arab Mediterranean Countries: Exposing and Addressing Boundary Issues in Leisure Studies, *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science Research*, 2018, 4, 10-21, E-ISSN: 2371-1655/18.

Hristova, Svetlana and Siyka Kovacheva (2018) (Un)Making Europe: Capitalism, Solidarities, Subjectivities. 13th Conference of the European Sociological Association (29.08-1.09.2017, Athens), *Sociological Problems*, Vol. 3-4, pp.239-245.

Ken Roberts, Siyka Kovacheva y Stanimir Kabaivanov (2018) Juventud árabe mediterránea: participación política y religiosa, *Revista CIDOB d'Afers Internacionals*, n.118, pp. 103-126, ISSN:1133-6595 E-ISSN:2013-035X DOI: doi.org/10.24241/rcai.2018.118.1.

Siyka Kovacheva, Stanimir Kabaivanov y Boris Popivanov (2018) Participación política y desigualdades entre la juventud árabe mediterránea, *Revista CIDOB d'Afers Internacionals*, n.118, pp.127-152, ISSN:1133-6595 E-ISSN:2013-035X DOI: doi.org/10.24241/rcai.2018.118.1.

Siyka Kovacheva, Stanimir Kabaivanov & Ken Roberts (2018) 'Education to employment transitions in South and East Mediterranean countries', *International Journal of Social Sciences and Economic Research* 2018, 3(2), pp. 532-559, ISSN 2455-8834

Siyka Kovacheva, Stanimir Kabaivanov & Ken Roberts (2018): Interrogating waithood: family and housing life stage transitions among young adults in North-West Africa countries, *International Journal of Adolescence and Youth*, DOI: 10.1080/02673843.2018.1430595

Ken Roberts, Siyka Kovacheva and Stanimir Kabaivanov 2018 'Youth in- and Out-of-Work in Arab Mediterranean Countries', *International Journal of Youth Economy* 2, No. 1, 51-66, <http://dx.doi.org/10.18576/ijye/020105>

Ken Roberts, Siyka Kovacheva and Stanimir Kabaivanov (2017), 'Leisure and the life-cycle squeeze among young adults in North Africa countries', *International Journal of the Sociology of Leisure*, pp. 1–14, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41978-017-0002-6>.

Ken Roberts, Siyka Kovacheva and Stanimir Kabaivanov 'Still troubled: Tunisia's youth during and since the revolution of 2011', *Societies* 2017, 7, 29; doi:10.3390/soc7040029, p.1-14.

'The lived experiences of Bulgarian migrants – transforming contexts, changing subjectivities' (co-author Boris Popivanov), paper presented at the 13th ESA Conference, Athens, Greece, 29.08.-1.09.2017.

'Still Troubled: Tunisia's youth during and since the revolution of 2011' (co-author Ken Roberts), paper presented at the 13th ESA Conference, Athens, Greece, 29.08.-1.09.2017.

'Modernisation theory meets Tunisia's youth during and since the revolution of 2011' (co-authors K. Roberts and S. Kabaivanov), SAHWA Scientific Report ISSN 2564-9183, numero: doi.org/10.24241/swsp.2017; articulo: doi.org/10.24241/swsp.2017.3.1

'Youth policy in Arab Mediterranean countries in a comparative perspective' (co-author B. Popivanov and S. Kabaivanov) SAHWA Policy Report ISSN 2564-9159, numero: doi.org/10.24241/swpr.2017.6, articulo: doi.org/10.24241/swpr.2017.6.1

‘Lifestyles under constraint – forms of youth leisure in Lebanon’ (co-author Roberts, Ken), paper presented at ESA RN 30 ‘Youth and Generation’ Midterm Conference in association with ISA RC 34 ‘Sociology of Youth’, ‘Global Youth Futures: Perspectives and Prospects’ in Ericeira, Portugal, 15-18 January 2017.

‘Use of free time by young people and social inclusion and exclusion in Lebanon, (co-author Ken Roberts), *International Journal of Social Science and Economic Research*, 1(8), 1190-1214, 2016.

‘Change and continuity in school-to-work transitions of young people in the MENA countries’, paper presented at the Third ISA Forum, Vienna, 10-14 July 2016.

‘A Life Course Perspective to Youth Transitions in Comparative Research’, paper presented at the YOUNG_ADULLLT Symposium, 31 March 2016, University of Munster, Germany.

‘Differences and Inequalities in Civic Participation among Bulgarian Youth’, (co-author Stanimir Kabaivanov) *Sociology and Anthropology* 4(4): 228-240, 2016, <http://www.hrpub.org> DOI: 10.13189/sa.2016.040405.

‘Bulgarie. La conciliation à l’épreuve de la transition politique, économique et sociale et de la crise de 2008’ (co-author *Slavina Spasova*), *Chronique internationale de l’IRES* - n° 152 - décembre 2015, pp. 86-102.

‘After the fall of communism: Intergenerational relationships then and now in Bulgarian society’, paper presented at the Workshop on Intergenerational Transmission and the Transition to Adulthood: the Relationship between Empirical Analysis and Theoretical Conceptualisations, Bergen, Norway, 21-23 October 2015.

‘Social inequalities in the educational transitions of Bulgarian youth’ (co-author Gergana Dimitrova), paper presented at the international conference ‘Education and work: (Un-)equal transition, organized by ISSK, Sofia and University of Bazel, Sofia, 24-25 September 2015.

‘Challenges and opportunities in researching Arab youth in the Mediterranean countries’, paper presented at the Project fair of the Symposium on youth participation in a digitalized world, organized by the Youth Partnership of EU and CoE, Budapest, September 14-16, 2015.

‘Differences and Inequalities in Civic Mindedness and Participation among Bulgarian Youth’, 12 ESA Conference ‘Differences, Inequalities and Sociological Imagination, Prague, 25-29 August 2015.

‘Young People in European Bulgaria, results from a sociological study’, Salzburg Global Seminar, Session 549 Justice. Youth, Economics and Violence: Implications for Future Conflict, 26 Apr. – 01 May 2015.

‘Young people’s values in times of social insecurity’, Collected Papers from the International Conference ‘*Times of uncertainty and risks: possibilities and perspectives for development*’, Plovdiv, Plovdiv University Press, 2015, pp. 310-319.

‘The Issue of Work-Life Balance in Bulgaria’, paper presented at the ETUI International Conference ‘Women’s Health and Work, Brussels, 4-6 March 2015.

‘The social boundaries of trust and civic engagement of Bulgarian youth’, paper presented at the Friedrich Ebert Foundation International Conference ‘Youth in East Europe. Challenges and Perspectives in Times of Transition’, 27 February 2015.

‘Young People’s Values in Times of Social Insecurity’, paper presented at the International Conference ‘Times of Uncertainty and Risks: Possibilities and Perspectives for Development, Plovdiv, November 7-8, 2014.

‘Models for reconciliation of work and family life’, in Shopov, A. (ed.) *Family Relations in a Changing World*. Sofia: SIBI, 2014, pp. 134-155.

‘Young people in search of a work-family balance’, (with S. Kabaivanov) in Deliyanni, V. (Ed.) *Changing landscapes for childhood and youth in Europe*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014, pp. 61-85.

‘Overview of the Implementation of the EU Youth Strategy in the Field of Employment’, *Slovak Journal of Political Sciences*, 2014, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp. 5-23.

‘The Importance of Social Time and Place in Young Adults’ Pursuit of Middle Class Careers’, paper presented at the Second International Conference ‘*The Middle Class as a Precondition for a Sustainable Society: 15 Years Later*’, Sofia, Bulgaria, 3-4 December 2013.

‘Factors of work-family conflict – results from an international comparative research project in eight European countries’, *Proceedings of the International Conference Psychological Intervention and Prevention of Work-Family Conflict*, Sofia, 19-20 September 2013, Emayvi Consult, pp. 98-107.

‘Youth Housing and Family in Europe’, paper presented at the “Youth in 2020 – The Future of Youth Policies in Europe” Conference, Budapest, Hungary, 1-3 October 2013.

‘Cultural changes in the biographical constructions of young adults in Bulgaria’, paper presented at the 12th Nordic Youth Research Symposium (NYRIS) ‘*Changing Societies and Cultures: Youth in the Digital Age*’ in Tallinn, Estonia, 12–14 June 2013.

‘The Innovation Group – A method for research and change in organizational culture’, Ivanov, I. et al (eds.) *Research Methods and technologies in Economic and Social Sciences*. Plovdiv: Plovdiv University Press, 2012, pp. 181-190.

‘An overview of work-life balance issues in Bulgaria’ (co-author S. Kabaivanov), *Work-Life Balance Working Group Newsletter*, Vol. 3, Winter 2012, pp. 9-12.

‘Changes in youth transitions to parenthood in Bulgaria: Challenges to youth and family policies’, in M. Hahn-Bleibtreu and M. Molgat (eds) *Youth Policy in a Changing World: From Theory to Practice*. Opladen: Barbara Budrich Publishers, 2012, pp. 115-134.

‘Changing times, changing lives: the social construction of youth and its public images in Bulgaria before and after 1989’, in Carmen Leccardi, Carles Feixa, Siyka Kovacheva, Herwig Reiter, Tatjana Sekulić (eds) *1989 - Young people and social change after the fall of the Berlin Wall*. Strasbourg: Council of Europe, 2012, pp. 45-58.

‘Young People’s Access to Social Rights’, paper presented at the Symposium on Well-being of Young People in Eastern Europe and Caucasus, Tbilisi, Georgia, 11-12 June 2012.

‘Managing Uncertainty in Young People’s Transitions to Adulthood in Bulgaria’, *Sociologija* (Belgrade, ISSN 0038-0318) Vol. LIV, No 2, 2012, pp. 245-262.

‘The rising job insecurity and its impact on the quality of life and work’, in M. Sotirova (ed.) *2012 Economic Aspects and Social Consequences of the Global Crisis*. Plovdiv: Plovdiv University Press, pp. 168-179.

‘Comparing transitions to motherhood across contexts’ (co-authors Ann Nilsen, Maria das Dores Guirreiro and Janet Smithson), in Ann Nilsen, Julia Brannen and Suzan Lewis (eds) *2012 Transitions to parenthood in Europe. A comparative life course perspective*. Bristol: Policy Press, pp. 41-66.

‘Comparing transitions to fatherhood across contexts’ (co-authors Lars Plantin, Margareta Back-Wiklund and Maria das Dores Guirreiro), in Ann Nilsen, Julia Brannen and Suzan Lewis (eds) *2012 Transitions to parenthood in Europe. A comparative life course perspective*. Bristol: Policy Press, pp. 67-88.

‘Supports and constraints for parents: a gendered cross-national perspective’ (co-authors Janet Smithson, Suzan Lewis, Laura den Dulk, Bram Peper and Anneke van Doorne-Huiskes), in Ann Nilsen, Julia Brannen and Suzan Lewis (eds) *2012 Transitions to parenthood in Europe. A comparative life course perspective*. Bristol: Policy Press, pp. 89-106.

‘Comparative European Perspective in a Sociological Study of Working Parents in Bulgaria’, paper presented at the Problems and Policies of Balancing Work and Family Life Conference, Sofia, 17 March 2012.

‘The social construction of youth and the triangle between youth research, youth policy and youth work’, (co-authors Lynne Chisholm, Maurizio Merico, Maurice Devlin, David Jenkins, Andreas Karsten) in Lynne Chisholm, Siyka Kovacheva, Maurizio Merico (Eds.)

2011 *European Youth Studies: Integrating research, policy and practice*. E-Reader, Innsbruck: MA EYS consortium, pp. 11-44.

‘Youth participation – A view from Eastern Europe’, paper presented at the European-North American Conference on Youth Participation, Vienna, 22-24 September 2011.

‘Changes in youth transitions to parenthood – challenges to youth and family policies’, paper presented at the 10th European Sociological Association Conference ‘Social Relations in Turbulent Times’, Geneva, 7-10 September 2011.

‘The Institutional Context of the Quality of Life in Europe’ (co-authors A. van Doorne-Huiskes and A. Anttila), in M. Back-Wiklund; T. Van der Lippe, L. Den Dulk and A. van Doorne-Huiskes (Eds.) *Quality of Life and Work in Europe: Theory, Policy, Practice*. Basingstokes: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011, pp. 32-54.

‘Work and Family in Bulgaria’, *Network News*, Sloan Work and Family Research Network, Boston, Issue July-August 2011, http://wfnetwork.bc.edu/The_Network_News/81/corner.htm

‘Work-Life Dilemmas in the Enlarged Europe’, in T. Boje and M. Potucek (eds) *Social Rights, Active Citizenship, and Governance in the European Union*. Baden-Baden: NOMOS, 2011, pp. 75-90.

‘Policy Dilemmas for a Work-Life Balance’, in: Hojer, I. And S. Hojer (Eds.) *Familj, vardagsliv och modernitet*. Gothenburg: Intellecta Infolog, 2011, pp. 51-66.

‘Work-Family Balance’, in N. Tilkidziev & L. Dimova (eds) 2010 *Welling and Trust: Bulgaria in Europe? Comparative Analysis of European Social Survey (ESS) – 2006-2009*. Sofia: East-West, pp. 155-176.

‘Policy support for young working parents in Europe’, paper presented at the XVII World Congress of Sociology, ISA, Gothenburg, Sweden, 11-17 July 2010.

‘Changing Policies and Practices in Support of Young working Parents in Europe’ , paper presented at the International Conference ‘Children and Youth in Changing Societies’, Thessaloniki, Greece, 2-4 December 2010.

‘Problems and perspectives in front of the quality of labour of the employed in the service sector in Bulgaria’ (co-author Stanimir kabaivanov), *Sociological Problems*. 2009, Vol. L, No. 1-2, p. 330-356.

‘From “sip of happiness” to prolonged period of “storm and stress” – youth and its social construction before and after 1989’, paper presented at Young People and Social Change after the Fall of the Berlin Wall, Anniversary seminar of youth research, policy and practice, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, November 20, 2009.

‘Old and New Actors in Bulgarian Family Policy’ (co-author Stanimir Kabaivanov), in Katya Hristova-Valcheva (Ed.) *New Actors in a New Environment: Accession to the*

European Union, Civil Society and Multi-Level Governance, Sofia: BECSA, 2009, pp. 104-130.

‘Changing youth images in public debates in post-communist Bulgaria and their interplay with youth theories and youth policies’, *Forum 21, European Journal on Child and Youth Research*, vol. 3(6), 2009, pp. 94-101.

‘Actors’ Perspectives on Balancing Work and Life’, paper presented at the CINEFOGO conference ‘Social Capital, Participation and Citizenship in Europe’, held in Brussels, Belgium, 16-17 June 2009.

‘Institutional Context of the Quality of Life in Europe’ (co-authors J. van Doorne-Huiskes, A. Anttila), paper presented at the Third International Community, Work and Family Conference, held in Utrecht, the Netherlands, May 16-18, 2009.

‘Work-Life Dilemmas in the Enlarged Europe’, paper presented at the final CINEFOGO Conference ‘Social Rights, Active Citizenship and Governance in the European Union’, held in Brussels, Belgium, 17-18 March 2009.

‘Organisational social capital and its role in support of working parents - The case of a public social assistance agency in Bulgaria’, in S. Lewis, J. Brannen and A. Nilsen (eds.) *Work, Families and Organisations in Transition: A European Perspective*. Bristol: Policy Press, 2009, pp. 63-78.

‘Youth Transitions and Family Support in Post-communist Societies’, in R. Rauty (ed.) *Youth, Control, Citizenship, Social Reproduction. Lessons and Debates in the University of Salerno*. 2008, Salerno: Rubbettino, pp. 65-98.

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