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RESEARCH FIELD AND INTERESTS

Political Science, Sociology, Public Administration.
Politics and Public Power, Leadership and Leadership Skills, Jewish Studies and Holocaust - Bulgarian Rescue case, Communication, Applied theory of Governance and applied leadership

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1998-present Politics and Public Power (for BA students)
1999-present Leadership and Leadership Skills for MA programs of PA Department
2002-present Communication and Team building (for BA and MA programs)
2000-2007 Ethnic Studies in Public Administration
2011-present Ethnic Policy and Minority Studies (for BA and MA students)
2003-2006 Holocaust Studies and Bulgarian Rescue Case (MA program)
2005-present Administration and Politics on the Jewish Question in Bulgaria (Responsibility of Political and Administrative Power during Holocaust) in English
2000-present Internship Program for students in Public Administration
2017-present Public Diplomacy and Impact Evaluation of events (for MA program)

Other teaching experience

2015-2017: Instructor in training programs of leadership skills for government officials (IPA)
2012 – 2017: Instructor in training programs of leadership skills for National Youth Forum;

Academia Responsa (school directors and teachers);

2007 - 2011: Instructor in team building for government officials

2007 - 2011: Instructor in communication skills for government officials

2013: Teaching of municipal officials in strategic planning and strategic leadership

2006: Instructor in communication skills for officials in the institution of the National Ombudsman

2017: Instructor in a course of Fulbright Commission in Bulgaria on "The Holocaust topic and the Rescue of Bulgaria's Jews in Contemporary Perspective"

2004: Teaching a course "The Holocaust topic and the Rescue of Bulgaria's Jews in the beginning of a new century" (for a training program for junior diplomats in the Diplomatic Institute in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

2003: Instructor in a training program and teaching in leadership skills for Roma experts in agencies in Public administration

2003: Instructor in training program in new interactive methods for coping with anti-Semitism and other type of prejudices courses (for high school teachers in humanities)

2003: Instructor in a training program of high school students in tolerance and anti-prejudice approach; teaching "Holocaust topics and the Rescue of Bulgarian Jews"

2003: Instructor in a training program in leadership skills for the second group of Bulgarian rangers for Iraq (in the Military Academy, Sofia)

2002: Instructor in a training program in leadership skills for civil servants from Bulgarian and Macedonian ministries (for the Institute of Public Administration and European Integration, Bulgaria)

2002: Instructor in a training program in leadership skills for the Roma leaders in Roma communities

SCIENTIFIC DEGREES
AND ACADEMIC
POSITIONS

2020 – present Chair of the Department of Public Administration, Philosophy Faculty, Sofia University

2018 - present Head of the Masters Program of Public Administration (in English), SU

2011- present Assoc. Prof., Tenure in Political Science and Public Administration - SU

2005-2011 Senior Assistant Professor, Political Science and Public Administration, SU

1998-2005 Assistant Professor, Political Science and Public Administration, SU

1986-1998 Laboratory for Political Research, Sofia University, researcher

Awards

2017, Shofar Award for Combating anti-Semitism, xenophobia and hate speech in Bulgarian society

2009, Nomination from the selection committee of the Organization of Jews in Bulgaria 'Shalom' for *Shofar Award* for activities in support of democratic values and support for principles of freedom - for the achievement of the exhibition "The Power of Civil Society".

EDUCATION

2007 PhD, Political Science, Sofia University

Dissertation: "*Leadership social model. The Case of the Rescue of Bulgarian Jews in Political Science Discourse*"

1986 MA in Sociology, Sofia University, MA Thesis "*The Artistic Being of the Political Idea (based on the novels of Kurt Vonnegut)*"

Grants, Specializations:

Berlin (Centropa-Vienna) 2008, June

University of Maastricht, The Netherlands 2003, three months

University of Pittsburgh, USA 1998, one month

University of Central Florida, USA, 1997, one month

University of Pittsburgh, USA 1991, six months

PUBLICATIONS

Taneva, A., *The Power of Civil Society: Proceedings of the Holy Synod of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church on the Rescue of Bulgarian Jews 1940 – 1944* (editor with I. Gezenko), Sofia University Press, 2005 (in English)

Taneva, A. and T. Tanev, *Historisches Gedächtnis und Veränderung der politischen Kultur in Bulgarien*, 1999, Edwin Ferger Verlag . Editor Hans-Leo Kraemer. (in German)

Taneva, A., T. Tanev and R. Shapek *Political, Social and Administrative Change in the Balkans: Bulgaria 1989-1998*. In: Liou, Kuotsai Tom (ed.), *Administrative Reform and National Economic Development*. Brookfield, Ashgate 2000: 271-303 (in English)

[Taneva, A., *Leadership Methodology in Digital Environment*, IN: Digital Transformation of Society, Economics, Management and Education, editor/s: Zuzana Dvorakova, Julia Tokareva, Elena Lysenko, Olga Ponomareva, Publisher: Sedlčany : Ústav personalistiky.](#)

[2020, pages:192-200, ISBN:978-80-88327-07-3, Ref. др.\(DSEME,
https://inper.academy/konference/conferenc\)](https://inper.academy/konference/conferenc)

Taneva, A., *Towards Leadership as Applied Concept*, , in: „Публични Политики.Bg”, 2020, vol. 11, # 1, p. 54 – 59, <http://www.ejpp.eu/index.php/ejpp/article/view/348> (in English)

Taneva, A., *Public Image of the State Administration as a Factor for the Sustainable Development of New Democracies in the EU*, in: Spreading Standards, Building Capacities: European Administrative Space in Progress Presented Papers from the 24th NISPAcee Annual Conference, 2016, ISBN 978-80-89013-81-4

Taneva, A, *The qualities of the leader as an approach to the role*, IN: Leadership and human resources development, editor / s: Ilieva, S., publishing house: University Publishing House “St. Kliment Ohridski ”, 2020, pp. 97-104, ISBN: 978-954-07-4979-2, (in Bulgarian)

Taneva, A, *Communication deficits and crisis leadership: communication during the Kovid-19 virus pandemic*, in: Rhetoric Online, issue: 1, 2020, ISSN (online): 2738 – 7860 (in Bulgarian), 2020

Taneva, A., *Towards Leadership as Applied Concept*, in: „Публични Политики.Bg” , volume 11, issue: Number 1, 2020, pages: 54-59, ISSN (online):1314-2313, Ref, др.(Copernicus, EE, Road, DRJI, SIS), 2020

Taneva, A., *Staff Assessment and Change of Organizational Environment: Studying the Impact Assessment*, Public Policies.bg, Volume: Year 10 / Issue 1 / February 2019, Issue: 1, 2019, pp. 17-23, ISSN (online): ISSN 1314 -2313, Ref, etc. (PKP, DRJI, CEEOLibrary, Copernicus, ROAD) in Bulgarian

Taneva, A., *“Leadership: Governance Beyond Domination”*, Sofia University Press, Sofia, 2005 (Monograph, in Bulgarian)

Taneva, A., and I Gezenko, *The Rescue of Bulgarian Jews as an Alternative Civil Policy: The Role of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church*, in: Doomed and Saved. Bulgaria in the anti-Semitic program of the Third Reich, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, 2007 (published in Bulgarian)

Taneva, A., *Leadership Approach to the Community Policing Project*, In: Community Policing, Open Society, Sofia, 2006 (published in Bulgarian)

Taneva, A., *Teaching History and Shaping Attitudes*, in: State of the Discipline and

Perspectives of the Science of History in Bulgaria, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, 2006 (published in Bulgarian)

Taneva, A., *The Potential of Academic Internships - reflection on the experience and perspectives for development*, in: „Публични Политики.Bg” vol. 2, no 3, 2011, ISSN 1314-2313 <http://ejpp.eu/index.php/ejpp/article/view/61> (in Bulgarian)

Taneva, A., *Being competent and being trained: Challenges for the employees in the public service*, in: <http://www.erasmus-ip-2011.tk/>, 2011

Taneva, A., *The Communication Process in the Context of Different Cultures: The Error of Presupposed Universality of Cultural Codes*, (p. 31-46) in: vol. "Modern rhetorical practices" – editor Ivanka Mavrodieva, "Semarsh" Publishing House, Sofia. 2010, ISBN 978-954-9590-05-0 (in Bulgarian)

Taneva, A., *Good and bad practices - three cases*, In: "Between freedom and obedience. The good governance as public right, Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria, 2007 s.66-75 (in Bulgarian)

Most of the publications in the years are in Bulgarian. The list is available at <https://authors.uni-sofia.bg/Publications.aspx> and in Researchgate.

CONFERENCES

2021, November 16, Sofia University, paper: "Communication of art as an instrument for social cohesion", Communication and social cohesion through art, NFC project, Sofia, online

2021, October 21-22, paper: „Challenges to Policy Leadership“, in Fifth International Conference of Public Administration, “Public Governance after 2020: What Do We Know When We Know Nothing”,

2021, April 6th, Feedback on MPA Development and Recommendations for Implementation of the MPA Programme - International Experience and Potential for Further Cooperation in Training Civil Servants: the Final Conference: EU Support for Public Administration Capacity Building in Turkmenistan (ACA/2016/376-794)

2021, April, Typology of followers in political leadership as a factor for the development of regions, in: Social Innovations for Sustainable Regional Development The 17th annual International Scientific Conference, Litva, 28-29 of April, Litva

2021, April, paper on „Anti-Jewish policies, societal protection and Memory, international seminar „The Holocaust as a starting point. Dialogue between Greece, the Republic of North Macedonia and the Republic of Bulgaria“, Memorial de la Shoa, online

In the period until 2019, I have participated in over 40 forums on Leadership, Holocaust, Civil Society and Participation, Political Process and Political Participation. And Public Administration. The topics of the reports and forums are available at <https://authors.uni-sofia.bg/ConferenceReports.aspx>

In the period until 2022 I was a guest speaker at numerous events for the presentation of the mobile exhibition "The Power of Civil Society" as a curator for the State Cultural Institute at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. More important participations are in Copenhagen, the cultural home of the Jewish community of Danish Jews; London - Parliament; Bratislava - Jewish Museum, Prague - Library, Moscow - Russian Jewish Congress, Geneva - UN, Milan - Museum of History and more.

I am an organizer of conferences, discussions, workshops in the fields of Public Administration, Civic Culture, Holocaust, Tolerance and Civil Society. I participate as a lecturer and moderator of many initiatives on youth leadership, applied leadership and many discussions on the fate of Jews in Bulgaria during the Second World War.

Some of the events are:

- Organizer on behalf of Sofia University of the Annual International Conference of NISPAcee - Sofia '99
- Joint initiatives and discussion forums with the participation of teachers from Bulgaria, the Republic of Macedonia and Greece on topics related to the fate of Jews in the Holocaust. (2018-2022)
- Initiator and organizer of the happening of "Public Administration" - (since 2006)
- Holds a discussion seminar on the occasion of the publication of the book

"power of Civil Society" (together with V. Gezenko-CDA) with the participation of representatives of St. Synod and representatives of OEB "Shalom" (Hall 1 SU, 2002)

- Organizer of lecture and seminar meetings with extraordinary guest lecturers (Rabbi of Denmark - Melchior; Prof. William Breustin - University of Pittsburgh USA; Adasa Ben-Ito - Israel; Prof. M. Bar-Zohar - Israel; Dan Mariashin - B ' Ney B'rit - USA, many representatives of public administration and private sector institutions)
- Organizer of a master class in business consulting - together with BBLF for students – 2010
- Moderator of a conference on “Good Governance” organized by the National Ombudsman (March 14, 2007)
- Moderator (together with Stamen Tasev and Barbara Page-Roberts) of a series of four discussion workshops and an international conference on a project on Corporate Social Responsibility in Tourism in Bulgaria (2009)
- Organizer, compiler and editor of a collection of materials from the Scientific Conference "Jews in the Bulgarian Lands" - Sofia University, May, 1998 (supported by "Open Society").
- Holds a two-day discussion seminar on "Limits of Tolerance" together with the Association of Philosophy Teachers, July 1-2, 2008
- Holds an international scientific discussion seminar "Religious Tolerance and the Role of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church for the Salvation of Bulgarian Jews" September 10, 2009 Sofia University in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Sofia Synagogue.

PROJECTS

2019 – 2021: Promotion of Holocaust Education: new teaching courses, Sofia University, Claims Conference, NY

2020 – 2021: Youth policy in Bulgaria: challenges and perspectives, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and National Youth Forum

2021: Content and communication of the public image. The idea of university specialties in the era of total media environment, Head, Research Fund - Sofia University

2017 – 2021: Support for Public Administration Capacity Building in Turkmenistan, Member, EU, Contract Number: ACA / 2016 / 376-794

2015: Head of an interdisciplinary project - partner Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute, "Young people train young people", topic: European Year of Development. Participants - students

from PA-FF-SU and students from NMA.

2014 – 2015: The results of the ranking system of universities as a tool for quality education and motivation for career choices *177/12.05.2014 - SU*

2013 – 2014: Administrative practice in Bulgaria for solving refugee crisis (Sharon model): sustainable features, best practices and possible applications

2013: Key to Quality, key expert on Internships and alumni, European Social Fund of the European Union, Contract number: BG051PO001-3.1.08-0010

2010 – 2012: “Theory and Models of Genealogy” (member of the research team) – Plovdiv State University (National Fund Scientific Research – Ministry of Education and Science)

2008-2010: Corporate Social Responsibility in Tourism (leading organization – BBLF) – VP/2008/007/225

2007-2009: „The Power of Civil Society” – research and author of the mobile exhibition on the fate of the Bulgarian Jews during Holocaust. (State Institute for Culture – Ministry for Foreign affairs). The exhibition is translated in many languages and has been presented in more than 80 countries in the period of ten years.

2007 Living Together, Standing Together (Leader of the project)- ITF (International Task Force – Remembrance and Holocaust)/Scientific Research Department Sofia University

2001-2002: “Legacies for the future: prevention of anti-Semitism among high school students”, Democracy Commission Small Grants, US Embassy

2000-2001: Insurance policies of Jews in Bulgaria during the Holocaust, Bulgarian part of an international research managed by Facts & Files Program in Berlin

1996 – 1998: The rescue of 50 000 Jews in Bulgaria during the WW II (documental research in Bulgarian National Archives; assigned by the author of the book “Beyond Hitler’s Grasp” – Prof. Bar-Zohar)

1993 – 1996: Cultural Problems of Bulgarian-German Joint Ventures (Chief of the project – Prof. Leo Kramer – University of Saarbrücken)
