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COVER LETTER I am applying for the position as researcher at Tavistock with genuine excitement. You will see that my CV as a research sociologist is strongly academic because I have done most of my recent paid employment at academic institutions. However, my portfolio includes work in and with NGOs, volunteering, and translation/interpreting in four languages. I am also experienced in creating online content and maintaining a large audience for public sociology for almost a decade, as the founding co-editor of 'The Sociological Imagination' daily blog.

As a researcher returning to the world of work after an unplanned career break (throughout which I continued research and publishing activities and during which I moved countries in the middle of the pandemic), I am now excited to apply my research and analytical skills in a dynamic and preferably applied environment, tackling socially relevant issues, as part of a research team, in a setting which offers the opportunity for 'public sociology' and communication with stakeholders outside the narrow walls of academic social research.

I am a versatile and strongly motivated worker with twenty years of experience as a researcher both in academia and in the non-profit sector in the UK, Germany and Bulgaria, enthusiasm about studying social issues and communicating findings to stakeholders and the public, and the ability to work well within a team. My experience has spanned a range of settings: from large international teams to small-group projects; from rapid response empirical studies, to new social theory, to lengthy in-depth ethnographies; in person and online. I am versed in a range of qualitative and mixed research methodologies and methods, critical analysis, science communication, interdisciplinary collaboration, the organisation of research projects, working as part of a team and managing others, securing research funding, writing, reviewing, editing, translating, publishing my and others' work, organising workshops, etc.

My ideal working environment is dynamic and involves delivering tangible results, open critical feedback, active collaboration with and learning from colleagues from different disciplines, applying the most optimal research methods, communicating with the wider public and stakeholders, creating synergies, tackling socially relevant issues and contributing to realistic policy shifts.

Qualifications: PhD in sociology (Warwick), MA in Social and political thought (Warwick) and MA in European studies (Sofia), and BAs in European Studies and Sociology (Sofia University).

Experience: 20 years' experience of working on research projects in a variety of settings (see CV)

I can write and communicate clearly and convincingly across a number of formats, including presentations, blogs, academic and journalistic articles, reports, and papers (see CV for list of publications)

I am experienced in designing research and conducting analysis, carrying through

projects from beginning to end, including writing policy recommendations. The most recent example is my work on the CHIEF project (2021) where I coordinated part of a working package, managed an international team of professors and postdoctoral researchers fully online (based in India, Slovenia, Georgia, the UK and Spain) and coordinate the production of a report with policy recommendations which was commended by the funder as the most theoretically sound report in the project.

I am highly skilled in adapting methods according to various constraints such as data, budget, available access to respondents, unfortunate data loss, unexpected team difficulties, etc. - having worked not only in the UK, but also in a postsocialist country with very limited resources.

As demonstrated from my academic work and in recent years combining work with parenting while living abroad, I am able to prioritise tasks and deliver to high quality and meet deadlines.

I have strong foreign language skills: I am native in Bulgarian and Russian, my main working language since 2006 has been English, I also have a working level of German, and I can read professional literature in French.

I have experience of working on a number of projects funded by the European Union (CAPRIGHT - 'Capright': Resources, Rights and Capabilities in Europe, funded through the 6th Research and Development Programme of the EU; WALQING - Work and Life Quality in New and Growing Jobs, funded through the 7th Framework Programme; CHIEF - Cultural Heritage and Identities of Europe's Future, funded through the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme; and others since 2002).

I have twenty years of experience of conducting and analysing hundreds of qualitative interviews in various formats (unstructured, oral history, semistructured, structured, online, as well as participant observation, analysing images and full ethnography). A large part of my experience with interviews has been with vulnerable people such as migrants, refugees, Roma children, disabled respondents, jobseekers.

I have extensive experience in designing and applying qualitative methodologies and combining qualitative with quantitative methods in research (see CV for list of projects). My key strength is qualitative methods and I have not participated in fully quantitative studies since the early 2000s, with the exception of a longitudinal analysis I wrote for the National Student Survey, though naturally I rely on secondary quantitative data.

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- As a researcher, I specialise in **qualitative, ethnographic and oral-historical research methods** (ethnography incl. comparative and autoethnography, micro-sociological case-study approach, intensive biographical research methods (in-depth, life-story, semi-structured interviews), participant observation, and contextual content analysis of text and image). I have extensive experience with various interview formats in English, Bulgarian, Russian and German.
- I have done a range of sociological and anthropological work: from long ethnographies to rapid-response, policy-related, mixed-methods sociology projects.
- I have extensive ethnographic experience, having carried out an ethnographic and oral history study of maritime working lives and a three-year workplace ethnography of mathematicians.
- My approach benefits from skills acquired in NGO work and freelance translation (written and spoken) in four languages (English, Bulgarian, Russian, German).

- I have 20 years of experience in collaborative research projects in teams using a range of methods, designing and analysing **small-scale surveys** (<200 respondents), **basic statistical analysis** on databases using software such as SPSS, MS Excel/LibreOffice, writing research reports, **combining qualitative and quantitative** methods for appropriate research questions; **visual** (photo-ethnography, photo-elicitation, video) methods.
- I have experience managing research teams, international collaboration, organising and hosting conferences and workshops, and successfully applying for research funding.

As a teacher and academic/research mentor, I have experience with:

- I am passionate about science communication in a range of contexts and hold a number of teaching and presentation awards and nominations
- teaching, designing and convening courses from BA to PhD level (sociology, social sciences)
- online and in-person mentoring of MA, PhD and apprentice students (University of Warwick, Ritsumeikan University Kyoto, Chevening alumni community)
- public communication of science in person and online (founding coeditor of the Sociological Imagination website with Mark Carrigan, presenter at the Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften)
- I have co-led a group of PhD students to develop an innovative interdisciplinary learning resource for blended learning (action research project funded by the Institute of Advanced Teaching and Learning at the University of Warwick)

RECENT
WORK
HISTORY

Aston University, Birmingham (UK) 2021-2022
Research Assistant, Cultural Heritage and Identities of Europe's Future (CHIEF)
Research Assistant
Project 'Cultural Heritage and Identities of Europe's Future' (CHIEF)
Department of Sociology
Aston University, Birmingham, UK

Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg November 2018–June 2022
Research fellow, Institute of Sociology & Center for School and Educational Research
(Wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin am Institut für Soziologie und Zentrum für Schul- und Bildungsforschung)

Case study '*Mathematics*', project '*Academization of Employment: Development of university degree programmes and graduate employment (AkStu)*', led by Manfred Stock.

Medical and maternity leave 3 December 2018–11 November 2019

Part-time (50%) maternity leave 12 November 2019–11 March 2020

Full-Time: March–August 2020

External collaborator (UK-based): Since August 2020

AWO Berlin - Arbeiterwohlfahrt Landesverband Berlin e.V.

2016-2018 translator and interpreter (German, Russian, English) for the Legal Advice Team working with refugees. (part time)

GIATA - Berlin

2017-2018 translator (German, Bulgarian) for a digital platform. (part time)

Humboldt University Berlin, IGK re:work

'Work and Careers of Mathematicians in the UK and Germany'

- o Research Associate October 2017–October 2018
 - o Guest of the Director October 2015–2016 and October 2016–September 2017
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University of Warwick, Institute for Employment Research Oct. 2013–Sept. 2016

- o Leverhulme Early Career Fellow (ECF2013-622)
'STEM careers: Work, Employment and Life Course Trajectories of Mathematical Scientists in the UK and Germany'
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Humboldt University Berlin, IGK re:work

- o Research Fellow 2012–2013
'From Worker-Citizens to Global Labour Market Agents: Oral History Study of the Postsocialist Working Lives of Bulgarian Seafarers'
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University of Warwick, Department of Sociology 2009–2012

- o Sessional teacher
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The Sociological Imagination, www.sociologicalimagination.org 2010–2018

- o Daily blog for public sociology which was at one point the biggest online sociology platform (founding co-editor with Mark Carrigan)
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EDUCATION

PhD Sociology: University of Warwick, Coventry, UK 2012

- o *What Market Mechanisms Mean: Transforming Institutions and Livelihoods in Bulgarian Maritime Employment*
- o Warwick Postgraduate Research Scholarship
- o Supervisors: Noel Whiteside and Simon Clarke
- o Integrated into EU Framework VI project 'Resources, Rights and Capabilities: In Search of Social Foundations for Europe' (CAPRIGHT)

MA Social and Political Thought, University of Warwick, 2.1 (Open Society Institute & Chevening Scholarship) 2006–2007

MA European Studies, Sofia University, first equivalent, Bulgaria 2004–2006

BA Sociology, Sofia University, first equivalent on exams 2002–2006
Unfinished. Undergraduate excellence award (2005). Exams passed but

dissertation not submitted due to commencing MA study at Warwick.

BA European Studies, Sofia University, first equivalent 2000–2004

Association of Sociology Students at the Sofia University: cofounder and Executive Board member 2002–2006

RESEARCH
PROJECTS AND
REPORTS

- January 2022, CHIEF (Cultural Heritage and Identities of Europe’s Future). WP7: Engagement with Young People’s Cultural Practices Deliverable 7.2: Cluster Analysis of Ethnography with Young People. Leader of Cluster 2 Making and Reclaiming Urban Spaces by Young People and co-author of research report.
- 2015: *Employment and further education destinations and experiences of graduates of the International Baccalaureate Career-oriented Programme: A mixed method study*, with H. Behle, C. Lyonette, Institute for Employment Research, **qualitative interviews, transcription, coding, analysis, research report** <http://www.ibo.org/contentassets/45c095d527fe4be3bb21d6187eeb8180/research-cp-ier-full-report-eng.pdf>.
- 2011: *Longitudinal quantitative analysis of a section of the National Student Survey (2005–2010) on health-related subjects and disciplines*, commissioned by the Higher Education Academy, **basic statistical analysis (SPSS)**.
- Mar 2005–Jun 2006: *Foreign students in Germany: the Bulgarian example*: longitudinal mixed-method study by a research team from Sofia, Plovdiv and Bonn Universities. Took part in all project stages: **research design, qualitative and quantitative fieldwork, analysis (SPSS and ‘in vivo’ coding), presenting findings**.
- Dec 2003–Jun 2004: *Changing patterns of small town social mobility in Bulgaria and Macedonia*: comparative mixed-method study, led by university research teams in both countries. Conducted in-depth and standardised interviews, coding, basic statistical analysis. Contributed to **research bids, theoretical framework, methodology, fieldwork, analysis, reports, presenting findings**.
- 2005: *‘Roma’ Schools: A study of desegregation in Bulgarian primary schools*. Conducted **participant observation, in-depth and standardised interviews** with experts, staff and pupils at six schools in four Bulgarian cities, wrote short report.
- 2005: *Administrative capacity for European integration*: doctoral research project, Sofia University Sociology Department. Conducted and transcribed **in-depth interviews** with high-ranking civil servants, coding.

RESEARCH
GRANTS
AND
FELLOWSHIPS

Warwick Institute for Advanced Teaching and Learning 2015–2016
Co-PI: Grant to develop an online learning resource with a group of PhD students: *‘How can we better develop social research students’ understanding and use of theory? A collaborative action research approach’* (with Michael Hammond, GBP 7,500.64)

Humboldt University Berlin 2015–2016 and 2016–2017
International Research Institute ‘Work and Life Course in Global History’ (re:work)
Guest of the Director

Leverhulme Trust 2013–2016
PI: Research fellowship *‘STEM trajectories: Work and Careers of Mathematics PhDs in the UK and Germany’*

Humboldt University Berlin 2012–2013
International Research Institute ‘Work and Life Course in Global History’ (re:work)
PI: Research fellowship ‘*From Worker-Citizens to Global Market Agents: the Postsocialist Working Lives of Bulgarian Seafarers*’

University of Warwick Postgraduate Scholarship 2007–2010
Full funding of PhD study ‘*What Market Mechanisms Really Mean: Bulgarian Seafarers & Postsocialism*’,

Open Society Institute&Chevening, full funding of MA study 2006–2007

School of Social Studies, University of Warwick Travel grant for ‘Institutions Justified’ conference, Vienna, 2010.

Sociology Department, University of Warwick, Travel grant for CETRO Autumn School ‘Europeanisation and social policy’, Oldenburg, 2009.

HONOURS
AND
AWARDS

London Mathematical Society ‘Women in Maths Day’ 2016
Best Poster (Award by Wiley)

Nomination: **Warwick Postgraduate Teaching Excellence Award** 2012

Highly Commended Poster: Warwick postgraduate poster competition 2011

Undergraduate Excellence Award: Dept. of Sociology, Sofia University 2005

2nd place, National **poetry translation** contest for university students (Bulgarian translation of W. B. Yeats’ ‘*When you are old...*’) organised by Veliko Turnovo University and Bulgarian Translators’ Association 2005

Talented Undergraduate Student Award: Foundation for Support of Bulgarian Higher Education, Sofia–Frankfurt/Main 2004

TEACHING AND
MENTORING

University of Warwick, ESCR Doctoral Training Centre 2013–2015
o Course Convenor: Philosophies of Social Research Practice (core module for first-year PhD students across the social sciences and engineering).

University of Warwick, Department of Sociology 2009–2012

- o Sessional teacher
 - o **Social Research Methods** (second-year core module, weekly 2-hour seminars), 2011–2012
 - o **Researching Society and Culture** (first year core module, two weekly 2-hour seminars including theoretical and practical work), 2010–2012
 - o **Sociological Perspectives** (first year core module, weekly 2-hour seminar, introduction to classical sociological theory), 2011–2012
 - o **Theoretical Ideas in Sociology**, (second year elective module, weekly 1-hour seminar, advanced sociological theory), 2010–2011
 - o **Sociological Imagination and Investigation** (first year core module: introduction to sociological theory, one weekly 2-hour seminar), 2009–2010
- o Facilitator at undergraduate induction events, 2009

Guest Lecturer

- Researching Process & Research Design for PhD students, 2012, 2013, 2014, Dept. of Sociology, University of Warwick
- Field studies (second year BA), 2009, 2010, 2011, Dept. of Sociology, University of Warwick
- (in Bulgarian) European Social Policy (MA), 2013, European College of Economics and Management, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Academic mentoring and supervision

- 2013–2016: Responsible for academic events for PhD students at the Warwick Institute for Employment Research. Organised a number of seminars and meetings dedicated to the PhD process, making academic posters, public presentation of research, qualitative methodology training, etc. Informal one-to-one mentoring of PhD students.
- 2014: Co-mentor of two German apprentice social researchers, Warwick Institute for Employment Research.
- 2010–12: Online mentor of MA social policy student, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto.
- 2010: Delivered three talks for A-level students on the topic of ‘Postgraduate research in the social sciences: what’s it all about?’, Kenilworth 6th Form School.
- 2008: Alumna speaker: ‘Preparing for postgraduate study in the UK,’ pre-departure orientation for new OSI&Chevening scholars, Bilgi University, Istanbul.

PUBLICATIONS

Research Projects and Reports — see above

In progress:

(in preparation, with Dr Monique Lathan, University of Halle-Wittenberg) Mathematicians and digitalisation: the case of e-commerce (article).

(in preparation) The Quantum Postdoc: Early career trajectories of professional mathematicians in the UK and Germany.

Published:

(2019) ‘Navigating Postsocialism: Bulgarian Seafarers? Working Lives before and after 1989,’ *Anthropology of Work Review*, 40(2), 112–121.

(2018) Making Home on the High Seas: Bulgarian Seafarers between Ship and Shore, in Hentschke, F. and Williams, J. (eds.) *To be at Home: House, Work, and Self in the Modern World (Work in Global and Historical Perspective, Band 5)*, De Gruyter Oldenbourg.

(2017) Book review: Vostal, F. *Accelerating Academia: Changing structure of academic time*, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, 31:2, pp. 221–224.

(2016) ‘The “New Spirit of Academic Capitalism”: Can Scientists Create Generative Critique from Within?’, *Theory of Science*, Vol 38, No 1, pp. 27–51.

(2016) ‘Mathematicians Against the Clock: Accelerated Work and Accelerated Careers in the Neoliberal University’, *LSE Impact Blog*, 3 Mar 2016
<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2016/03/03>

(2015) Heike Behle, Milena Kremakova and Clare Lyonette, ‘The International Baccalaureate Career-related Programme (CP): Students’ Experiences, Post-secondary Destinations and Outcomes,’ Warwick Institute for Employment Research (report).

(2014) ‘Trust, Access, and Sensitive Boundaries Between ‘Public’ and ‘Private’: A Returning Insider’s Experience of Research in Bulgaria’, in *Sociological Research Online*, Vol 19, No 4, 12, 2014.

(2013) Too Soft for Economics, Too Rigid for Sociology, or Just Right? The Productive Ambiguities of Sen’s Capability Approach, *European Journal of Sociology*, Vol 54, No 03 (Dec), pp. 393–419.

(with Carrigan, M., 2013) Your ‘Daily Dose of Sociological Imagination’: Reflections on Social Media and Public Sociology, *Warwick Sociology Journal*, Issue 3: Media and Academia, pp. 10–26.

(2011) ‘What Market Mechanisms [Really] Mean: The Case of Bulgarian Seafarers’, in Behar R, Mah A and Fall B (eds.), *Rethinking Work: Global Historical and Sociological Perspectives*. New Delhi: Tulika, pp. 55–73.

(2011) Book review of *Old Assumptions, New Realities: Economic Security for Working Families in the 21st Century*. Plotnick, R. D. et al. (eds.) New York: Russell Sage Foundation. *The Sociological Review* 59:4, pp. 849–853.

(2011) ‘Ethnography as Translation: Exploring Links Between Translation and Ethnographic Theories and Practices’, *Annual graduate conference proceedings*, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto.

(2008, in Bulgarian) ‘The Role of Information in the Choice of a University’, in Chavdarova, T. (ed.) *Staying in Bulgaria: the hardest choice? University applicants’ dilemmas*, Sofia University Press.

DISSERTATIONS
AND
THESES

(2012) *What market mechanisms mean: Transforming institutions and livelihoods in Bulgarian maritime employment*. PhD thesis, University of Warwick, Department of Sociology. Supervised by Noel Whiteside and Simon Clarke, examined by Chris Hann (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle) and Hilary Pilkington (Warwick).

(2007) *Redefining legitimacy in the enlarged EU: an East-European perspective*, MA dissertation, Un. of Warwick, Department of Sociology. Supervisor: C Turner.

(2006, in Bulgarian) *Regulatory impact assessment of public Policies in the context of EU-membership: the British experience*, MA dissertation, Sofia University, Department of European Studies. Supervised by Nelly Ognyanova.

OTHER
PUBLICATIONS

(2016, poster) ‘Mathematicians in love: Are there real solutions to the two-body problem in mathematics?’, presented at London Mathematical Society ‘Women in Mathematics Day’, Cambridge.

(2011, poster) ‘Learning to sell your labour: The fragmented conventions of the post-socialist labour market in Bulgaria’, University of Warwick School of Social Sciences postgraduate poster competition.

Cité-seeing in Milan (12 Aug 2010), *Car Boot Sale* (17 Aug 2010), *Casting my Net Wide: Ethnography and Today’s ‘Knowing Capitalism’* (11 Mar 2011), *Accidental Sociologists* (14 Sep 2012), *My New, Non-Automated Life* (4 Oct 2012), *The Death Toll of Postsocialist Mass Privatisation* (14 Dec *Sociology of Outer Space* (28 Jan 2013) and others, <http://sociologicalimagination.org>.

(2005) Translation of Yeats, W. B. ‘When you are old...’, in Hristov, P. & Shopova, M. (eds) *Presatvorenie: Translated poetry Vol. 6*, p. 24, Veliko Tarnovo University Press.

INVITED
LECTURES
AND
PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT

Academic:

- The Lord of the (Commutative) Rings: Unravelling the hidden narrative of mathematics talks, invited Colloquium talk (sponsored by the ‘Social Machines of Mathematics’ research project in Informatics), Institute for the Study of Science, Technology and Innovation Studies (ISSTI), University of Edinburgh, 1 Nov 2019.
- ‘What do mathematicians do, when they do mathematics?’, Zentrum Technik & Gesellschaft Colloquium, Technische Universität Berlin, 2 Feb 2017.
- ‘Doing Ethnography of Mathematics’, *Ethnographies of Science Workshop*, Centre for Science, Technology & Society Studies, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, 25 Jul 2016.
- ‘Two Generations of Bulgarian Seafarers and the Fall of Communism’, *Sociologically Speaking’ Seminar Series*, Coventry University, UK, Nov 2014.
- ‘Maritime Globalisation, Working Lives and a Bottle of Rum’, *Seminar on the Sociology of the Sea*, Student Sociology Society, University of Warwick, Nov 2013.
- ‘From ‘Marfa’ to Mafia: Duty, Smuggling, and Post-socialist Transition on the Bulgarian Waterfront’, *Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology*, Halle, Apr 2013.
- (with M. Kempson) ‘How to organise an interdisciplinary postgraduate conference’, Warwick Institute of Advanced Studies, 2010.

PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT

- Involved in preparation of IGK re:work’s exhibition for the Long Night of Sciences (Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften) 2017, Berlin.
- ‘Navigating Post-Socialism: Working Lives in Bulgaria’s Shipping Industry’, Public lecture, *Long Night of Sciences / Nacht der Wissenschaften*, Humboldt University Berlin, Jun 2013.
- ‘Who Cares about Seafarers? Maritime Employment and (Lacking) Maritime Labour Policies in the EU’, Eur. College of Economics and Management, Plovdiv, Apr 2013
- ‘“I want to become a captain”: Maritime livelihoods under state socialism and after:’ public lecture, film screening, discussion. Sofia University, Mar 2012; New Bulgarian University, Apr 2012.
- ‘New social inequalities on the labour market: Seafaring livelihoods in transition between socialism and capitalism’, public discussion organised by New Left Perspectives, *Social Center Xaspel* and the *Rosa Luxembourg Institute*, Sofia, Bulgaria, Mar 2012.
- (with fellow PhD students M. Carrigan and M. Kempson) ‘Postgraduate research in the social sciences: what is it all about?’, three talks for A-level students, Kenilworth 6th Form School, 2010.
- ‘Preparing for postgraduate study in the UK’, alumna-speaker at the pre-departure orientation for new OSI&Chevening UK scholars, Bilgi University, Istanbul, 2008.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS
AND
TALKS

- (with Michael Barany) ‘Mathematics in the Covid-19 Pandemic’, UK Association for Studies in Innovation, Science and Technology Annual Conference, 9–10 Sept. 2021, online
- Panel ‘From Hard Case to Fringe Interest: Mathematics and the Sociology of Science Reconsidered,’ 4S, Toronto/virtual, 6–9 October 2022

- (cancelled) ‘Quantum Postdocs: Precarious Employment, Fragmented Careers and Marketized Mathematics in the Neoliberal University,’ panel ‘Locating and timing governing in STS and Universities I: Exploring university cultures and systems,’ 4S/EASST Prague/virtual, July 2020
- ‘Universals’ Locales Workshop: The International and Global History and Sociology of Modern Theoretical and Mathematical Sciences’, University of Edinburgh, 7-9 Jan 2020.
- The ‘Schrödinger postdoc’: Work and careers of mathematicians in the global neoliberal academy, paper at ‘Global Mathematics’ Symposium in the *25th International Congress of History of Science and Technology*, Rio de Janeiro, 23–29 Jul 2017
- ‘Quantifying mathematical knowledge: not as obvious as it sounds? Metricisation of research activity in the UK,’ *Accelerated Academy 2*, Centre for Science & Technology Studies (CWTS), Leiden, 30 Nov–2 Dec 2016.
- ‘The Schrödinger Postdoc: Precarious labour, self-exploitation & fragmented careers in the neoliberal university’, *Work, Employment & Society Biannual Conference*, British Sociological Association, Leeds, 6–8 Sep 2016.
- Discussant: Panel on German and Dutch higher education, *Higher Education Conference*, University of Amsterdam, Jul 2016.
- Seafarers Beyond the Iron Curtain, *Maritime History Workshop*, Liverpool, 2016.
- “Mathematicians in love: Are there real solutions to the two-body problem in maths?” (poster), *Women in Maths Day*, London Mathematical Society, Cambridge, 15 Jun 2016.
- Michael Hammond, Elizabeth Ablett, Harbir Bal, Siobhan Dytham, Heather Griffiths, Milena Kremakova, and Daniel Silva. ‘An online resource to support research students: issues of collaboration, viability and design. Paper at the Association for Learning Technology annual conference,’ 2016 <https://altc.alt.ac.uk/2016/sessions/an-online-resource-to-support-research-students-issues-of-collaboration-viability-and-design-1328/#gref>
- ‘Flexible mathematicians? Academic marketisation and the changing meanings of mathematical labour’, *British Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Birmingham, Mar 2016.
- ‘Schrödinger’s Postdoc: precarious early careers in maths’, IGK re:work, Humboldt-University Berlin Feb 2016.
- *panel cancelled* ‘Drowning in a sea of paperwork’: How merchant seafarers resist managerialism and the deskilling of labour in the workplace’: European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC), Valencia, 30 March – 2 April 2016.
- ‘“The post-PhD career is a Russian roulette”: Mathematicians and marketisation of academic labour’ *Power, Acceleration & Metrics in Academic Life*, Prague, 2–4 Dec 2015.
- ‘Navigating postsocialism,’ *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, Denver, 17–24 Nov 2015.
- ‘Do mathematicians work? Science, marketisation and the changing meanings of scientific labour in contemporary British and German academia’: *Work and Non-Work, Biannual International Conference of Labour and Social History*, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, 17–19 Sep 2015.

- Discussant: ‘Who cares? Work, care, household and family,’ *6 Years Re:Work*, Berlin, 4–6 Jun 2015.
- ‘Early-career trajectories in mathematics in the UK and Germany’: Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick, UK, 5 May 2015.
- ‘Lives on the ocean wave: seafaring biographies before and after 1989,’ *British Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Leeds, 23 Apr 2014.
- ‘SOS: Sea Change. Maritime working lives under state socialism and after 1989: the Bulgarian case’, conference on *Working on Globalisation: Work and Transport in Global History after 1945*, *re:work*, Berlin, Oct 2013.
- ‘Capability for seafarers? Lessons from a global industry’, *WALQING*, Sofia, 2012.
- ‘Duty, morality and marfa: smuggling practices of Bulgarian merchant seafarers before and after 1989’, *CREES Annual Conference*, Windsor, Jun 2012.
- ‘A returning insider’s experiences of field research in Bulgaria’, *CEELBAS*, University of Warwick, May 2012.
- ‘Learning to sell your labour: The fragmented conventions of the postsocialist Bulgarian maritime labour market’, *11th International Postgraduate Conference ‘Crisis: Interruptions, Reactions and Continuities in CEE’*, UCL SSEES, London, Feb 2012.
- ‘Ethnography as translation: exploring links between translation and ethnographic theories and practices’, *Graduate Conference, Ritsumeikan University*, Kyoto, 2011.
- ‘Facing the Market Imperative: Seafaring Livelihoods in Transition’, *Postgraduate Writing Workshop* convened by Monash University, Prato, Italy, Jun 2010.
- ‘What market mechanisms [really] mean: The case of Bulgarian seafarers’, Conference on *Global History & Sociology of Work: Perspectives from Europe, Africa and Asia*, *re:work*, Berlin, May 2010.
- ‘Privatisation of public placement services for seafarers in Bulgaria: A capability perspective’, *CAPRIGHT 6th meeting*, Cambridge, Sept 2009.
- ‘Europeanisation & internationalisation of Bulgarian job placement’, *JM-CETRO Summer School ‘Domestic Europeanization of job market & employment policies’*, Oldenburg, Aug 2009.
- ‘Packing Up: Empirical research overseas’, *Brown Bag Seminar*, University of Warwick, Sociology Department, Apr 2009
- ‘What Is a Good Job? Understanding changing employment quality and its perceptions using Amartya Sen’s capability approach’, *CAPRIGHT Social Policy Summer School*, Venice, May 2009.
- ‘What Transformation? Employment in the Bulgarian shipping industry: 1989–2007’, *RECOWE/ ESPAnet Summer School in Social Policy*, Utrecht, Jul 2008.
- ‘Two problematic aspects of the link between legality and reality in Bulgaria: Democratic civic participation and Regulatory Impact Assessment’, *1st National Sociology Student Conference*, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, May 2006.
- ‘Can democracy be taught and learnt? Information, education and the democratic debate: how to get citizens interested’ joint paper in Sofia University Team, *Allianz München Summer Academy ‘Democracy in Europe’*, 17–23 Jul 2005.

SELECTED
CONFERENCES
ORGANISED

- Third Accelerated Academy (<https://accelerated.academy>) symposium ‘**Anxiety and Work in the Accelerated Academy**’, University of Warwick, 2016.
- **Precarity or Flexibility? Changing Realities of Labour in the New Europe**, IGK re:work, Berlin, 30 May 2016.
- Organisational and administrative assistant for several international CAPRIGHT meetings and workshops, 2007–2011.
- **Breaking Boundaries**: annual postgraduate sociology conference (team of six organisers), University of Warwick, 2006.
- Organising coordinator: International workshop, South-East Network for Science and Technology Studies (SEENet STS), Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 2005.

Networks:

- External member of the Research group ‘Social Studies of Science and Technology,’ Institute of History of Philosophy, Literature, Science, and Technology of the Technical University Berlin, 2015–2019
- The Accelerated Academy Collective (<https://accelerated.academy>), since 2015
- Launched cross-disciplinary network ‘Scientists at Work: Skills, Education and Employment (SEESAW)’ focusing on the education, training, work, labour and employment of scientists in academia and industry, University of Warwick, 2015

TECHNICAL
SKILLS

- Operating systems: Linux Ubuntu, Windows, Mac OS;
- Word processing and spreadsheet software (L^AT_EX, Microsoft Word, Open Office);
- Presentation software (Beamer, MS Powerpoint, Prezi)
- Visual-interface online publishing tools (WordPress, SiteBuilder, Blogger), basic digital photography and editing (GIMP, Adobe Photoshop);
- Qualitative and quantitative data analysis tools (NVIVO, MAXQDA, SPSS, Microsoft Excel, Libre Office).

LANGUAGES

Russian and Bulgarian (fully bilingual native), British English (proficient, near-native), German (working knowledge), French (basic, A2).

REFEREES

Dr. Anton Popov, Senior Lecturer, Sociology and Policy
Aston University
School of Social Sciences and Humanities
Centre for Critical Inquiry into Society and Culture (CCISC)
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Prof. Dr. Manfred Stock
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IGK ‘Work and Human Life Cycle in Global History’, Humboldt University, Berlin
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