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| Research Interests |
| Sociology of racism, nationalism and ethnicity, social stratification, social inequalities, social exclusion, Sociology of education, Sociology of health, Sociology of labour, migrations |
| Education |
| <p>1980-1984 – PhD in Sociology, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”</p> <p>1974-1978– Master Degree in Philosophy and Sociology, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”</p> |
| Academic Positions |
| <p>2012 – present – Professor, IPHS, BAS</p> <p>2000 – May, 2012 – Associate Professor, IPHS, BAS; Centre for Demographic Studies, BAS; Institute of Sociology, BAS</p> <p>1997 – 2000 – Assistant Professor, Institute of Sociology, BAS</p> <p>1990 – 1997 – Expert on ethnic and religious issues, Office of the President of Republic of Bulgaria</p> <p>2010-2019 – Chair of Scientific Council, IPHS, BAS</p> <p>2020 – present - Head of Research Unit “Reproduction Processes and Population Structures“, IPHS, BAS</p> |
| Research Projects (last 5 Years) |

1. "The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Roma and residents of large urban ghettos" 2020-2022, funded by BAS, In partnership with FRA, Project Leader.
2. "Measures to overcome the demographic crisis in the Republic of Bulgaria", Leader of the research team „Vulnerable ethnic and religious groups and communities“, 2017-2018.
3. "Early child development of Roma children from vulnerable families in the municipality of Sungurlare", project № BG05M9OP001-4.003-0030 C01 funded by OP HRD - MLSP, 2018-2020, Project Leader.
4. "Good practices in the field of early childhood development and integrated health and social services in Finland", project № BG05M9OP001-4.003 "Cross-border partnerships", 2018-2020, funded by OP HRD - MLSP, 2018-2020, Project Leader.
5. The image of Roma in the six most visited Bulgarian Internet websites, 01.01.2016 - 31.12.2017, Project Leader.
6. Evaluation of the Bulgarian-Swiss Program for the Promotion of Social Inclusion of Roma and Other Vulnerable Groups (ZOV Program) / Evaluation of the Bulgarian-Swiss Program for Social Inclusion of Roma and Other Vulnerable Groups "Health and Education for All" - ZOV). Contract № 99 / 23.10.2018, 2018-2019, Project Leader.
7. Relationship between Mass Privatization and Premature Mortality in Russia (PRIVMORT), VII EU R&D Framework Program. Head of the scientific part of the project - Prof. Lawrence King, Cambridge University (2016-2017).
8. “Social innovations for effective social inclusion of disadvantaged Roma women”, project BG “BG05M9OP001-4.001-100- C01-”, procedure BG05M9OP001-4.001, “Transnational and Danube Partnerships for Employment and Growth” under Operational Human Resources Development Program 2014-2020, Project Leader.
9. External evaluation of the implementation of the National Strategy for Roma Integration - 2016, financed by the Council of Ministers, Contract MS-50 / 09.08.2017, Project Leader.
10. Migration experience and change in attitudes towards work, education, gender and family relations of the Bulgarian Roma, Funded by: BAS, Program for young scientists, Position: Academic Supervision.
11. Integrated model for cooperation with vulnerable groups: Stopping the marginalization of the Roma in Kyustendil by creating a model for community development. NBU Agreement / 15.01.2016, Project Leader.

Teaching and PhD Supervision

Supervisor to Enitsa Pchelarova, doctoral student in Sociology, IPHS-BAS, Demography Department, since January 2020.

Selected Publications (10 in the last 10 Years)

MONOGRAPHS:

Tomova, I., L. Stoytchev, M. Ivanov, 2020. *Demographic Imbalances and Social Inequalities between the Large Ethnic Groups in Bulgaria*. Sofia: Prof. Marin Drinov Publishing House of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Tomova, I., V. Zhechev, 2015. *Implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategy and Other National Commitments in the Field of Health: Bulgaria. A multi-stakeholder perspective report on 2005 – 2014 developments* IOM. http://equi-health.eea.iom.int/images/NRIS_Bulgaria_final.pdf

Cherkezova, S., Tomova, I., (2013). *An Option of Last Resort? Migration of Roma and Non-Roma from CEE Countries*. Bratislava: UNDP.

Tomova, I., Nikolova, S. (2011). *Roma Health Status and Access to medical services*. Marin Drinov BAS Publishing House (Илона Томова, Станислава Николова, 2011. В огледалото на различието: Здравен статус и достъп на ромите до здравеопазване. София: Академично издателство „Проф. Марин Дринов“), (340).

OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS AND PERIODICAL:

Tomova, I. 2013. ‘Bulgaria: The Persistent Challenges to Roma Education.’ In: SUDOSTEUROPA Mitteilungen, 06/ 2013 (34-47).

Tomova, I. , V. Angelova, 2013. Women and Violence in the Intimate Partnership in Roma Communities. Sofia: IMIR, 2013/ Илона Томова, Виолета Ангелова, 2013. Жените и насилието в интимното партньорство в ромските общности (136).

Tomova, I. Social Exclusion of Roma during the Post-Communist Period. In: „Население“2013/5-6 (7-30).

Tomova, I. What if This Belgium Were in Bulgaria?! Migration of the Roma from Bulgaria to Belgium. In: „Население“2013/5-6 (145-174).

Tomova, I. , L. Stoytchev. Roma Representations in the District of Razgrad. In: „Население“2013/5-6 (175-186).

Tomova, I. 2013. ‘The unwanted people – prejudices and stereotypes, discrimination and social exclusion. Analysis of the situation of Roma in Bulgaria’. In: Devetak, S. (Ed.) 2013. Tackling Stereotypes and Prejudices between Roma and Non-Roma in the EU Member States: Bulgaria, Italy, Romania and Slovenia. Maribor: ISCOMET. (17-58)

Tomova, I. 2013. 'Attitudes and Stereotypes towards the Roma in the District of Razgrad, Bulgaria'. In: Devetak, S. (Ed.) 2013. Tackling Stereotypes and Prejudices between Roma and Non-Roma in the EU Member States: Bulgaria, Italy, Romania and Slovenia. Maribor: ISCOMET. (189-201).

Tomova, I. , L. Stoytchev, S. Cherkezova, 2013. 'Introductory Comparative Analysis of the Main Results in Bulgaria, Italy and Slovenia'. In: Devetak, S. (Ed.) 2013. Tackling Stereotypes and Prejudices between Roma and Non-Roma in the EU Member States: Bulgaria, Italy, Romania and Slovenia. Maribor: ISCOMET. (177-188).