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The Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge at BAS conducts complex theoretical and empirical, fundamental and applied research devoted to knowledge, values, Man and society, in accordance with the academic, national, and European criteria and world trends in science, and trains highly qualified specialists. The priorities are research, analysis, and interpretation of research, combined with post-graduate training (provided by the Institute alone or jointly with related university departments), popularizing of ideas and results, continuance and further development of analysis in classical and recent new fields of social knowledge, such as epistemology and history of philosophy, sociology of social structures. The activities of ISSK include provision of expert and consultancy services for the needs of governance and organization in all spheres of social practice related to the social-economic, cultural, and political development of Bulgaria. In brief, the mission of the Institute, as part of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, is to ensure an adequate knowledge of the social processes and to contribute to optimizing policy making in the major social-economic fields.

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B) **Projects:**
1. Agreement between Hirayama Ikuo Silk Road Museum Foundation, Japan, the Centre for Humanities and Social Studies, Bulgaria, and the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge.
2. „Kant’s Philosophy of Space and Time and Modern Science” (May 2012 – April 2015); the research team includes: A. Stefanov, B. Grozdanov, I. Dimitrov, and A. Kassabova (New Bulgarian University). The project will be realized in English, and the dissemination of its results is envisaged to take place through publication either of an edited volume or of separate monographs in a prestigious international publishing house.

Staff members of the Department work additionally as members of research groups conducting international and home projects initiated by other departments of the Institute.

C) **PhD students:** Deyan Penchev, Teodora Dimitrova.
2. LOGICAL SYSTEMS AND PATTERNS

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B) Projects:

Encyclopedic Dictionary on Logic and Semantics, with
coordinator Prof. DSc Martin Tabakov, Institute for the
Study of Societies and Knowledge (2012–2014)

Encyclopedic Dictionary on Logic and Semantics, under
the financial support of The National Science Fund, co-
ordinator – Prof. D.Sc. Martin Tabakov (December 2011
– August 2012)

Joint project: Logical Models in Artificial Intelligence, Cog-
nitive Science and Natural Language Processing, with
Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy
of Sciences; coordinators: Prof. DSc Martin Tabakov and
Prof. Jacek Malinowski (2012–2014)

Joint project: „Logic and its Relation to Cognitive Science,
Linguistics and Computer Science”, with Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish
Academy of Sciences; coordinators: Prof. DSc Martin Tabakov and Prof. Jacek Ma-
linowski (2009–2011)

„Transformation of the norms of rationality in the postindustrial age”, with the Institute of
Philosophy, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (2008–present)

„Logical Aspects of Interdisciplinary and Applied Investigations”, coordinator Assoc. Prof.
Dr N. Obreshkov (2008–2010), Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge

„Investigations in Contemporary Logic – Conceptions, Tendencies, Systems, Structures,
Interpretations” , coordinator Prof. DSc Martin Tabakov (2008–2010), Institute for the
Study of Societies and Knowledge

„Philosophy of Mathematics – Which Way in the 21st Century”, coordinator Prof. DSc
Martin Tabakov (2008–2010), Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge

Joint project: „Modality, Truth, Cognition”, with the Institute of Philosophy, Hungarian
Academy of Sciences (2007–2009), coordinator Assoc. Prof. DSc Vesselin Petrov

Joint project: „Philosophical and Logical Analyses of Complex Self-organized Systems in
Contemporary Science and Culture” with the Institute of Philosophy, National Acad-
emy of Sciences of Belarus (2006–2008)

Project under 6th Framework Programme: „Building a European Network of Mentoring
Programmes for Women Scientists EUMENT-NET”, 2007, coordinator Assoc. Prof.
Dr. N. Sretenova.

C) PhD students: Momchil Petrov
3. HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHICAL AND SCIENTIFIC IDEAS

Detailed information:

A) **Staff:** Prof. DSc Nina Dimitrova – Head of Department
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B) **Projects:**

I. **International projects:**
„The Correspondence of Henry Oldenburg: A New Enlarged and Digitized Edition”,
a team project within the framework of the research program Communities of Knowledge, Oxford, funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation.
„The Book Experience of Robert Boyle: The Evidence of his Works, Correspondence, Work-Diaries, and Manuscripts”. Principal researcher, Dr Yordan Avramov; international mid-term joint project with collaborators from the UK and Japan. Funded by the British Academy, the Royal Society of London, and the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. 2004–2009. Completed.
„The Participation of Bulgarian Scholars in the Mellon Foundation Research Funding Program for Central and Eastern Europe”, 1997–2010.

II. **Projects with other funding:**

III. **Projects internal to the Institute:**
„European Influences on Bulgarian Philosophical Culture”, 2011–2014.

C) **PhD Students:** Tsveta Doncheva, Denitsa Uzunova
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B) Projects:

1) „Interconnection and Mutual Complementarity of the Problems and Approaches of Contemporary Ontological Discourse“ (2008 – 2011), a project internal to the Institute, headed by Assoc. Prof. DSc Vesselin Petrov; team members: Prof. DSc Dimitar Tsatsov, Chief Assist. Prof. Dr Nikolai Turlakov (from the Dept. Of Ontological and Epistemological Studies) and Chief Assist. Prof. Dr Stefan Dimitrov (from the Dept. Of Ontological and Epistemological Studies) – successfully completed.

2) „Overcoming of the contrast between continental and analytic philosophy through process philosophy” (2011 – 2013), a bilateral cooperation project under the ENCE between BAS and the University of Liège, Belgium; head of project for Bulgaria is Assoc. Prof. DSc Vesselin Petrov; Bulgarian team members: Chief Assist. Prof. Dr Marina Bakalova, Chief Assist. Prof. Stefan Dimitrov (from the Dept. Of Ontological and Epistemological Studies), Chief Assist. Prof. Rosen Lyutskanov (from the Dept. Of Logical Systems and Patterns) – currently in progress.

3) „Selected Problems in Ontology and Epistemology in the Light of Analytic and Continental Philosophical Traditions” (2012 – 2014), a bilateral cooperation project under the ENCE between BAS and Slovak Academy of Sciences; head of project for Bulgaria is Assoc. Prof. DSc Vesselin Petrov; Bulgarian team members: Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Marina Bakalova, Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Daniela Ivanova, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Engelsina Taseva, Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Ialyo Kutov, Chief Assist. Prof. Dr. Rosen Lyutskanov (from the Dept. of Logical Systems and Patterns) – currently in progress.

4) „Models, Methodologies and Heuristics in Contemporary Philosophical Discourse” (2012 – 2015), a project internal to the Institute, headed by Assoc. Prof. DSc Vesselin Petrov; team members: Prof. DSc Dimitar Tsatsov (from the University of Veliko Tar-
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5) „Evaluation of the Policy Mix as a Tool for Transformation of the Bulgarian Scientific System towards the Building of Knowledge-based Economics” (2009–2012) – a project funded by BAS, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Georgi Angelov

C) PhD students: Tsvetelina Yorgova

5. SOCIAL THEORIES, STRATEGIES, AND PROGNOSES

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B) Projects:
International:
„Future Priorities in Research on Islam in Europe”
„Democracy and Debate: the Shadows of Totalitarianism and Populism”

ENCE:
„Church and Culture in Romanian and Bulgarian History and At Present. The Future of Religion in the Balkans”

BAS:
„New Forms of Social Inequalities and Transformation of Power Mechanisms”
„The Future of Religion in Bulgaria and Europe”
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bogdana Todorova, Programme Director of 13th Mediterranean Research Meeting, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

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B) **Recent research projects** of the members of the department include: „Social Inequalities, Policies and Knowledge“, „Prostitution, Drug Abuse and Relevant Policies in Bulgaria”, „Effectiveness of EU Funds Absorption”, „Trust, Co-operation and Integration in Agrarian Society in Bulgaria”, „EQUALSOC”, „INTUNE”, „Democracy and Debate: The Shadows of Totalitarianism and Populism”, „Trust and European Integration – Comparison between Bulgaria and Czech Republic”.

C) **Topical reports** provided to public institutions and non-governmental organizations include: „Report on Development of Social Economy in Bulgaria” (for the Economic and Social Council of Bulgaria); „Labor Emigration in Bulgaria” (for the Trade Union Podkrepa); „National Strategy for Reduction of Money Laundering” (for the Ministry of Internal Affairs); „Training Needs of Producers in Agriculture” (for the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry); „Labor Migration in EU and its Consequences” (for the Anti-Poverty Network of Denmark); „National Program for Development: Bulgaria 2020” (for the BAS Consulting Council).

We are guided in our work by the conviction that the future of our research depends upon developing the skills of the young generation of researchers and **doctoral students:** the department has trained more than twenty PhD students in the last twenty years. We provide high level training and guidance in the specific skills of comparative research in our field, to PhD students who are thus prepared to meet the rising demands of Bulgarian and European research and policy institutions.

D) **PhD students:** Dragomir Draganov, Tsonko Kuchev, Vasil Mikov

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7. SOCIAL CONTROL, DEVIATION, AND CONFLICTS

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B) **Current Projects:**

*With the financial support of the National Science Fund*

- „Interethnic Relations in Bulgaria: Between Civil and Ethnic Identity“
- „Transformation of the National Values System and its Synchronization with European Models: Development of Ecological Culture as Indicator of Translation of European Value Models in Bulgarian Society“
- „Harmonization of Bulgarian National Values with European Values“

*Other Projects*

- „Child Poverty: Stratification and Deviant Behavior“
- „Political Institutions and Ethnic Conflicts“

C) **PhD Students:** Liuba Spassova, Shaban Darakchiev, Vanya Ganeva, Sevim Tahir

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B) **Research Projects:**

*6th and 7th Framework Programs of the EU*

- „Making Migration Work for Development – Policy Tools for Strategic Planning in SEE Region and Cities” (MMWD), 2012–2014 (Vassil Kirov, scientific co-ordinator, and Diana Nenkova, team member)
- „European Foundations for Research and Innovation” (EUFORI), 2012–2014, 7th FP of the EC (Galin Gornev, team member)
- „Work and Life Quality in New and Growing Jobs” (WALQING), 2009–2012, 7th FP of the EC (Vassil Kirov, scientific co-ordinator)
„Network of Experts on Social Aspects of Education and Training” (NESET) at the European Commission (Pepka Boyadjieva, member of the Bulgarian team)

„Governance of Educational Trajectories in Europe” (GOETE), 7th FP of EC (Pepka Boyadjieva, member of Advisory Board of the Project)

ENCE and Join Research Projects
„Social Disparities and Regional Differences in School-to-Work Transitions in Bulgaria, 2012–2015”, funded by the Bulgarian-Swiss Research Programme (Rumiana Stoilova, scientific co-ordinator, and Pepka Boyadjieva, team member)
„Implementing Public Participation Approaches in Radioactive Waste Disposal”, 7th FP of the EC (Todor Galev)

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Projects funded by the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge
„Ethical Attitudes in Academic Science in Bulgaria”, 2009–2012 (Adelina Ilieva)
„Pragmatist Aesthetics”, 2012–2015 (Pravda Spasova)
„Transformations in Social Functions, Role, and Status of Science in the Knowledge Society”, 2010–2012 (Ludmila Ivanceva, scientific co-ordinator, and Magdalena Marteva, team member)
„Modelling Science Development by Scientometric Methods: Approaches, Interpretations, Outlooks”, 2012–2015 (Ludmila Ivanceva, a single part of a project „Models, Methodologies, and Heuristics in Modern Philisophic Discourse” with scientific co-ordinator Vesselin Petrov)
„Practices of Everyday Citizenship and Regional Dynamics of Civil Activity in Contemporary Bulgarian Society”, 2010–2013 (Svetla Koleva, scientific co-ordinator, Diana Nenkova, team member)
„Inter-sector Mobility and Career Development of Researchers”, 2010–2013 (Raya Staykova)
„The Scientist in an Interdisciplinary Research Milieu”, 2010–2013 (Zoya Gadeleva)

C) PhD Students: Katerina Boneva, Magdalena Marteva, Martin Ivanov, Ivaylo Ivanov
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B) Scientific Projects:

C) PhD students: Sevdelina Yordanova Nikolova, Sergey Dimitrov Metodiev, Janeta Hristova Petkova-Hristova

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B) Projects:
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2009–2012 „Transformation of Social Sciences in Knowledge-Based Society”, IPhR–BAS, a research project funded by the National Science Fund, Ministry of Education and Science.
Internal Projects
2012–2015 „Development Ethics in the Bulgarian Context”, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, BAS.
2012–2014 „Expansion of the Ethical Debate in Bulgarian Society”, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, BAS.

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B) Current Projects:
1. Toward a New Otherness. The European Regional Socio-Ecological Transition in Burgundy and Western Stara Planina. Ryla Program (France – Bulgaria).
2. Cultural Pollution: To Be or to Have. World Federation of Scientists.
3. European Public Sphere Construction – the Problem of Otherness. SKRI – BAS.
5. Intertextuality and Interdisciplinarity – Methodological Problems of the Interpretation of Hyper-coded Texts. SKRI – BAS.

C) PhD Students: Polia Tarkoleva, Veronica Ratseva, Miroslava Blaha

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B) Projects:
„Russian Identity in the Bulgarian Cultural Milieu after 1944”
„Everyday Citizenship: Practices and Strategies for Dynamizing Civil Society in Bulgaria Today”, funded by CEE TRUST
„Local Community Lifestyle Diversification” (March 2012 – March 2015), sponsored by Kyoto University and The Japan Foundation


„Farming Transitions: Pathways Towards Regional Sustainability of Agriculture in Europe” (FarmPath), International project funded by the 7th Framework Programme of the European Commission; leading organization in Bulgaria: University of National and World Economy (2011–2014).

„Southeastern Europe Women in Rural Development Network (SEE WoRD)”, International project funded by the European Union Gender Task Force Regional Center for Gender Equality, Croatia. (November 2011–December 2012).

„Update of Central Balkan National Park Management Plan”, funded by the Operational Programme Environment 2007–2013, implemented by Proles Engineering Ltd.

„Identities under Tension”, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, BAS.

„Study on Foundations Supporting Research and Innovation in the EU: Quantitative and Qualitative Assessment, Comparative Analysis, Trends and Potential”, EC.

„Steps Towards Active European Citizenship”, Grundtvig Learning Partnership.

„Russian Identity in the Bulgarian Cultural Milieu after 1944”.


Project – BG051P0001 – 2.3.01 „Prevention for Safety and Health of Work”, funded by Human Resources Development Program and European Social fund of EU.

„Dynamics of the Processes of Return and Reintegration of Bulgarian Emigrants”, a Youth Research project, funded by the Bulgarian Science Fund, Ministry of Education. Urban Agriculture Europe: COST action UAE TD1106.
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B) **Projects**:
3. „National Study of Attitudes towards Research University at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences”, 2012–2013. (head Prof. DSc Svetlana Saykova)
4. „Psychological Intervention and Prevention of Conflict in Reconciling Family and Professional Life”, financed by 7 FP of EC. 2012. (head Prof. DSc Svetlana Saykova)
7. „Make Migration Work for Development”, strategic project financed by South East Europe Program for International Cooperation. (Chief Assist. Prof. Dr Ekaterina Markova)
8. Individual ISSK–BAS project „Un-coverage in the Contemporary Bulgarian Survey Research Practice: Condition, Challenges, Decisions”. (Chief Assist. Prof. Dr Ekaterina Markova)
9. Collective ISSK – BAS project „Quality of Work in New and Growing Jobs”. (Chief Assist. Prof. Dr Ekaterina Markova)

C) **PhD Students**: Darina Peycheva. PhD thesis: „Methodological Problems of Quality of the Sociological Survey”.
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