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### Research Interests

First Impressions, Cyber Psychology, Trust, Trustworthiness, Deception, Emotion, Emotional Intelligence, Nonverbal Communication, Face Perception

### Education

2013 PhD in Psychology, Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany

2009 MSc in Neuro-cognitive Psychology, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, Germany

2007 BA in Integrated Social and Cognitive Psychology, Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany

### Academic Positions

2020–present – Researcher, Psychology Department, Institute for Population and Human Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

2013–2020 Postdoc/Researcher/Lecturer, Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany

### Research Projects (last 10 Years)

FP7 International transdisciplinary project [“eCUTE: Education in Cultural Understanding, Technologically-Enhanced”](#) (2010–2013)

FP7 International transdisciplinary project [“CYBEREMOTIONS: Collective Emotions in Cyber Space”](#) (2009–2013)

### Teaching and Supervision

2014–2018 – Lecturer and Mentor in the undergraduate Psychology program at Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany

#### Courses Taught:

- „Methods in Psychology and Neuroscience I” (Fall 2018)
- „Advanced Academic and Professional Skills” (Fall 2018)
- „Learning and Memory” (Fall 2016, 2018)
- „Current Debates in Group Processes and Intergroup Relations” (Spring 2018)
- „Current Debates in Social Cognition” (Spring 2018)
- „Social Neuroscience” (Spring 2014, 2015, 2016)

#### Other:

- „Experimental Design” (уъркшоп за докторанти, зимна ваканция 2017-2018)
- „Visual Empathy” (отделни лекции по покана, есен 2014, 2015)

#### Selected Publications

1. **Tsankova, E.**, Vanman, E. J., & Kappas, A. (2018). Interaction of stereotypical trustworthiness, facial resemblance, and group membership in the perception of trustworthiness and other traits. *Journal of Trust Research*, 8, 31–44. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21515581.2018.1453824>
2. Krumhuber, E., **Tsankova, E.**, & Kappas, A. (2016). Examining subjective and physiological responses to norm violation using text-based vignettes. *International Journal of Psychology*, 53, 23–30. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ijop.12253>
3. **Tsankova, E.** & Kappas, A. (2016). Facial skin smoothness as an indicator of perceived trustworthiness and related traits. *Perception*, 45, 400–408. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0301006615616748>
4. Krumhuber, E. G., Swiderska, A., **Tsankova, E.**, Kamble, S. V., & Kappas, A. (2015). Real or artificial? Intergroup biases in mind perception in a cross-cultural perspective. *PLoS ONE* 10, e0137840. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0137840>
5. Olk, B., **Tsankova, E.**, Petca, A. R., & Wilhelm, A. F. X. (2014). Measuring effects of voluntary attention: A comparison among predictive arrow, colour and number cues. *The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology*, 67, 2025–2041. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17470218.2014.898670>
6. Ahn, J., Borowiec, A., Buckley, K., Cai, D., Chmiel, A., Czaplicka, Dąbrowski, G., Garas, A., Garcia, D., Gobron, S., Hillmann, R., Hołyst, J., Kappas, A., Küster, D., Mitrovic, M., Paltoglou, G., Pirker, H., Rank, S., Schweitzer, F., Sienkiewicz, J., Skowron, S., Sobkowicz, P., Thalmann, D., Thelwall, M., Theunis, M., **Tsankova, E.**, & Weronki, P. (2011). CyberEmotions: Collective emotions in cyberspace. *Procedia Computer Science*, 7, 221–222. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.procs.2011.09.076>