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Research Interests

First Impressions, Cyber Psychology, Human-AI Interaction, 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 Maximilian University, Munich, Germany

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

Academic Positions

2022–present Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Institute for Population and Human Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

2020–2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Psychology, Institute for Population and Human Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

2013–2012 Postdoctoral Fellow/Lecturer, Jacobs University Bremen, Bremen, Germany

Research Projects (last 10 Years)

Principal Investigator, "Meta Accuracy of First Impressions Online", project financed by the The Bulgarian National Science Fund at the Ministry of Education and Science of Bulgaria, National Scientific Program "Petar Beron. Science and Innovation with Europe" (Petar Beron and NIE), contract КП-06-ДБ-3

Research Fellow, FP7 International transdisciplinary project [“eCUTE: Education in Cultural](#)

[Understanding, Technologically-Enhanced](#)” (2010–2013)

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

Teaching and Supervision

2020–present Guest Lecturer at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Invited Lectures within:

XII National Workshop for Doctoral Students and Young Researchers in the Social Sciences (2020)

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Teaching Institute for High School Students

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

Courses Taughts:

“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” (workshop for doctoral students, Intersession 2017-2018)

“Visual Empathy” (invited lectures, Fall 2014, 2015)

Selected Publications

Tsankova, E., & Tair, E. (2022). Meta-accuracy on the Internet: Initial tests of underlying dimensions, contributing factors, and biases. *Frontiers in Psychology, 13*, 837931.

<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2022.837931>

Tsankova, E., & Tair, E. (2021a). Meta-accuracy of very first impressions: A mini review.

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E-methodology, 7(7), 140–150. <https://doi.org/10.15503/emet2020.140.150>

Цанкова, Е., & Таир, Е. (2021). Мета точността на първите впечатления онлайн. В С.

Джонев, В. Стоянов, Г. Карастоянов, Е. Герганов, Е. Таир, Й. Зографова, К. Гайдаров, М. Бакрачева, П. Калчев, Р. Георгиева, & Т. Янчева (Ред.), *Българско списание по психология: Доклади от IX Международен конгрес по психология 2020 г., бр. 1* (стр. 78–83). Дружество на психолозите в Република България.

http://psychology-bg.org/wp-content/uploads/Sp_br-14-sekcia-1-final-za-pe4at.pdf

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(1), 31–44.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/21515581.2018.1453824>

Krumhuber, E., **Tsankova, E.**, & Kappas, A. (2016). Examining subjective and physiological responses to norm violation using text-based vignettes. *International Journal of Psychology*, 53(1), 23–30. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ijop.12253>

Tsankova, E. & Kappas, A. (2016). Facial skin smoothness as an indicator of perceived trustworthiness and related traits. *Perception*, 45(4), 400–408.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/0301006615616748>

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(9), e0137840. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0137840>

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(10), 2025–2041.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/17470218.2014.898670>