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Current Position **Lecturer at University of Hull, UK**

- Teaching EU Law (convenor), Environmental Law and Regulation, Public Law and Constitution

Research interests

- EU law and regulation, esp. Risk regulation
- Law and Economics, Science and Technology Studies
- Legal theory and Constitutional law

Education

PhD, *European University Institute* (Florence), Law Department

2008-2013

- Thesis title: *The Power of Reason(s): Argumentative Rationality and EU Regulation*. Thesis studies the role of public reasoning and scientific argumentation for the legitimacy of risk regulation in the EU.
- Supervision: Prof. Giovanni Sartor; Examining board members: Prof. Damian Chalmers, Prof. Christian Joerges, Prof. Loïc Azoulais
- Defence – 24 July 2013. Awarded European Law Faculties Association (ELFA) prize, 2014

London School of Economics

Autumn semester 2010

- Visiting researcher

Oxford University

2003 – 2004

- Visiting researcher at the Socio-Legal Studies Centre

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

2000 - 2001

- LLM in Comparative Constitutional Law
- Thesis title - Parliamentary Committees: Scrutiny of the Administration (A Comparative study of the committees of the House of Commons and of the US Congress)

Sofia University, Bulgaria

1993 - 1999

- Master of Laws
- Second major - Cultural Anthropology (Faculty of Philosophy)

Key professional experience**Research Associate**

2013 –2014 *EUDO Citizenship Observatory, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI, Florence*

Lawyer (member of Plovdiv Bar since December 2007)

2007 – July 2008 *Schoenherr Rechtsanwälte GmbH, Sofia office*

- Practice Areas: Real Estate & Construction, European Union Law

2005 – 2007 *Platinum Development and Investment Ltd., Sofia office*

- Due diligence and legal counselling in the acquisition of sites, project finance, construction process and sales to customers.
- Head of the legal team

2007 – present *Green Lawyers, Bulgarian pro bono group working on environmental cases and complaints*

Lecturer (adjunct) – European law and Constitutional law

2005 – 2008 *American University in Bulgaria*

- Designing and teaching various certificate courses at the Center for European Programs at AUBG, Sofia

2004 – 2008 *Institute for Public Administration and European Integration, Sofia*

- Teaching and program design of various courses in history, law and institutions of the European Union
- Authoring or editing various propaedeutical materials on EU law

2006 *Sofia University, Department of Public Administration*

- Teaching one semester course on EU Law and regulation

2005 *New Bulgarian University, Sofia*

- Teaching one semester course on Constitutional law

Chief Legal Advisor

2003 – 2005 *Committee of European Integration, 39th National Assembly*

- Drafting opinions of the Committee on the compatibility of the national legislation with EU law
- Secretary of the *Joint Parliamentary Committee Bulgaria – EU*, responsible for organisation and management of high level meetings, negotiation and inter-institutional communication

- Advisor the representatives of the National Assembly in the *Convention on the Future of Europe*

Publications

(* indicates peer-reviewed publication)

- ***Portrait of the EU as a Rational Man: Collective Reason and Democratic Deficit' (2014) 10 Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy 89**, earlier version is available as *EUI Working Paper*, Law 17/2012.
- **The Turnovo Constitution of 1879 as an Avant-garde Project**, *Liberal Review*, September 2013
- ***Courts as Academies: Balancing of Scientific Arguments in Regulation of Uncertainties** in A. Santosuosso et al (eds), *Proceedings of Law&Science Young Scholars Informal Symposium* (2013), Pavia University Press. Forthcoming also in the *Romanian Review of European Law* (2013), earlier version is available as *EUI Working Paper*, Law 16/2012.
- ***Can Science Tame Politics: The Collapse of the New GMO Regime in the EU** in *European Journal of Risk Regulation*, 2012/2.
- ***Network for a European Demoi-cracy: Are the National Parliaments up to the Job?** in *Croatian Yearbook of European Law and Policy* 7 (2011), 43-67. Earlier version is available as a *EUI Working paper*, Law 20/2009.
- **Taking Reasons Seriously: Containing Arbitrary Power by Cheap Talk**, Harvard University, *IGLP Working paper series* 3/2013
- **Leviathans Welcome!** (Publication Review: C. List & P. Pettit, Group Agency. The Possibility, Design and Status of Group Agents (2011)) in *European Journal of Legal Studies*, 2011, 4, 1, 204-213

Awards and Grants

- European Law Faculties Association (ELFA) prize for a thesis on European Law, 2014.
- Fondazione Maugeri Law and Science Prize, First prize, University of Pavia, May 2012
- IUE scholarship 2008-2012
- Chevening/OSI research grant, 2003
- Soros Scholarship, 2000, for completion of an LLM at CEU
- Open Society Student Excellence Scholarship, awarded three times in 1995, 1996, 1997

Memberships

- Member of the Advisory Board of *European Journal of Legal Studies*
- Member of the European Public Law Institute and rapporteur for Bulgaria
- Alumnus of the Institute of Global Law and Policy (IGLP), Harvard and docent (2014)
- Contributor to EUDO Citizenship Observatory and EUDO Café.

Major trainings

- EUI Teaching Week – an intensive training on basic teaching skills and fundamentals of learning theory, June 2013
- Executive training seminar “Climate Governance: Issues and Institutions” Academy of Global Governance, EUI, 2013
- Institute of Global Law and Policy Workshop, Harvard University, 2012
- Law and Logic Summer School – EUI/Harvard, July 2012
- Executive training seminar “Political Participation in a Globalised World” Academy of Global Governance, EUI, 2012
- Course “Genetics and Law”, European School of Genetic Medicine, Ronzano, Bologna, March 2011
- Training on the Aarhus Convention Compliance Procedures by European ECO Forum, 16-19 December 2008 in Geneva

Organisational experience and civic activities

- Co-founder of *Green Lawyers* – a *pro bono* group of lawyers, working for protection of the environment. Coordination of various campaigns, collaboration with a network of organisations and activists, lobbying at national and European institutions (since 2007 to present)
- Founding member of *The Greens* – Bulgarian political party
- Teamwork experience and leadership skills, gained in agonistic rowing (at EUI and Oxford), Alpine mountaineering and caving
- Rich experience in multicultural environment, acquired during the years of education in international universities as well as during earlier field work and environmental activism at present.

Languages

- Bulgarian – Native
- English – Fluent in reading, speaking and writing
- Russian – Advanced reading, intermediate speaking, basic writing
- Italian – Intermediate reading, basic speaking and writing

Further details and references are available on request