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Research Interests

Tolerance for ambiguity; Creative personality and creative motivation; Creative problem solving and decision making; Creativity measurement and evaluation; Development of creativity; Creativity at school; Gifted children

Education

1991-1993 – PhD in Psychology, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

1982-1985 – Specialisation in Cultural Studies, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

1979-1984 – Master Degree in Psychology & French language, Sofia University “St. K.Ohridski”

Academic Positions

November 2018 – present – Professor, IPHS, BAS

March – October 2018 – Associate Professor, IPHS, BAS

2004 – 2007, Associate Professor, Institute of Psychology, BAS

1994 – 2004, Assistant Professor, Institute of Psychology, BAS

1992-2020 – Lecturer, Department of Cognitive Science and Psychology, New Bulgarian University (Adjunct Faculty)

Research Projects (last 5 Years)

Study of the creative thinking skills and creative motivation in the students of UNITY Academy during the 2017-2018 academic year

The study was requested and funded by the “FOUNDATION” Foundation in the period from 1.11.2017 to 31.07.2018. Its realization asked for: elaboration of the research design; gathering a team of psychologists to carry out the test (December 2017) and the re-test (May 2018); scoring of the tests, data analyses, and presentation and interpretation of the findings. Project’s outcomes involve a 44-pages research report delivered to the funding agency; a summary of the study results which is published on the Academy’s website (<https://unity.bg/bg/proekt-razvitie-na-detskoto-tvorchesko-mislene/>); and a presentation of the study and its findings to the parents of the participating students (17.11.2018)

Teaching and PhD Supervision

New Bulgarian University – Courses on *Psychology of Personality* and *Psychology of Creativity* for the English -language BA Program in Psychology (2014 – 2020); course on *Creativity in Organisations* for the MA Program in Organisational and Social Psychology (2013 – 2018); courses on *Psychology of the Creative Personality, Education and Creativity*, and *Social Ecology of Creativity* for the BA Program in Psychology (1992- 1996; 2007-2013); courses on *Psychology of the Creative Personality* for the MA Program in Theatre Arts (2000) and on *Development of Creativity* for the European students’ exchange program ERASMUS (2001).

IPHS – BAS: Supervision of the PhD candidate Anet Marinova – Mitova, 2019-2022.

Selected Publications (10 in the last 10 Years)

Books

Stoycheva, K. (2018). *De Daumier-Smith and the Creative Thinking*. Sofia: Paradigma (in Bulgarian).

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Stoycheva, K. (2011) Intolerance, uncertainty, and individual behaviour in ambiguous situations. In: K. Stoycheva and A. Kostov (Eds.) *A Place, a Time and an Opportunity for Growth*. Bulgarian Scholars at NIAS (pp. 63-73). Veliko Tarnovo: FABER Publishing House.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Stoycheva, K., Popova, K. (2019). Tolerance/Intolerance of Ambiguity: Assessing Its Perceived Importance. *Psychological Research*, Volume 20, Number 3, 629-640.

Stoycheva, K., Stetinski, D., Popova, K. (2014). Studies on the validity of Ivan Paspalanov's questionnaire for measuring rigidity, *Bulgarian Journal of Psychology*, No 4, pp. 27-46 (in Bulgarian)

Stoycheva, K., Stetinski, D., Popova, K. (2013). Age and education differences in personality rigidity and its components. *Psychological Investigations*, No1, pp. 59-70 (in Bulgarian).

Stoycheva, K., Stetinski, D., Popova, K. (2008). Torrance's Creative Motivation Scale: Reliability and construct validity of its Bulgarian form. *Psychological Investigations*, No1, pp. 215-230 (in Bulgarian).

Papers in Scientific Conference Proceedings

Stoycheva, K., Petkova, K. (2019). Education, learning, and creativity. In: "Social Psychology and Society: History and Present", Collection of materials of the All-Russian scientific-practical conference with international participation in memory of the academician of the Russian Academy of Education A.V. Petrovsky (October 15-16, 2019). Moscow: MSUPE.

Stoycheva, K. (2014). Research and measurement of ambiguity tolerance in the workplace. In: *Proceedings of the VII National Congress of Psychology* (pp. 41-53), Sofia (in Bulgarian).

Stoycheva, K., Stetinski, D., Popova, K. (2011). The study of rigidity in personality: Featuring Ivan Paspalanov's questionnaire for measuring rigidity (*Proceedings of the VI National Congress of Psychology*), 3-4, 136-142 (in Bulgarian).

Stoycheva, K. (2010). Tolerance for ambiguity, creativity, and personality. *Bulgarian Journal of Psychology (SEERCP 2009 Conference Papers, Part Two)*, 1-4, 178 - 188.