

# CURRICULUM VITAE

**Petar Cholakov**

## **I. Personal Information**

**Title:** Mr., Dr.

**Surname:** Cholakov

**Forenames:** Petar Georgiev

## **II. Qualifications**

**PhD in Political Science** (2009), the University of Sofia, Bulgaria.

**MA in Political Philosophy – The Idea of Toleration** (2004), the University of York, the United Kingdom.

**MA in Political Science – Foreign Policy and National Security** (2002), the University of Sofia, Bulgaria.

## **III. Areas of Specialisation and Competence**

**Specialization in:** foreign policy and national security; conflict resolution; legal analysis in the field of human rights; history of political thought; contemporary political philosophy.

**Competence in:** Conflict resolution – contemporary ethnopolitical conflicts in Bulgaria and the Balkans; EU Politics, especially political parties and political lobbyism; legal analysis in the field of human rights; history of political thought – expertise in mediaeval, nineteenth century and contemporary political ideas; contemporary political philosophy (in particular J. Rawls and D. Gauthier).

## **IV. Appointments and professional activities**

**October 2012 – February 2013.** Senior lecturer at the University of Sofia, “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Department of Philosophy.

**October 2011 till present.** Senior lecturer in Political Conflicts (tenure/permanent position), at the Department of “Social control and conflicts”, the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge (the former Institute of Sociology), the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

**September 2011 till present.** Senior lecturer at the Department of Political Science, University of National and World Economy, Sofia (non-tenure teaching position).

**October 2009 – February 2010.** Internship (lawyer-*stagiaire*) at the European Commission, “Action against Discrimination” Unit (DG Employment).

**October 2005 – December 2008.** Lecturer at the University of Sofia, Department of Politics.

**October – December 2003.** Hansard Research Scholar at the BBC Westminster Political Research Unit, London. The results of my research during the internship were summarised in a 10 000 words dissertation: *BBC through the Prism of the Hutton Inquiry*.

**October – December 2003.** Hansard/Chevening Scholar at the London School of Economics and Political Science. I specialised in “Democracy and Public Policy in the EU” with special emphasis on the UK.

**July – October 2001.** Researcher. I worked on the project “The Performance of the Multilateral System in Promoting Energy Efficiency in Central and Eastern Europe”, sponsored by the World Bank.

**March – November 2000.** Intern in the Programme for Parliamentary Monitoring “Students’ Watch”. I worked with two MPs at the Bulgarian National Assembly.

## **V. Publications**

### **A. Publications on ethnic conflicts and security**

#### **Books:**

*Political Institutions and Ethnic Conflicts in Bulgaria*, forthcoming.

#### **Articles:**

1. Cholakov, P. (2017) ‘Perspectives for the Populist Radical Right in Bulgaria’, in *40 Years of Department of Sociology at the University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski* (conference papers). In print.

2. Cholakov, P. (2016a) ‘The Bulgarian Populist Radical Right: Origins, Characteristics, Tendencies’, in *Party Systems, Political Order and Constitutional Reforms: Experiences and Perspectives of the Balkan Countries*. In print.

3. Cholakov, P. (2016b) ‘Genesis, Characteristics and Ideological Profile of Populist Radical Right in Bulgaria’, in *Political Science Facing the Global and National Challenges at the Beginning of the Twenty-first Century*, edited by G. Iankov, pp. 289-96, (Sofia: University of National and World Economy).

4. Cholakov, P. (2016c) ‘The Ethnic Underclass: the Paper Tower of Roma integration in Bulgaria’, pp. 152-172, (*Sociological Problems*), [in English].

5. Cholakov, P. (2015) ‘Is the “Bulgarian Ethnic Model” Doomed?’, in *Reshaping Politics and Ideology: in Bulgaria, Europe and the World*, edited by M. Mirchev, pp. 200-11 (Sofia: University of National and World Economy).

6. Cholakov, P. (2014a) ‘Contemporary Ethnopolitical Conflicts in Bulgaria: Legal Dimensions’, *Sociological Problems*, special issue incorporating the papers presented at the international conference “*Civil Society, Politics, Solidarity: the Contribution of Social Sciences*”, Sofia, Bulgaria, 28-29 October 2013.

7. Cholakov, P. (2014b) ‘Canalizing Ethnopolitical Conflicts in Bulgaria: the Role of Legislation and Judicial System’, *Intégration et Voisinage Européens*, dirigée par Radovan Gura et Gilles Rouet, (Paris: L’Harmattan, Collection Local & Global), pp. 77-100, ISSN: 2257-3690.

8. Cholakov, P. (2013a) ‘The Bulgarian Ethnic Model and the End of the “End of History”’, in Kertikov, K. (2013), ed. *Bulgarian National Values, Statics and Dynamics in the Process of European Integration*, (Sofia: Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, BAS), pp. 253-64.

9. Cholakov, P. (2013b) 'The Institutional Approach to Ethnic Conflicts and its Significance for Bulgaria', in *Ethnic Dimensions of Social Integration*, V. Zlatanova, ed., available from <http://www.omda.bg/> (in Bulgarian), 2013.

10. Cholakov, P. (2013c) 'Ethnic Relations, Conflicts and Security: the Bulgarian Ethnic Models', *Papers Presented at the National Conference under the Auspice of the President of Bulgaria "National Security: Current Problems, Questions and Solutions"*, Sofia, Bulgaria, 21-22 October 2013 (Sofia: Sofia Security Forum).

11. Cholakov, P. (2001) 'Shifting the Nuclear Scene', paper presented at the International Conference "Future in the Making: Opportunities...Choices...Consequences", April 24-29, 2001, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary.

### **In preparation, forthcoming in 2017**

1. Political Parties and Ethnic Conflicts in Bulgaria after 1989

2. Bulgaria and the Ukrainian Crisis

## **B. Publications on history of political thought and political philosophy**

### **Books**

Cholakov, P. (2013) *Punishment for Tyrants: the Protestant and the Liberal Doctrines of Resistance*, 252 p., Sofia: The Bulgarian Academy of Science "Marin Drinov" Publishing House, 2013<sup>1</sup>.

### **Articles**

1. Cholakov, P. (2016a) 'The Influence of Roman Law on Mediaeval Bulgarian Constitutionalism', *Constitutional Moments: Founding Myths, Charters and Constitutions through History*, (Brill Publishers), in print.

2. Cholakov, P. (2016b) 'John of Paris on Property and Resistance', *Philosophical Alternatives*, vol. 5, 2016, pp. 5-15.

3. Cholakov, P. (2015) 'The Development of John Locke's Ideas on Toleration', *Balkan Journal of Philosophy*, Vol 7, №2, 2015, pp. 187-194.

4. Cholakov, P. (2013a) 'The English Constitutionalism and the Puritanism', *Philosophical Alternatives*, vol. 5, 2013, pp. 40-55.

5. Cholakov, P. (2013b) 'The Role of Rationality in the Formulation and the Compliance with the Principles of Justice' [on John Rawls], *Balkan Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 2, 2013, pp.191-98.

6. Cholakov, P. (2012) 'George Buchanan and the Resistance to the Crown in Scotland', *Philosophical Alternatives*, No 5, 2012.

7. Cholakov, P. (2011) 'Thoreau – the Poet and the Preacher', *Political Studies*, No 1-2, pp. 123-32, 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> Link to the website of the publisher and the book <http://www.baspress.com/book.php?l=b&id=1064> (retrieved January 29, 2014)

8. Cholakov, P. (2010) 'Locke on Dissolution of Government', *Philosophy*, No 1, pp. 48-57, 2010.
9. Cholakov, P. (2008a) 'The Rational Foundation of Resistance: St. Thomas and Cicero', *Reason*, No. 1-2, pp. 63-76, 2008.
10. Cholakov, P. (2008b) 'The Roman Law as Political Weapon', *Political Studies*, No. 1, pp. 99-113, 2008.
11. Cholakov, P. (2006) 'The Political Project of Marsilius of Padua', *Philosophy*, No. 6, pp. 19-28, 2006.
12. Cholakov, P. (2005) 'Beyond Indifferent Things: John Locke on Separation of Church and State and Toleration', *Reason*, No. 2, pp. 12-27, 2005.
13. Cholakov, P. (2003) 'Protestant and Liberal Doctrines of Resistance against Power', *Reason*, No. 2, pp. 104-124, 2003.
14. Cholakov, P. (2000) 'Philosophic and Technical Life of the Human Being: Four Reflections' [on Marx, Weber, Malaparte and the Frankfurt School], *Philosophy*, No. 4, pp. 21-29, 2000.
15. Cholakov, P. (1999) 'Max Weber: Rationalism and Removing of the World', *Philosophy*, No. 4, pp. 3-10, 1999.

#### **In preparation, forthcoming in 2015**

1. 'John of Salisbury on the Anatomy of Political Body'

#### **C. Conference Papers**

1. Conference "40 Years of Department of Sociology at the University of Sofia St. Kliment Ohridski", March 10-11, 2017, University of Sofia, paper 'Perspectives for the Populist Radical Right in Bulgaria'.
2. Conference "Constitutional Moments: Founding Myths, Charters and Constitutions Thorough History", University of Barcelona, Spain, October 19-21, 2016, paper: 'The Influence of Roman Law on Mediaeval Bulgarian Constitutionalism'.
3. Conference on "Party Systems, Political Order and Constitutional Reforms: Experiences and Perspectives of the Balkan Countries", Ravda, Bulgaria September 8-10, 2016, paper: 'The Bulgarian Populist Radical Right: Origins, Characteristics, Tendencies'.
4. Conference on "Political Science Facing the Global and National Challenges at the Beginning of the Twenty-first Century", 23-24 November 2015, University of National and World Economy, paper: 'The Genesis of Populist Radical Right in Bulgaria'.
5. Conference on *Middle Class, Education, Employment: the Contribution of Social Sciences*, organized by ISSK BAS and Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 4-5 November 2015, the University of Sofia "St. Kliment Ohridski", paper: "The Ethnic Underclass: the Paper Tower of Roma Integration in Bulgaria".
6. Conference on *Future Global Social Trends*, RAND Corporation/BAS Conference, BAS 25-27 March 2015, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, paper: „Contemporary Challenges Facing the Ethnic Relations in Bulgaria”.

7. Conference on *Restructuring the Political and Ideological Dimensions: In Bulgaria, Europe and the World*, 27-28 November 2014, University of National and World Economy, paper: "Is the Bulgarian 'Ethnic Model' Doomed?".

8. Conference on *European Citizenship and Integration, 7 and 10 Years After*, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Matej Bel University, Banska Bystrica, Slovak Republic, April 23 2014, paper – „Legal Aspects of Integration of Ethnic Minorities in Bulgaria”.

9. Conference on *Civil Society, Politics and Solidarity; the Contribution of Social Sciences*, ISSK, BAS and Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Sofia, October 28-29, paper – „Contemporary Ethnopolitical Conflicts in Bulgaria: Legal Dimensions”.

10. Conference on *National Security: Pressing Issues, Approaches, Solutions*, BAS, 20-21 October 2013, paper: "Ethnic Relations, Conflicts and Security: the Bulgarian Ethnic Models”.

11. Conference on *Bulgarian National Values under the Conditions of Political Crisis*, 20-21 March, 2013, ISSK, BAS, paper – “The Institutional Approach to Ethnic Conflicts and its Importance to the Bulgarian Case”.

12. Conference *Harmonization of Bulgarian National Values with the Values of the EU*, 10-11 May 2012, paper 'The Bulgarian Ethnic Model and the End of the End of History”.

13. Conference *Future in the Making: Opportunities...Choices...Consequences*, April 24-29, 2001, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, paper – 'Shifting the Nuclear Scene’.

#### **D. Political journalism, articles in the mass media, interviews**

1. Cholakov, P. (2015a) "The Result of the Compromise: the MRF Saddled Its White Horse", 24 July 2015, *Dnevnik*, <http://www.dnevnik.bg> <http://www.dnevnik.bg> (webpage accessed on 30 July 2015).

2. Cholakov, P. (2015b) "The Paper Tower of Roma Integration", 1 July 2015, *Dnevnik*, <http://www.dnevnik.bg> (webpage accessed on 1 July 2015).

3. Cholakov, P. (2015c) The Ethnic Conflict in Bulgaria: interview with Petar Cholakov, Bulgarian National Radio, in "Grafiti po vuzduha", 25 June 2015, <https://www.youtube.com> (webpage accessed on 1 July 2015).

4. Cholakov, P. (2015d) "The Unnecessary Tree: A Story about Us, Institutions and Ethnic Relations", *Dnevnik*, 16 June 2015, <http://www.dnevnik.bg> (webpage accessed on 16 June 2015).

5. Cholakov, P. (2015e) "The Phantom of Ethnic Conflict", *Liberalen pregled*, <http://librev.com> (webpage accessed on 9 June 2015).

6. Cholakov, P. (2012) "Zygmunt Bauman Received an Award from the Institute of Societies and Knowledge", *Sociological Problems*, No 3-4, 2012, p. 361.

7. Cholakov, P. (2000) "Political Lobbies in Bulgaria", *Capital*, a weekly newspaper, issue 22, p. 23, June 2000.

**For the complete list of my articles in the on-line paper "Dnevnik", where I write regularly, please visit my profile page (in Bulgarian): <http://www.dnevnik.bg>**

## **VI. Research projects**

1. May 2015 until present – *The Populist Radical Right in Bulgaria*
2. April 2012-2014, completed – *Political Institutions and Ethnic Conflicts in Bulgaria*

## **VII. Membership in Scientific Organizations**

1. January 2015 until present – The European Society for the History of Political Thought, based at the European University Institute, Florence Italy. Since October 2016 – member of the executive committee (elected), see <https://europoliticalthought.wordpress.com>
2. November 2016 until present – Member of the Bulgarian Sociological Association,

## **VIII. Stipends and Awards**

1. **January 2005 – January 2008.** Full scholarship from the University of Sofia supporting my PhD studies.
2. **August 2003** – FCO/OSI/Hansard Chevening Scholarship for specialization during the autumn semester, 2003 (29<sup>th</sup> September to 19<sup>th</sup> December) at the London School of Economics and Political Science.
3. **July 2003** – ORS award (United Kingdom Scholarship for International Research Students) for PhD studies at the University of York.
4. **June 2002** – Open Society Institute/Foreign and Commonwealth Office (OSI/FCO) Chevening (Full) Scholarship to study for an MA at: the Department of Political Science, the University of York.
5. **May 2002** – Open Society Institute/Foreign and Commonwealth Office (OSI/FCO) Chevening (Full) Scholarship to study for an MA at the Department of Political Science, the University of Manchester.
6. **March 2002** – Open Society Institute (Full) Scholarship for the MA programme in Politics, Central European University – Budapest, Hungary.
7. **October 2000** – Awarded the scholarship “High Academic Achievements” by the Open Society Foundation in Bulgaria.
8. **October 1999** – Awarded the scholarship “High Academic Achievements” by the Open Society Foundation in Bulgaria.

## **IX. Translations**

I translated essays and speeches by distinguished American and British politicians and academics for the compendium *Conservatism* (published by the Centre for the Study of Democracy, Sofia, 2000). I translated articles on political parties by Bartolini, Mair, Schmitter, Daalder, Gunther and Diamond. These were published in the compendium *Political Parties* (Centre for the Study of Democracy, 2005). I currently work on the new Bulgarian translation of *Leviathan* by Thomas Hobbes and the monograph *Natural Law* by A. P. d’Entreves.

## X. Languages

**Bulgarian** – mother tongue. **English:** speaking, reading, writing – fluent. **French:** speaking, reading, writing – fluent. **German:** speaking, reading, writing – good. **Russian:** speaking, writing – good; reading – fluent. **Latin:** reading, writing – good. **Ancient Greek:** reading, writing – good.