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Curriculum Vitae

Education

- 15/10/2004-15/06/2013 Ph.D. in Ottoman History, Bilkent University, Department of History
Dissertation title: *Mastering the Conquered Space: Resurrection of Urban Life in Ottoman Upper Thrace (14th – 17th c.)* (academic advisor: Prof. Halil İnalçık)
- 20/09/2001-06/10/2004 M.A. in Ottoman History, Bilkent University, Department of History
Thesis title: *Demographic Features of Ottoman Upper Thrace: a Case Study on Filibe, Tatar Pazarcık and İstanımaka (1472-1614)* (academic advisor: Prof. Halil İnalçık)
- 01/10/1996-24/01/2001 B.A. in Balkan History, University of Sofia, Faculty of History

Professional experience

- 01/11/2019-present Research associate at the Institute for Habsburg and Balkan Studies, Balkan Studies Research Unit, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
- 01/06/2019-31/10/2019 Post-doctoral researcher at the Department of History, Koç University, Istanbul
- 13/03/2014-31/05/2019 Research Fellow (level R2) at the Center for Regional Studies and Analyses at the Faculty of History, University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”
- 21/09/2015-17/01/2016 Visiting Professor at the Department of Medieval Studies, Central European University, Budapest
- 31/10/2012-11/03/2014 Research Fellow at the Netherlands Institute in Turkey, Istanbul

Fellowships, Scholarships

- 14/02/2019 awarded Horizon2020, Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowship (MSCF) individual mobility grant for the project “Population Geography of Bulgaria, 1500-1920: A Historical Spatial Analysis”, acronym POPGEO_BG (24 months: € 155,000). Early terminated (31 October 2019), due to the appointment at the Austrian Academy of Sciences
- 01/03/2014-28/02/2015 Advanced Academia Program Fellowship of the Center for Advanced Study (CAS) in Sofia (12 months: €4,500)
- 26/03/2012-26/03/2014 Research and Teaching Fellowship of the Center of Excellence “Alma Mater” at the University of Sofia (24 months: €8,400)
- 16/03/2011-16/09/2011 Research Grant by the Research Center for Social Sciences (RCSS), Urban Studies Project, University of Sofia, Department of Sociology (6 months: €1,000)
- 01/02/2010-01/04/2010 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship for East European Scholars at the American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) (3 months: \$11,500)
- 01/04/2009-31/03/2010 Turkish Cultural Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship (12 months: \$10,000)
- 17/09/2007-15/06/2008 Junior Residential Fellowship at the Research Center for Anatolian Civilisations (RCAC), Koç University, Istanbul (9 months: \$8,000)

Awards

05/09/2019 Horizon 2020 Success Award by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey

Organized congresses, conferences, workshops, panels

- 13/07/2021-17/07/2021 Pre-Organized workshop “From Empire to Nation States: Population Geography of Anatolia and the Balkans, 1840s-1930s”, 15th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (ICOSEH), 13-17 July 2020, Zagreb, Croatia
* postponed because of COVID-19 crisis
- 23/06/2021-26/06/2021 Organized panel “Governance in the Early Ottoman Balkans: The Role of Frontier Lords in Administration, Warfare, and Mediation Processes”, 24 *Symposium of the Comité International des Études Pre-Ottomanes et Ottomanes (CIEPO)*, 23-27 June, 2020, Thessaloniki, Greece
* postponed because of COVID-19 crisis
- 20/05/2021 *Christian-Muslim Interplay in Late Medieval and Early Modern Balkans: Power Networks and Regional Lordships during the Ottoman Conquest*, International workshop, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, 28 September 2020.
* postponed because of COVID-19 crisis
- 11/10/2019 *The Fate of the Waqf Properties in Bulgaria during the Transitional Period from Imperial to National Governance*, funded by the Bulgarian Science Fund (co-organizer)
- 23/02/2019 *Zograf Monastery and the Athonite Monastic Network during the Ottoman Era*, International workshop, funded by the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science, University of Sofia (co-organizer)
- 27/10/2017-28/10/2017 *The Zograf Library and Archives: Research Approaches to Digitizing, Cataloguing, and Editing the Sources*, International conference, funded by the Center of Excellence “Alma Mater”, University of Sofia (co-organizer)
- 24/07/2017-28/07/2017 *14th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (ICOSEH)*, organized by the University of Sofia and the International Association for Ottoman Social and Economic History (IAOSEH) (co-organizer and contact person)
- 24/07/2017-28/07/2017 Organized panel “People of the Move: Internal Mobility, Displacement, and Forced Settlement in Early Modern Balkans” at the *14th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (ICOSEH)*, Sofia
- 01/10/2016-2/10/2016 *Monastic Libraries and Archives: Research Methods and Strategy in the Study of the Library and the Archive of the Zograf Monastery*, International workshop, funded by the Center of Excellence “Alma Mater”, University of Sofia (co-organizer)
- 02/05/2014-03/05/2014 *Stenimachos-Stanimaka-Asenovgrad: Contributions to the Study of Continuity and Development of Socio-Economic and Religious History of the City and its Region*, academic workshop, funded by the Municipality of Asenovgrad (co-organizer)
- 21/03/2013-24/03/2013 *Bordering Early Modern Europe*, International conference, funded by the Center of Excellence “Alma Mater”, University of Sofia (co-organizer)
- 26/10/2012-27/10/2012 *Social Networking in South-Eastern Europe, 15th-19th Centuries*, International conference, funded by the Center of Excellence “Alma Mater”, University of Sofia (co-organizer)
- 2014-present Dozens of public lectures of leading scholars as part of several research seminars at the Department of History at the University of Sofia. For details - <https://crsa.uni-sofia.bg/bg/subitiya/publichni-lekcii>

Supervising and mentoring activities

10/09/2016-present Four Master and two Bachelor students’ theses at the Faculty of History, University of Sofia

Teaching experience:

26/03/2012-present Graduate and undergraduate courses on Islamic communities in the Balkans, Ottoman rule of Southeastern Europe, Ottoman urbanism, Islamic architecture, Minorities in the Balkans, Application of digital methods in the history research taught at the Faculty of History at the University of Sofia; and a core course on the “Ottoman Urban Concept” at the Department for Medieval Studies at the Central European University in Budapest.

Membership in professional organizations:

04/2018-present European Social Science History Association
07/2017-present Member of the *Executive Committee* of the International Association for Ottoman Social and Economic History (IAOSEH)
08/2014-present International Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies (ISECS)
03/2014-present Comité International des Études Pré-Ottomanes et Ottomanes (CIEPO)
09/2013-present Bulgarian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
08/2013-present European Society for Environmental History (ESEH)
07/2007-present International Association for Ottoman Social and Economic History (IAOSEH)

Research experience, participation in funded projects

06/2019-11/2019 PI of *Population Geography of Bulgaria, 1500-1920: A Historical Spatial Analysis, (POP GEO_BG)*, funded by Horizon 2020 EU Funding for Research and Innovation, under MSCA-IF scheme (<https://popgeo.ku.edu.tr/>)
02/2019-12/2019 Team leader in the *Digital Historical Gazetteer of Ottoman Bulgaria*, funded by the Cultural Heritage Preservation Program (КИННПОР) of the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science, administered by the University of Sofia
02/2019-12/2019 Team member in the *Scientific Model for Digital Cataloging of Ottoman Archival Documents and Oriental Manuscripts at the Bulgarian National Library*, funded by the Cultural Heritage Preservation Program (КИННПОР) of the Bulgarian Ministry of Education and Science, administered by the University of Sofia
2017-2019 Team leader in the *Women among the Elite of the Turkish Population in Bulgaria during the Second Half of the Twentieth Century*, funded by the Bulgarian Science Fund, DN 20/3-18.12.2017 (<https://crsa.uni-sofia.bg/bg/page/zhenite-sred-turskiya-elit-v-bulgariya-0>)
2017-2018 Research fellow in the *UrbanOccupationsOETR - Industrialisation and Urban Growth from the mid-nineteenth century Ottoman Empire to Contemporary Turkey in a Comparative Perspective, 1850-2000*, funded by the European Research Council, Starting Grant, ERC-2015-STG, principal investigator Dr. M. Erdem Kabadayı (Koç University) (https://urbanoccupations.ku.edu.tr/?page_id=118)
2016-2019 Ottoman History Group coordinator of *The Fate of the Waqf Properties in Bulgaria during the Transitional Period from Imperial to National Governance*, project funded by the Bulgarian Science Fund, DN10/14-17.12.2016 (<https://vakifbg.wixsite.com/2016fni/ekip>)
2015-2018 Ottoman History Group coordinator at the *H-GIS SEE*, funded by Center of Excellence in the Humanities “Alma Mater” at the University of Sofia (<http://ukh.uni-sofia.bg/hgis/team/>)
2015-2016 Research fellow in the *OTTOCONFESSIO: The Fashioning of a Sunni Orthodoxy and the Entangled Histories of Confession-Building in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire, 15th-17th Centuries*, funded by the European Research Council, Consolidator Grants, ERC-2014-CoG, principal investigator Dr. Tijana Krstić (CEU) (<https://cems.ceu.edu/our-team>)
2015-present Coordinator of Zograf Ottoman Archive in the *Zograf Digital Archive at the University of Sofia “St. Kliment Ohridski”*, funded by Center of Excellence in the Humanities “Alma Mater” at the University of Sofia and Ministry of Science and Education of Republic of Bulgaria

- 2012-2014 (<https://www.slav.uni-sofia.bg/exist/apps/zograf/pages/index.html>)
Co-coordinator and curator for *The Machiel Kiel Photographic Archive at the Netherlands Institute in Turkey (NIT)*, project funded by The Netherlands Institute for the Near East (NINO) (<http://www.nit-istanbul.org/kielarchive/index.php>)
- 2012-2013 Project Participant in the *GDP of Bulgaria and Bulgarian Lands (1500-1870-2000)*, project funded by the Bulgarian Science Fund, FFNNIPO 12 01263

List of Publications

Monograph

- *Татар Пазарджик от основаването на града до края на XVII в. Изследвания и документи [Tatar Pazardjik since the Establishment of the City till the End of the Seventeenth Century. Studies and Documents]* (Sofia: Amicitia, 2008).

Reviews:

Elena Grozdanova. “Успешен старт на научното поприще. По повод монографията на Григор Бойков. Татар Пазарджик. От основаването на града до края на XVII век.” [Successful beginning of a scholarly career: on the monograph of Grigor Boykov. Tatar Pazardjik since the Establishment of the City till the End of the Seventeenth Century]. *Istoričeski Pregled (Historical Review)* 1-2 (2009): 244-253. – <https://www.ceeol.com/search/article-detail?id=273395>

Maximilian Hartmuth. “A New Urban History: Ottoman Pazardjik”. *Kakanien Revisited/Balkan Cities* (2009) –

<http://www.kakanien.ac.at/weblogs/balkancities/2009/01/a+new+urban+history+ottoman+pazardjik++boykov/>

Edited volumes

- *Вакъфите в България [The Waqfs in Bulgaria]* (co-edited with Mariya Kiprovska and Veselin Yanchev) (Sofia: Sofia University Press, 2020) ISBN 978-954-07-4848-1
- *Cities in South Eastern Thrace: Continuity and Transformation* (co-edited with Ivaylo Lozanov and Daniela Stoyanova) (Sofia: University of Sofia Press, 2017).
- *Bordering Early Modern Europe (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2015)* (co-edited with Mariya Baramova and Ivan Parvev).
- *Стенимахос-Станимака-Асеновград: Принос към изучаването на приемствеността и развитието в социално-икономическата и духовната история на града и региона [Stenimachos-Stanimaka-Asenovgrad: Contributions to the Study of Continuity and Development of Socio-Economic and Religious History of the City and its Region]* (co-edited with Damyan Borisov) (Asenovgrad: Dikov, 2014).

Edited translated volumes

- Махиял Кийл. *България под османска власт. Събрани съчинения [Machiel Kiel. Bulgaria under Ottoman rule. Collected works]* (co-edited with Mariya Kiprovska and Maria Baramova) (Sofia: Tendril Pub., 2017).
- Махиял Кийл. *Хора и селища в България през османския период [Machiel Kiel. Population and Settlements in Bulgaria during the Ottoman period]* (co-edited with Mariya Kiprovska and Maria Baramova) (Sofia: Amicitia, 2005).

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

- “Bridging the Gap between Pre-census and Census-era Historical Data: Devising a Geo-sampling Model to Analyse Agricultural Production in the Long Run for Southeast Europe, 1840–1897”, *International Journal of Humanities and Arts Computing* 14:1-2 (2020): 46-63 (with M. E. Kabadayi and P. Gerrits).
- “Град Карлово и карловският вакъф” [The Town of Karlovo and the Karlioğlu Waqf]. *Istoriya (History)* 26:5 (2018): 461-495.
- “The T-shaped *Zaviye/İmarets* of Edirne: A Key Mechanism for Ottoman Urban Morphological Transformation.” *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association* 3:1 (2016): 29–48.

- “Anatolian Emir in Rumelia: İsfendiyaroğlu İsmail Bey’s Architectural Patronage and Governorship of Filibe (1460s-1470s).” *Bulgarian Historical Review* 3-4 (2013): 137-147.
- “Karlzâde ‘Ali Bey: An Ottoman Dignitary’s Pious Endowment and the Emergence of the Town of Karlova in Central Bulgaria.” *Journal of Turkish Studies* (NELC Harvard University) 39 (2013): 247-267.
- “Създаването на Татар Пазарджик през 1398 г. – хипотези, спорове, заключения” [The Founding of Tatar Bazarı (Pazardjik) in 1398 – suppositions, discussions, conclusions]. *Istoričeski Pregled (Historical Review)*, 5-6 (2007): 3-18.
- “The Ottoman Philippopolis (Filibe) During the Second Half of the 15th c.”, *Bulgarian Historical Review*, 3-4 (2000): 112-139 (with Mariya Kiprovska).

Chapters in volumes

- “Вакъфските села и сгради в България през османския период” [The waqf settlement and buildings in Bulgaria in the Ottoman period] in G. Boykov, M. Kiprovska, V. Yanchev (eds.) *Вакъфите в България [The Waqfs in Bulgaria]* (Sofia: Sofia University Press, 2020), 35-105.
- “*Abdāl*-affiliated Convents and ‘Sunnitizing’ Halveti Dervishes in Ottoman Rumeli (Tenth/Sixteenth Century)” in Tijana Krstić and Derin Terzioğlu (eds.) *Historicizing Sunnism in the Ottoman Empire, c. 1450-c. 1700* (Leiden: Brill, 2020) ISBN 978-90-04-44028-9; DOI: 10.1163/9789004440296_010
- “Колекцията от османски документи от архива на Зографския манастир: предварителни бележки върху нейното състояние, съдържание, значимост и перспективи за работа” [The Collection of Ottoman Documents in the Zograf Monastery’s Archive: Preliminary Notes on its Condition, Contents, Significance, and Avenues for Further Research] in Dimitar Peev et al. (eds.) *Зографски Съборник. Зографският архив и библиотека. Изследвания и перспективи/ Zographou Sympraktika. The Archives and Library of the Monastery of Zograf: Studies and Perspectives* (Sofia: Nasledstvo na Zografskata sveta obitel, 2019), 318-349 (with Mariya Kiprovska).
- “Politics of Religion: Spatial Modification and Transformation of Religious Infrastructure of the Southeast European Cities in the Late Middle Ages and Early Modern Period” in Elisabeth Gruber et al. (eds.) *Städte im lateinischen Westen und im griechischen Osten. Topographie – Recht – Religion* (Vienna: Böhlau, 2016), 299-312.
- “Human Cost of Warfare: Population Loss during the Ottoman Conquest and the Demographic History of Bulgaria in the Late Middle Ages and Early Modern Era.” in Oliver Jens Schmitt (ed.) *The Ottoman Conquest of the Balkans: Interpretations and Research Debates* (Vienna: Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2016), 103-166.
- “The Borders of the Cities: Revisiting Ottoman Urban Morphology in Southeastern Europe.” in Maria Baramova, Grigor Boykov, Ivan Parvev (eds.), *Bordering Early Modern Europe* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2015), 243-256.
- “Дупница и Дупнишката котловина през османската епоха (XV-XVIII в.)” [Dupnitsa and the Plain of Dupnitsa in the Ottoman period (15th-18th c.)] in Alexander Grebenarov et al. (eds.) *History of Dupnitsa and the Region of Dupnitsa* (Sofia: Institute for Historical Research, 2015), 73-104.
- “Неосъществените градове в района на Асеновград през османския период: Поповица/Ислямлъ и Конуш Хисаръ” [Unaccomplished Towns in the Region of Asenovgrad in the Ottoman Period: Popovitsa/İslâmlı and Konush Hisarı]. in Grigor Boykov and Damyan Borisov (eds.) *Stenimachos-Stanimaka-Asenovgrad: Contributions to the Study of Continuity and Development of Socio-Economic and Religious History of the City and its Region* (Asenovgrad: Dikov, 2014), 75-104.
- “Architecture as a Symbol of Power: Some Thoughts on the Ottoman Architectural Heritage of Plovdiv (Filibe).” in Maria Baramova, Plamen Mitev, Ivan Parvev, Vania Racheva (eds.), *Power and Influence in South-Eastern Europe, 16th-19th c.* (Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2013), 67-85.

- “The Waqf and the Complex of Şihabeddin Paşa in Filibe.” In Burhan Ersoy (ed.), *Balkanlarda Osmanlı Vakıfları ve Eserleri Sempozyumu, İstanbul-Edirne 9-11 Mayıs 2012* (Ankara: Vakıflar Genel Müdürlüğü Yayınları, 2012), 181-190.
- “Османизацията“ на Пловдив (Филибе) през XV в. - население, градоустройство и архитектура” [The “Ottomanization” of Plovdiv (Filibe) in the 15th c. – population, urban development, and architecture], Годишник на РИМ-Пловдив, 2012, с. 39-67.
- “Reshaping Urban Space in the Ottoman Balkans: a Study on the Architectural Development of Edirne, Plovdiv, and Skopje (14th – 15th centuries).” In Maximilian Hartmuth (ed.). *Centres and Peripheries in Ottoman Architecture: Rediscovering a Balkan Heritage* (Sarajevo: Cultural Heritage Without Borders, 2011), 32-45.
- “In Search of Vanished Ottoman Monuments in the Balkans: Minnetoğlu Mehmed Beg’s Complex in Konuş Hisarı.” In Maximilian Hartmuth and Ayşe Dilsiz (eds.), *Monuments, Patrons, Contexts: Papers on Ottoman Europe Presented to Machiel Kiel* (Leiden: Nederlands Instituut voor Het Nabije Oosten, 2010), 47-67.
- “Balkan City or Ottoman City? A Study on the Models of Urban Development in Ottoman Upper Thrace 15th – 17th c.” in Halit Eren, Sadık Ünay, eds., *Proceedings of the Third International Congress on the Islamic Civilisation in the Balkans 1-5 November 2006, Bucharest, Romania* (Istanbul: IRCICA, 2010), 69-85.
- “Съдбата на Разложката котловина в условията на османска власт (XVI – XIX в.)” [The Fate of Razlog Valley in the Ottoman Period (16th -19th c.).] In Alexander Grebenarov et al. (eds.) *Razlog: History, Tradition, Memory* (Blagoevgrad: Irin-Pirin, 2009), 53-78.
- “Who Established the Town of Tatar Pazarçık in Middle Upper Thrace?.” In Meral Bayrak et al. (eds.), *Uluslararası Osmanlı ve Cumhuriyet Dönemi Türk-Bulgar İlişkileri Sempozyumu, 11-13 Mayıs 2005* (Eskişehir: Osmangazi Üniversitesi, 2005), 261-269.
- “Етно-религиозният облик на османския град Филибе – края на XV – началото на XVI век” [Ethnic and Religious Features of the Ottoman City of Filibe (the End of 15th and the Beginning of 16th c.).] In E. Radushev and Ts. Georgieva (eds.), *Balkan Identities* (Sofia: Open Society Foundation, 2003), 130-151.

Encyclopedia Articles

- “Tatarpazarçığı: Bulgaristan’da Bir Şehir” in *Türkiye Diyanet Vakfı İslâm Ansiklopedisi*, Vol. 40 (Istanbul: Diyanet Vakfı, 2011), 170-172 (with Machiel Kiel).

Forthcoming Book

- *Social Networking in South-Eastern Europe, 15th-19th Century* (Berlin: LIT Verlag) (co-edited with M. Baramova and I. Parvev) ISBN 978-3-643-90866-7 (expected yearly 2021)

Forthcoming Articles

- “Documentary Archaeology in the Study of T-shaped Zaviye/İmarets: Reconstructing the İmaret of Evrenosoğlu Ahmed Bey in Tatar Pazarçık”, accepted for publication in *Südost-Forschungen* (ISSN 0081-9077).
- The Konush Project. Archaeology of an Ottoman small town in Rumelia (A Preliminary Report)”, accepted for publication in *Bulgarian e-Journal of Archaeology Supplements*, vol. 8 (2021), ISSN 2603-3216. (co-authored with Ch. Kirilov, R. Koleva, E. Pencheva, A. Antonov)
- “Conquered by sword, subdued by charity? Geospatial and quantitative analysis of land *waqfs* in Ottoman Bulgaria”, accepted for publication in *Revue des Études Sud-Est Européennes* (ISSN 0035-2063)
- “Alliances of Patrons and Clients: Subduing the Unruly Ottoman Subjects in the Süleymanic Age.” forthcoming in M. Baramova, G. Boykov, I. Parvev (eds.), *Social Networking in South-Eastern Europe, 15th-19th Centuries*

Book in preparation

- *Ottoman Documents from the Athonite Monastery of Zograf*. Volume 1: *Documents from the 15th century*, co-edited with Damyan Borisov, Mariya Kiprovska, and Phokion Kotzageorgis. A text critical publication of Ottoman documents from the archive of the Monastery of Zograf.

Academic Workshop and Conference Participation and Presentation Titles

- “Professional Framework Roundtable”, Situating Ottoman Europe, 6-7 December 2019, Princeton NJ, USA
- “Devising Movement Limitation Coefficients to Simulate Traffic of People, Pack-animals, and Carts on a Geospatial Historical Transport Network for Southeast Europe”, *The Archaeologies of Roads*, 7-8 November 2019, Florence, Italy (with M. Erdem Kabadayi and Piet Gerrits).
- “Qualitative and Geospatial Analysis of the Land *Waqfs* in Bulgaria”, *The Fate of the Waqf Properties in Bulgaria during the Transitional Period from Imperial to National Governance*, 11 October 2019, Sofia, Bulgaria
- “Population Geography: Long Term Changes in Population Densities Mapped on HGIS Digital Elevation Models in Selected Regions of Southeast Europe and West Anatolia, 1840-1880”, *ENCHOS III – Third Meeting of the European Network for the Comparative History of Population Geography and Occupational Structure (1500-1900)*, 27-29 September 2019, Istanbul, Turkey (with Efe Erünal).
- “Conquered by Sword, Subdued by Charity? Geospatial and Socio-Economic Analysis of Islamic Pious Foundations’ Landed Possessions in Ottoman Bulgaria”, *12th AIESEE Congress*, 2-7 September 2019, Bucharest, Romania.
- “From Imperial Borderlands to Core Regions of a New Nation State, a Regional Historical Population Geography of Rural Bulgaria, 1840-1926”, *The 3rd European Society of Historical Demography Conference*, 26-29 June 2019, Pécs, Hungary (with M. Erdem Kabadayi and Uygar Karaca).
- “A Geospatial Analysis of Agricultural Production and Productivity for Southeast Europe, 1840-1940”, *The University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) Symposium 2019. The Geospatial Humanities: Transdisciplinary Opportunities for the GIScience Community*, 10-13 June 2019, Washington DC, USA (with M. Erdem Kabadayi and Piet Gerrits).
- “Geo-Spatial-Mining of Historical Maps and Texts: Comparing 16th-century Ottoman Military Logistics with 19th-century Transport Infrastructure in Southeast Europe”, *Maps in Libraries 2019. First International GeoPortOst Workshop*, 13-14 March 2019, Regensburg, Germany (with M. Erdem Kabadayi and Piet Gerrits).
- “The Zograf Digital Archive at the University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski: History, Achievements, and Perspectives”, *Zograf Monastery and the Athonite Monastic Network during the Ottoman Era*, 23 February 2019, Sofia, Bulgaria (with Damyan Borisov).
- “Marking-up the Zograf Ottoman Archive: How to Convert Ottoman Document into XML Script and Why Should we Do This?”, *Zograf Monastery and the Athonite Monastic Network during the Ottoman Era*, 23 February 2019, Sofia, Bulgaria (with Hristo Hristozov).
- “Researching Inscriptions and Archives in the DH Lab to the University of Sofia: Challenges, Methods and Perspectives”, *DH_Budapest_2018 Conference*, 28-31 May 2018, Budapest, Hungary (with Dobromir Dobrev and Dimitar Iliev).
- “Transport Networks and Surplus Extraction in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire”, *Twelfth European Social Science History Conference*, 4-7 April 2018, Belfast, UK.
- *Does Monastic Economy Matter? Religious Patterns of Economic Behavior*, 11-12 November 2017, international workshop, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- “From an Old Dusty Chest to a Digital Archive: Overview of the Ottoman Documents’ Collection in the Zograf”, *The Zograf Library and Archives: Research Approaches to Digitizing, Cataloguing, and Editing the Sources*, 27-28 October 2017, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- “The Watermarks on the Ottoman Documents in the Archive of the Monastery of Zograf: Possible Usage for Dating Slavic Manuscripts”, *The Zograf Library and Archives: Research Approaches to Digitizing, Cataloguing, and Editing the Sources*, 27-28 October 2017, Sofia, Bulgaria (with rev. Kozma Popovski).

- “From Wallflowers to the Center of Attraction. The Electronic Descriptions of Manuscripts and Archives of Zograf Monastery”, *The Zograf Library and Archives: Research Approaches to Digitizing, Cataloguing, and Editing the Sources*, 27-28 October 2017, Sofia, Bulgaria (with Andrey Boyadžiev).
- “Encouraging Sunnitization in the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Rumili: Halveti-turned Dervish Convents in Thrace”, *(Re)thinking Ottoman Sunnitization, ca. 1450-1700*, 25-26 August, 2017, Budapest, Hungary.
- “West Turns East: Mobility of Taxpayers in Early Modern Ottoman Bulgaria”, *14th International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (ICOSEH)*, 24-28 July, 2017, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- “Collection of Ottoman Documents in the Digital Archive of the Holy Monastery of Zographou (Zograf Monastery)”, *First International Scientific Workshop of the Mount Athos Centre*, 9-10 December 2016, Thessaloniki, Greece (with Phokion Kotzageorgis).
- “The Demographic History of Bulgaria and the Bulgarians in the 19th century. Value and Reliability of the Ottoman Administrative Documents for Reliable Reconstructions of Population History”, *Bulgarians in the Ottoman Empire, 19th century: Concepts, Structures, Personages*, Velingrad, Bulgaria.
- “The Ottoman Archive of the Monastery of Zograf”, *Monastic Libraries and Archives: Research Methods and Strategy in the Study of the Library and the Archive of the Zograf Monastery*, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- “Historical Gazetteer of Ottoman Bulgaria: Research Strategies and Perspectives”, *Digital Ottoman Platform II*, 20-24 June, 2016, Princeton NJ, USA.
- “Architecture of Fifteenth-Century Ottoman Frontier Society”, *Frontiers of Fifteenth-Century Art*, London, UK.
- “Ottoman Thrace in H-GIS SEE at the University of Sofia & Other Digital Projects”, *Digital Ottoman Platform*, 8-12 June, 2015, Princeton NJ, USA.
- “The Carrot & the Stick: the Agents of Early Modern Ottoman Imperial Doctrine”, *Encounters with the “State”*, 25 February 2015, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- “The Registers of Guarantors – Little Known Ottoman Sources for the Demographic History of Thrace in the 18th century”, *Thrace in the Middle Ages and the Ottoman Period: Character and Dynamics of Settlement Networks*, 27-28 November 2014, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- “Ottoman Agents of Urban Morphological Transformation: the T-type Zaviye/imarets of Edirne”, *21st Symposium of the Comité International des Études Pre-Ottomanes et Ottomanes (CIEPO)*, 7-11 October, 2014, Budapest, Hungary.
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