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### RESEARCH FIELD AND INTERESTS

Internationalisation of higher education  
Transnational academic mobility  
Intercultural communication  
Intercultural learning  
Language teaching

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

English for Specific Purposes (Terminology of the EU; Legal English; English for Economics)  
General English  
Intercultural Communication

### SCIENTIFIC DEGREES AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS

#### PhD

Thesis: Cultural Dimensions of Academic mobility: the Case of Bulgarian Fulbright Scholars

Assistant Professor, European Studies Department, Sofia University

### EDUCATION

Intercultural communication (PhD), Sofia University  
English and American Studies (BA, MA), Sofia University

### PUBLICATION ACTIVITY

Karaasanova, D. (2022) Facilitators of Internationalisation at the Doctoral Degree Level. In: *Re-new EU – Recovery, Reopening and Revival*. Eds. Shikova et al. Pp. 249-255. Sofia: Minerva

ISBN: 978-954-8702-59-1

Karaasanova, D. (2021) Europeanisation in higher education and (inter)cultural sensitivity in transnational activities of scholars. In: *THE CALL FOR MORE EUROPE - Ambitions and Realities*. Eds. Shikova et al. Pp. 203-211. Sofia: Minerva

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Karaasenova, D. (2020) Transnational academic mobility: the experience of Bulgarian Fulbright scholars. In: *Language and Identity in Europe: The Multilingual City and its Citizens*. Carson, L. Smyth, Kwok, C. and C. Smyth (Eds.). Chapter 10, Oxford: Peter Lang

ISBN:978-1-78997-447-8

Karaasenova, D. (2020) Internationalization in higher education and its impact on academic staff at Sofia "St. Kliment Ohridski. In: *Leadership and human resources development*. Pp:380-38. Sofia: University Press "St. Kliment Ohridski",

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Karaasenova, D. (2020) Internationalization and Europeanisation of Higher Education: Attitudes of Academic Staff. In: *The Next Seven of the European Union*. Pp:221-229. Eds. Shikova et al. Sofia: University Press "St. Kliment Ohridski"

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Karaasenova, D. (2019) Academic mobility under the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program: recommendations to stakeholders. In: *Jubilee collection on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the European Studies Department*. Pp:292-302. Sofia: University Press "St.Kliment Ohridski"

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Karaasenova, D. (2019) Teaching across cultures: highlights from a study of academic mobility in higher education. In: *Teaching and Learning Languages in the Multicultural World*. ICC Journal Vol. 1, Issue 1, July 2019, conference proceedings, ICC - 26th Annual Conference, Berlin

<https://icc-languages.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/ICC-JOURNAL-vol1no1.pdf>

Karaasenova, D., Paunov, F., Lazarova, K., Petrov, B., Yordanova, L., Filipova, D. (2017) Reconciling generational perceptions for the revival of the European idea. In: *Overcoming European Divides*. Berlin: Allianz Kulturstiftung

Karaasenova, D. (2017) Mobility of the professoriate: motivations of Bulgarian scholars to pursue a Fulbright fellowship. *Rhetoric and Communications*. In: Identity, Mobility, Public and Business Communication, Linguistics. Issue:31  
<http://rhetoric.bg/>

Tsvetkova, N. and D. Karaasenova (2014) Developing Intercultural Communication Skills. The Case of Teaching English as a first and second foreign language to students of European studies at Sofia University 'St. Kliment Ohridski'. In: *THE*

*EUROPEAN UNION AT A CROSSROAD*. Pp:293-303. Sofia: University Press "St. Kliment Ohridski"

Karaasenova, D. (2013) The Cross-cultural Academic Experience: the Case of Bulgarian Fulbright Fellows. In: *Language, Identity and Culture in Language Education*. Pp.:76-82. ICC - 20th Annual Conference, March 2013 Sofia

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## CONFERENCES

Transform4Europe International conference- Hackathon for Inno-Methods, 24/27 October 2022, Kaunas, Lithuania, presentation: Un unschooling mindset in higher education – a viable approach?

Re-new EU – Recovery, Reopening and Revival, Sofia, 13/14 October 2022

THE CALL FOR MORE EUROPE - Ambitions and Realities, Sofia, 14/15 October 2021

EURASIA: European Studies Revitalised across Asian Universities, (online), 28 May 2020

The Next Seven of the European Union, Sofia (online), 29 May 2020

Leadership and Human Resources Development, Sofia, 29/30 November 2019

ICC - 26th Annual Conference Teaching and Learning Languages in the Multicultural World, Berlin, 3/5 May 2019

The European Union at a Crossroad, Sofia, 14/15 May 2014

20th ICC-Annual Conference Language, Identity and Culture in Language Education, Sofia, 8/10 March 2013

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## PROJECTS

Innovative educational methods in an intercultural perspective, Young scientists and post-doc national research program – 2, Ministry of Education, Republic of Bulgaria, 2022/23

Doctoral education in an inter-university perspective, Sofia University Science and Research Fund, 2022

Internationalisation and its impact on academic staff at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Young scientists and post-doc national research program – 1, Ministry of Education, Republic of Bulgaria, 2020/21

The problem in the way Bulgaria became a European Union member, Sofia University, Sofia University Science and Research Fund, 2020

European perspectives of higher education in the context of the new program period, Sofia University, Sofia University Science and Research Fund, 2019

Future for EU, European Commission, 2017

Europe begins at school – Europe and the EU – images and ideas in Bulgarian schoolbooks, Sofia University, Sofia University Science and Research Fund, 2017

Overcoming European Divides, Allianz Kulturstiftung, Berlin, 2017

Development of the electronic system for distance learning at the Faculty of Philosophy of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia University, European Commission funding, 2014

Promoting Intercultural Competence in Translators Erasmus +, 517871-LLP-1-2011-1- UK-ERASMUS- EMCR

Which Europe in a globalized world? Allianz Kulturstiftung, Berlin, 2006

How to strengthen democracy in Europe? Allianz Kulturstiftung, Berlin, 2005