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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Institute of Literature, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences *Sofia, Bulgaria*

Senior Assistant Professor

November 2019 – present

Assistant Professor

January 2018 – October 2019

Junior Research Associate

May 2017 – December 2017

Researcher at the Dept. of Literary Theory in the fields of semiotics, literature, and philosophy with a focus on classical American pragmatism and the philosophy of Charles S. Peirce and Josiah Royce. I am also video editing and creating content in the project "Methodological Problems in Literary Studies".

Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" *Plovdiv, Bulgaria*

Postdoc Researcher

April 2021 – October 2021

Conducting an independent postdoctoral research project with a focus on the problem of community ("Community, Interpretation, Border: Philosophical and Semiotic Perspectives").

Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis *Indianapolis, USA*

Visiting Scholar

January 2019 – June 2019

Conducting an independent research project under the supervision of Prof. André De Tienne with a focus on the aesthetics of Charles S. Peirce ("Charles Peirce's Esthetics and the Play of Signs").

NON- ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Babylon Translations MD *Plovdiv, Bulgaria*

English Editor and Translator

October 2017 – October 2018

Translation and editing of various texts (instructions for use of electrical appliances, legal texts, advertising materials, etc.), most often using SDL Trados Studios.

Plovdiv Medical University *Plovdiv, Bulgaria*

Expert at the International Relations Department

March 2015 – March 2016

	Administrative position with a focus on international correspondence, organization of events, and administrative services for foreign exchange students and academic staff. Helion Market Research <i>Belgium</i> Freelance English Editor <i>March 2013 – February 2016</i> Editor of mystery shoppers' reports. Editing the language as well as looking for consistency in the information provided after a visit to a marketplace.
EDUCATION	Institute for Literature, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences <i>Sofia, Bulgaria</i> PhD in Philology (Literary Theory) <i>January 2014 – March 2017</i> Dissertation: <i>Pragmatism and Literature. Habit, Norm, Metaphor</i> (Supervisor: Prof. Ivan Mladenov) Leiden University <i>Leiden, The Netherlands</i> MA in Literary Studies <i>September 2011 – August 2012</i> Master's Thesis: <i>Cyber-Hybridity: The Cyborg as a Post-Human in Cyberpunk and Reality</i> (Supervisor: Prof. Maria Boletsj) University College Utrecht <i>Utrecht, The Netherlands</i> BA in Humanities (cum laude) <i>September 2008 – August 2011</i> Bachelor's Thesis: <i>The Fantastic in Haruki Murakami's Kafka on the Shore</i> (Supervisor: Prof. Frans Willem Korsten) English Deutsch School Plovdiv <i>Plovdiv, Bulgaria</i> High school diploma (profile "English language") <i>September 2003 – May 2008</i>
PUBLICATIONS	Academic Publications Books in Bulgarian (author): (2019) <i>Прагматизъм и вдъхновение. Навик, норма, метафора</i>. София: ИЦ Боян Пенев. ISBN: 978-619-7372-14-4 Books in English (co-editor together with Prof. Ivan Mladenov): (2019) <i>Non/Cognate Approaches. Relation & Representation</i>. Sofia: Paradigma. ISBN: 978-954-326-375-2 Translated Books in Bulgarian (translator & editor): (2024) Янис Варуфакис. <i>Технофеодализъм: Какви уби капитализма?</i>. София: Изток-Запад. ISBN 978-619-01-1374-4. (2023) Джосая Ройс. <i>Философия на предаността</i>. София: Изток-Запад. ISBN: 978-619-01-1230-3. (2022) Чарлс С. Пърс. <i>Избрани съчинения на Чарлс С. Пърс</i>. София: Изток-Запад. ISBN: 978-619-01-1021-7. Papers in English: (2022) <i>A Community as/in Interpretation: A Pragmatic-semiotic Approach to the Problem of Community</i>. <i>Revue Roumaine de Philosophie</i> 66(1), 105–116. (2022) <i>Arrested Development: On Instinct and Reasoning in C. S. Peirce's Philosophy</i>. <i>Human Arenas</i> 5(4), 738–753. https://doi.org/10.1007/s42087-021-00187-1

- (2021) *Pragmatism's Prophets of Community: On Peirce and Royce*. Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce 57(4), 457–477. DOI:10.2979/trancharpeirsoc.57.4.03
- (2019) *The Esthetic Grounding of Peirce's Philosophy*. In: Ivan Mladenov and Aleksandar Feodorov (eds.), *Non/Cognate Approaches. Relation & Representation*. Sofia: Paradigma, 115–126.
- (2018) *Peirce's Garden of Forking Metaphors*. Sign Systems Studies 46(2-3): 188–215. <https://doi.org/10.12697/SSS.2018.46.2-3.01>
- (2018) *Interpreting Things: Peirce's Pragmatism and Semiotics*. In: Teresa Dobrzyńska and Raya Kuncheva (eds.), *The Thing. Conceptual and Cultural Aspects*. Sofia: Boyan Penev PH, 47–68.
- (2017) *Habit beyond Psychology. The Evolution of the Concept*. European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy IX-1. <https://journals.openedition.org/ejpap/1007>

Papers in Bulgarian:

- (2025) Обществената философия на Джосая Ройс. *Критика и хуманизъм* 63, 2: 141–160.
- (2023) Рапсодът на общността. Във: *Философия на предаността от Джосая Ройс*. София: Изток-Запад. с. 15–30.
- (2022) Чарлс Сандърс Пърс (отново) в България. В: *Избрани съчинения на Чарлс С. Пърс*. София: Изток-Запад. с. 15–31.
- (2017) Играта на познание. *Литературна история* 1: 187–212.
- (2017) Пърс и играта на вдъхновение. *Страница 1/2017*: 147–150.
- (2016) Семиология, семиосфера, семиозис. *Паисиеви четения* 2015, 53: 30–52.
- (2015) Еволюционната космология на Чарлс С. Пърс. *Философски алтернативи* 2: 27–45.
- (2015) Прагматизъм и литература. В: *Научният Еверест: Мечта или реалност*. София: Авангард Прима: 110–115.

Nonacademic publications

Short Stories in Bulgarian:

- (2013) Пушек през октомври. „Страница“ 2/2013. Пловдив: Литературна къща „Пловдив“.
- (2013) Лунен залез. В: *Скакалци в програмата*. София: БНТ и Ентузиаст.

Translated Fiction in Bulgarian:

- (2025) Дейвид Фостър Уолс. *Добрият стар неон*. Панорама 1, 2024 (издание на Съюза на преводачите в България): 22–67. ISSN 0205-0013.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations, Conference Talks, and Lectures

- *Varieties of Provincial Experience(s)* – Josiah Royce Society Virtual Conference 2025 (online, 17 October). (2025)
- (2023) *On the end of the world/person in David Foster Wallace* – Methodological Problems in Literary Studies Seminar at the Institute of Literature (Sofia, 16 October).
- (2023) *The enlightened provincialism of Josiah Royce* – Methodological Problems in Literary Studies Seminar at the Institute of Literature (Sofia, 20 March).
- (2023) *Prophetic Pragmatism or the Problem of Community in Peirce and Royce* – a two-hour lecture in the PhD course “The American Pragmatism of Charles Peirce” delivered by Prof. Ivan Mladenov (Sofia, 17 January).

- (2020) *The Importance of Blundering: Instinct and Reasoning in the Philosophy of C. S. Peirce* – Fulbright Open Lectures (Sofia, 21 February).
- (2018) *Non/Cognate Approaches. Thought and Method* – a joint presentation with Prof. Ivan Mladenov at the invitation of Prof. Lyubka Lipcheva at the Doctoral School at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (Plovdiv, 10 December).
- (2018) *The Literary Umwelt* – International Conference Literary Studies. Dialogue and Challenges (Sofia, May 10).
- (2018) *The Mystery of Aesthetic Grounding in Peirce's Philosophy* – International Conference Relation and Representation (Sofia, April 20-21).
- (2017) *Peirce's Garden of Forking Metaphors* – International Conference Tartu Summer School of Semiotics – Generalizing Gently (Tartu, August 16-18).
- (2015) *Interpreting Things: Peirce's Pragmatism and Semiotics* – International Conference The Thing: Conceptual and Cultural Aspects (Sofia, November 24-25).
- (2015) *Semiology, Semiosphere, Semiosis* – International Conference Paisievi Cheteniya 2015 (Plovdiv, October 30-31).
- (2015) *Pragmatism and Literature* – National PhD Students Conference (Bansko, March 30-31).

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Principal Investigator

- (2021) *Community, Interpretation, Border: Philosophical and Semiotic Perspectives* – an independent postdoc research project with a focus on the problem of community through the lens of the philosophies of Josiah Royce and Charles S. Peirce.
- (2019) *Charles S. Peirce's Esthetics and the Play of Signs* – an independent research project on the relation between (a)esthetics and semiotics in the works of C. S. Peirce.
- (2017 – 2018) *Non/Cognate Approaches in the Humanities* – a research project in collaboration with Prof. Ivan Mladenov under the Program for development of young scientists at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.
- (2016 – 2017) *Habit and Metaphor* – a research project in collaboration with Prof. Ivan Mladenov under the Program for development of young scientists at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Participant

- (ongoing) *Methodological Problems in Literary Studies* – a permanent collaborative research projects of the Dept. of Literary Theory at the Institute for Literature, which includes weekly seminars and lecture presentations by all the members of the department as well as guests from other institutions.
- (2023 – 2025) *Sound and Text in an Intercultural Context* – a collaborative project between the Institute for Literature at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the Institute for Slovenian Literature (project leaders – Assoc. Prof. Kalina Zahova and Prof. Alenka Koron).
- (2021 – 2022) *Nonrelative Approaches in Cognition* – a project of the Institute of Literature (project leader: Prof. Ivan Mladenov).
- (2020 – 2022) *Image and Text as a Means of Cross-Cultural Transfer* – a collaborative project between the Institute for Literature at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the Institute for Slovenian Literature (project leaders – Assoc. Prof. Kalina Zahova and Prof. Alenka Koron).
- (2017 – 2021) *Literary Concepts in their Contexts* – a collaborative project between the Institute for Literature at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the Institute for Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences (project leaders – Assoc. Prof. Raya Kuncheva and Prof. Teresa Dobrzyńska).

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

- (2023) **Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy** – a grant for the publication of the first ever translation into Bulgarian of Josiah Royce's book *Philosophy of Loyalty*.
- (2023) **Josiah Royce Society Grant** – a grant for the publication of the first ever translation into Bulgarian of Josiah Royce's book *Philosophy of Loyalty*.
- (2022) **Fulbright Alumni Grants** – a grant for the publication of the book *Selected Writings of Charles S. Peirce in Bulgarian* (the first comprehensive edition of Peirce texts in Bulgarian).
- (2022) **The Charles S. Peirce Society** – a grant for the publication of the book *Selected Writings of Charles S. Peirce in Bulgarian* (the first comprehensive edition of Peirce texts in Bulgarian).
- (2019) **Philip Mills Arnold Fund** – the scholarship was personally awarded by Prof. André De Tienne for additional 2-month research at the Peirce Edition Project (April 11 – June 11, 2019).
- (2019) **Fulbright** – the scholarship was used for a 3-month research project on the philosophy of Charles S. Peirce at the Peirce Edition Project at Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis (January 11 – April 11, 2019).
- (2016) **Archimedes Foundation** – the scholarship was used for participation in the summer course "Juri Lotman and the Semiotics of Culture" at Tartu University (July 4 – 15, 2016).
- (2014) **EEA Grants** – the scholarship was used for a one-month research stay at the International Academy of Philosophy in Liechtenstein (July-August, 2014).

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2026–2027 – vice-president of the **Josiah Royce Society**.
- 2024 onwards – individual member of the **Josiah Royce Society**.
- 2018 onwards – individual member of the **Charles S. Peirce Society**.

SKILLS AND OTHERS

Languages

Bulgarian – mother tongue.

English – excellent command (C1-2).

German – elementary command (A1).

Dutch – elementary command (A1).

Computer Skills

MS Office – excellent command.

DaVinci Resolve – good command.

SDL Trados Studio – basic command.

Adobe Photoshop – basic command.

Hobbies and Interests

Football (soccer), running, tennis, video games.