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Personal Information

Name: Kamelia Petkova Tsvetkova-Nedyalkova

Date of Birth: 8 October 1975

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Education

PhD in Sociology

2004 Doctoral dissertation: *Entrepreneurial Strategies for Competitiveness* Degree awarded by the Scientific Committee 12 of the Institute of Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (Protocol No. 4, 8 March 2004).

Master of Economics (Economic Sociology)

1999-2003, Master's Degree in Economic Sociology, Professional Field: Economics, Professional Qualification: Master of Economics.

Research Interests:

Social Stratification; Digital, Ethnic and Regional Inequalities; Migration; Local Communities; Local Festivals; Poverty; and Vulnerable Groups at Risk (including Roma, women, refugees, third-country nationals, children, and other vulnerable populations).

Professional Experience

January 2026 – Present

Associate Professor, Section Stratification, Inequalities and Mobility, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS)

2005 – January 2026	**Chief Assistant Professor**,, Section Stratification, Inequalities and Mobility, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS)
2004	**Research Sociologist**, Section *Sociology of Labour and Social Policy*, Institute of Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS)
2004	**Part-time Teaching Assistant in Economic** Sociology University of National and World Economy (UNWE), Sofia, Bulgaria
Teaching Experience:	**Economic Sociology Department** of Sociology, University of National and World Economy (UNWE), Sofia, Bulgaria
Professional Memberships	**Member of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria**.

Academic Activities

Publications

2026: Petkova, K. Digital Exclusion as a Risk to Social Security: Empirical Evidence from Vulnerable Urban Communities in Bulgaria. *Security and Defence*, Issue 1, pp. 238–255. ISSN 2815-4584 (Online), ISSN 2815-388X (Print). https://doi.org/10.70265/VABK5609

2026: Petkova, K. From the Village Square to the Network: The Digital Transformation of Local Festivals in Small Settlements. *Cultural and Historical Heritage: Preservation, Presentation, Digitalization (KIN Journal), 12(1)*, ISSN 2367-8038, Institute of Mathematics and Informatics – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 48–61. DOI: doi.org/10.55630/KINJ.2026.120104

2026: Zheleva, R., Petkova, K. Employers as Key Actors in Labour Market Integration. *Sociological Problems*: *New Actors of Change in Labour, Politics and Culture*, Vol. 58, Issue 1, 2026, pp. 28–44. Print ISSN: 0324-1572; Online ISSN: 2603-4131. https://doi.org/10.66384/34454013

2026: Petkova, K. Behind the Walls of the City: Social and Economic Dimensions of Segregation in Roma Ghettoized Urban Structures. National Institute of Geophysics, Geodesy and Geography, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, 2026. ISBN 978-954-9649-21-5, 353 pp. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.20080358

2026: Petkova, K. The Festival as a Praxis of Values: Cultural Practices and Social Cohesion in Small Settlements**.** *Philosophical Alternatives*, Issue 2, 2026, pp. 118–133. ISSN: 0861-7899. https://doi.org/10.58945/YPTK5504

2026: Petkova, K. Spatial Dimensions of the Integration of Third-Country Nationals in Bulgaria: Employers' Attitudes and Barriers. *Problems of Geography*, Vol. 16, Issues 1–2, 2026, pp. 124–142. E-ISSN: 1314-3700. https://doi.org/10.7546/PG.1-2.2026.06

2026: Petkova, K. *Voices from the Ghetto: Stories of Loneliness, Stigma, and Belonging in Six Bulgarian Cities.* In: Balkanistic worlds, Vol. II, Issue 1**,** ISSN 3033-1358 (Online), 102-121.https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18130483

2026: Petkova, K. Spatial Segregation, Urban Inequalities, and Roma Communities: Mapping an Emerging Research Field. GeoStudies Vol. 3: 13-26.ISSN 3033-0238 (online) https://doi.org/10.3897/geostudies.3.e193286

2026: Petkova, K. Care under Conditions of Segregation: The Boundaries of Institutional Responsibility in Roma Ghettoized Urban Structures. *NotaBene*, No. 73, 2026. ISSN 1313-7859.

2025: Petkova, K. Local Festivals in Small Settlements: The "Soft" Power of Proactive Community Actors. Propeler Publishers, Sofia, 2025. ISBN 978-954-392-813-2, 288 pp.

2025: Zheleva, R., Petkova, K., Zdravkov, S. *Divergent Paths of SME Digitalisation: A Latent Class Approach to Regional Modernisation in the European Union. World (MDPI). 6(4), 144*; 1-20, **https://doi.org/10.3390/world6040144**

2025: Zheleva, R., Petkova, K., Kaiser, M**.** *Labour market gaps in the context of the green transition in Bulgaria and the role of third-country nationals. Papers of BAS, Humanities and Social Sciences, Vol 12. N2, 175-193, ISBN 2603-4832*

2025: Ilieva, N., Petkova, K., Kazakov, B., Stoyanova, V. (2025), Spatial Isolation an Unequal Access to Urban Environment: Roma Ghettoized Structures in Bulgaria as a Challenge to Green Cities. In: Proceedings Books of the 4th Sure World Conference. Istanbul, Turkey, Pen Academic Publishing, ISBN 978-625-93630-1-1, 5-25 https://sureworld.congress.gen.tr/files/kongre/166/editor/sure2025_proceedin.pdf

2025: Petkova**,** K. Digital Inequalities And Regional Disparities In Bulgaria**.** In: Stoilova,R. Petkova, K, Hristova, M. (Ed.) Digital Divide:Inequality And Inclusion In The 21st Century, Iztok-Zapad, 39-54; ISBN 978-619-01-1680-6, https://iztok-zapad.eu/image/catalog/materials/digital-divide-3.pdf

2025: Petkova, K. From isolation to connectivity: Digital inequalities and opportunities for Roma women*. Papers of BAS, Humanities and Social Sciences, Vol 12. N1, 81-98, ISBN 2603-4832*
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2025: Ilieva, N., Petkova, K. (2025). Fertility among Roma in Urban Settings in Bulgaria: Contemporary Trends, Determinants and Social Consequences. GeoStudies Vol. 2: 85-106. ISSN 3033-0238 (online)
doi: 10.3897/geostudies.2.e180731

2025: Poleganova, D., Petkova, K. From the Periphery to Integration: How Roma Neighbourhoods Reveal Urban Inequalities in Bulgaria**.** In: *Contemporary Aspects of*

Geography in the Twenty-First Century. ITI Publishing House, Veliko Tarnovo, 2025, pp. 284–294. ISBN 978-619-7602-93-7.

2025: Petkova, K. Institutional Stigma and Moral Exclusion: Roma Ghettos as Ethical Boundaries in Urban Governance (The Cases of Lom, Asenovgrad, and Ruse). *Ethical Studies*, Vol. 10, Issue 2, 2025, pp. 96–107. ISSN 2534-8434.

2025: Petkova, K. Local Festivals as a Catalyst for Social Cohesion: A Focus on Small Settlements. *Problems of Postmodernity*, Vol. 15, Issue 2, 2025, pp. 164–180. E-ISSN: 1314-3700. https://doi.org/10.46324/PMP2502164

2025: Petkova, K. Between Economic Necessity and Social Distance: The Integration of Third-Country Nationals in Bulgaria**.** *Problems of Postmodernity*, Vol. 15, Issue 3, 2025, pp. 409–429. E-ISSN: 1314-3700. https://doi.org/10.46324/PMP2503409

2025: Petkova, K. The Challenge of Digitalisation from the Perspective of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Barriers or Opportunities? In: Stoilova, R. (Ed.). *Digital Inequalities*. St. Kliment Ohridski University Press, 2025, pp. 78–99. ISBN 978-954-07-6156-5.

2025: Petkova, K., Ilieva, N. Roma Pastors and Informal Education: A Possible Path to Integration? (Evidence from the Ghettoized Structures of Razlog and Blagoevgrad). *Problems of Geography*, Vol. 1–2, 2025, pp. 1–12. ISSN 2367-6671 (Online). https://doi.org/10.7546/PG.1-2.2025.03

2025: Petkova, K. Dimensions of Spatial Segregation in Roma Ghettoized Structures in Large Cities in Bulgaria. *Problems of Geography*, Vol. 1–2, 2025, pp. 1–14. ISSN 2367-6671 (Online). https://doi.org/10.7546/PG.1-2.2025.04

2025: Petkova, K. Life on the Periphery: Patterns of Social Segregation in Roma Ghettoized Structures in Small Cities in Bulgaria. *Problems of Geography*, Vol. 3–4, 2025, pp. 63–83. ISSN 2367-6671 (Online). https://doi.org/10.7546/PG.3-4.2025.03

2025: Petkova, K. Roma Ghettoized Urban Structures in Bulgaria as Transitional Spaces Between the Neighbourhood and the City**.** *Problems of Geography*, Vol. 3–4, 2025, pp. 85–105. ISSN 2367-6671 (Online). https://doi.org/10.7546/PG.3-4.2025.04

2025 : Petkova, K. Migration as a Challenge to the Security and Defence of the European Union: A Sociological Perspective. In: Gradinarov, B. (Ed.). *The Common European Security and Defence Policy and Bulgaria's Place Within It*. Prof. Marin Drinov Academic Publishing House, 2025, pp. 78–92. ISBN 978-619-245-555-2.

2025: Ilieva, N., B. Kazakov., K. Petkova., D. Enikiev, D. Poleganova. Measuring Spatial Segregation of Roma Neighborhoods in Urban Settlements: Case Study of Ruse, Bulgaria. *Journal of the Geographical Institute "Jovan Cvijić" SASA*. Vol. 75 (1), ISSN (e-ISSN): 1821-2808, 121-136. https://doi.org/10.2298/IJGI2501121I

2025: Petkova, K. Isolated Urban Spaces: Roma Gettoized Stuctures as a Spatial and Social Phenomenon. *International Journal Knowledge. Scientific Papers,* Vol. 68.5, Institute of Knowledge Management, ISSN:1857-923X, 681-687.

2025: Petkova, K. Challenges to the Labor Market Integration of Third-Country Nationals in Bulgaria. *International Journal Knowledge. Scientific Papers,* Vol 69.5, Institute of Knowledge Management, ISSN:1857-923X, 897-903.

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2025: Petkova, K. Local Festivals as a Mechanism for the Preservation and Transmission of Intangible Cultural Heritage. *Cultural and Historical Heritage: Preservation, Presentation, Digitalization (KIN Journal), 11(1)*, ISSN 2367-8038, Institute of Mathematics and Informatics – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 58–69. DOI: https://doi.org/10.55630/KINJ.2025.110103

2025: Petkova, K. Community Cultural Centers and the Digital Divide: Between Local Engagement and Systematic Constraints. Cultural and Historical Heritage: Preservation, Presentation, Digitalization (KIN Journal), 11(2), ISSN 2367-8038, Institute of Mathematics and Informatics – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 164-176. DOI: https://www.doi.org/10.55630/KINJ.2025.110213

2025: Petkova**,** K. Digital Inequalities And Regional Disparities In Bulgaria. In: Stoilova,R. (Ed.) Digital Divide:Inequality And Inclusion In The 21st Century, Iztok-Zapad, https://iztok-zapad.eu/image/catalog/materials/digital-divide-3.pdf

2024: Petkova, K. Roma Ghettoized Urban Structures: A Barrier or an Opportunity for Sustainable Urban Development? In: *Proceedings of the International Scientific and Practical Conference "Bulgaria of the Regions 2024"*. Talent Academic Publishing House, Plovdiv; University of Agribusiness and Rural Development, Plovdiv, 2024, pp. 217–227. ISSN 2815-5262
(Online). https://eprints.ugd.edu.mk/36923/1/University%20of%20agribusiness%20and%20rural%20development%202024.pdf

2024 : Petkova, K. Digital Divide and Personal Development Trajectories among Members of the Roma Ethnic Community. *Science & Technologies*, Vol. XIV, No. 5: *Humanities*, 2024, pp. 1–7. ISSN 1314-4111.

2024 : Petkova, K. Community Cultural Centres and Non-Governmental Organisations as Organisers of Local Festivals**.** In: Keliyan, M., Petkova, K., Hristova, S., Marinov, Ch., Medarov, G. *Local Festivals as a Resource for Local Communities in Addressing Crises*. Orion Press, 2024, pp. 172–202. ISBN 978-954-9771-XX-X.

2024 : Petkova, K. Digital Technologies: A Barrier or a Driver for the Involvement of Job Seekers from the Roma Community in the Shadow Economy**.** In: Chengelova, E. (Ed.). *The Factor Determination of the Shadow Economy in Bulgarian Society: Empirical Research, Findings, Interpretations and Policy Recommendations*. Prof. Marin Drinov Academic Publishing House, 2024, pp. 108–116. ISBN 978-619-245-413-5.

2024 : Petkova, K. Is the Transition from a Linear to a Circular Economy Possible under the Conditions of the Widespread Adoption of Digital Technologies? An Empirical Perspective

from Employers. In: *Proceedings of the Third Annual Scientific Conference: Economic Transformation in the Context of the Green and Digital Transition – Trends and Challenges*. Friedrich Ebert Foundation, 2024, pp. 55–70. ISBN 978-619-7666-60-1.

2024: Petkova, K. The Local Festivals as an Instrument for the Cultural Expression of the Roma and Turkish Community. *International Journal Knowledge,* Vol. 66.5, Institute of Knowledge Management, *ISSN:1857-923X, 549*-551.

2024: Petkova, K. (2024). The Local People an Important and Indispensable Actor in the Process of Organizing and Conducting Local Festivals. *International Journal Knowledge. Scientific Papers,* Vol. 63.5, Institute of Knowledge Management, ISSN:1857-923X, 635-641.

2024: Petkova, K. Volunteering as a Form of Social Cohesion in the Organization and Running of Local Festivals. *International Journal Knowledge. Scientific Papers,* Vol 64, Institute of Knowledge Management, ISSN:1857-923X, 681-687.

2024: Petkova, K. Barriers To Access To Digital Technologies For People From The Roma Community. *International Journal Knowledge,* Vol. 65.5, Institute of Knowledge Management, ISSN:1857-923X, 537-544.

Participation in National Research Programmes and Projects

February 2025 – Present

National Research Programme "Critical and Strategic Raw Materials for the Green Transition and Sustainable Development". Implemented by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Project Leader: Prof. Emilia Chengelova, DSc. **Position:** Research Sociologist.

December 2025 – Present

Project: *Impacts of the Global Sustainability Transformation on the Economy and Society: Climate Migration and Environmental Awareness*, funded by the Bulgarian National Science Fund (Ministry of Education and Science), Contract No. KP-06-PN95/25 (BG-175467353-2025-08-0153), Type 2. Project partner: Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Project Leader: Prof. Rumyana Zheleva, DSc. Position: Research Sociologist.

December 2024 – Present

Project: *Current Aspects of the Integration of Non-EU Workers in Bulgaria*, funded by the Bulgarian National Science Fund (Ministry of Education and Science), Contract No. KP-06-PN85/39 (BG-175467353-2024-11-0262), Type 1. Implemented by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Project Leader: Prof. Rumyana Zheleva, DSc. Position: Research Sociologist.

November 2021 – September 2025

Project: *Digital Divide and Social Inequalities: Levels, Actors and Interactions*, funded by the Bulgarian National Science Fund (Ministry of Education and Science), Contract No. KP-06-PN55/16 (2021). Implemented by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Project Leader: Prof. Rumyana Stoilova, DSc. Position: Research Sociologist.

November 2022 – Present

Project: *Spatial Models of Roma Ghettoized Structures in Bulgaria*, funded by the Bulgarian National Science Fund, Contract No. KP-06-N65/7 (2022). Implemented by the National Institute of Geophysics, Geodesy and Geography, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Project Leader: Prof. Nadezhda Ilieva. Position: Research Sociologist.

July 2025 – June 2026

Project: *Application of the ROIT Methodology in NPDZ Training Courses.* Commissioned by the Centre for Human Resources Development and Regional Initiatives (CHRDRI), Ministry of Labour and Social Policy. Position: Research Sociologist.

November 2024 – December 2024

Training Needs Assessment of the Staff of the Centre for Human Resources Development and Regional Initiatives (CHRDRI). Commissioned by the Centre for Human Resources Development and Regional Initiatives (CHRDRI), Ministry of Labour and Social Policy. Position: Research Sociologist.

November 2020 – December 2024

Project: *Local Festivals as a Resource for Local Communities in Addressing Crises*, funded by the Bulgarian National Science Fund, Contract No. KP-06-H45/5 (30 November 2020). Implemented by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Project Leader: Prof. Maya Keliyan, DSc. Position: Research Sociologist.

November 2017 – June 2021

Project: *Refugees in Bulgarians' Perceptions: Fears, Understanding and Empathy*, funded by the Bulgarian National Science Fund, Contract No. DN15/3 (11 December 2017). Implemented by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Project Leader: Prof. Tanya Nedelcheva, DSc. Position: Research Sociologist.

Participation in Internationally Funded Projects

February 2024 – February 2027

Project: BG05SFPR002-1.005-0001-C01 *Partnership for Change*, funded under the Human Resources Development Programme 2021–2027**,** under a contract with the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI). Position: Key Expert – Sociologist.

May 2023 – January 2024

Project: *Evaluation of Innovative Transnational Projects under the Human Resources Development Operational Programme 2014–2020*, under a contract with MB Assist Ltd., contractor of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy. Position: Research Sociologist.

April 2023 – May 2023

Project: BGJUSTICE-4.002-0016 *Enhancing Capacity and Awareness of Domestic and Gender-Based Violence in the South Central Region*, funded under the Justice Programme of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014–2021, under a contract with Babel Bulgaria Association. Position: Expert Sociologist.

December 2022 – May 2023

Project: BG05SFOP001-2.025-0165 *Monitoring Local Policies in the Municipality of Sadovo for the Effective Inclusion and Participation of Roma through Partnership-Based Governance with Citizens and Business*, funded under the Good Governance Operational Programme 2014–2020, co-financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund, under a contract with MB Assist Ltd. Position**:** Expert Sociologist.

March 2023 – June 2023

Project: BGJUSTICE-4.002-0009 *RE-ACTION through Information against Domestic and Gender-Based Violence*, funded under the small grant scheme of the Justice Programme of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014–2021, under a contract with MB Assist Ltd. Position**:** Research Sociologist.

November 2022 – August 2023

Project: BG05SFOP001-2.025-0106-C01 *Digital Democracy in Action*, funded under the Good Governance Operational Programme 2014–2020, co-financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund, under a contract with Babel Bulgaria Association. Position: Expert in Qualitative and Quantitative Research.

August 2022 – June 2023

Project: BG05SFOP001-2.025-0032-C01 *SMART: Stimulating Production with a Green Horizon*, funded under the Good Governance Operational Programme 2014–2020, co-financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund, under a contract with the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI). Position: Key Expert – Sociologist.

November 2021 – June 2023

Project: BG05SFOP001-1.128-0002-C01 *Be Digital*, funded under the Human Resources Development Operational Programme 2014–2020**,** co-financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund, under a contract with the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI). Position: Key Expert – Sociologist.

July 2021 – February 2022

Project: *Evaluation of the Effectiveness, Efficiency and Impact of Measures for the Socio-Economic Integration of Marginalised Communities, with a Focus on Roma*, under a contract with Prime Consulting Ltd. Position: Key Expert 1 – Research Sociologist (Qualitative and Quantitative Research).

March 2022 – May 2022

Project: *Final Impact Evaluation of the Innovative Tools Developed for Target Groups*, implemented within the project *Support for Increasing the Adaptability of Employees and Enterprises to Changing Economic Conditions*, funded under the Human Resources Development Operational Programme**,** under a contract with Babel Bulgaria Association. Position: Research Sociologist (Qualitative and Quantitative Research).

December 2019 – August 2022

Project: BG05M9OP001-1.051-0004-C01 *Sustainable Employment and Prevention of Workforce Turnover*, funded under the Human Resources Development Operational Programme**,** co-financed by the European Union through the European Social Fund, under a contract with the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI). Position: Key Expert 1 – Quantitative Methods, Data Processing and Statistical Analysis.

Participation in Scientific Forums

2025: „Challenges to the Labor Market Integration of Third -Country Nationals in Bulgaria“. *48 International Scientific Conference "Knowledge without Broders"*, 03-06.04.2025, Istanbul, Turkey.

2025: „Spatial Isolation and Unequal Access to Urban Environment: Roma Ghettoized Structures in Bulgaria as a Challenge to Green Cities ". *4th SURE World Conference "Cities Under Global Social Transformations: Embracing Change for a Greener Future"* 16-19.07. 2025, Istanbul, Turkey.

2025: „Spatia l Models of Roma Urban Ghettoized Structures in Bulgaria: Case Study of Ruse, Asenovgrad and Lom“. ISAR 10. International Marmara Scientific Research and Innovation Congress, 27-28.07. 2025, İstanbul, Turkey.

Participation in Scientific Conferences

2024 – "Roma Ghettoized Urban Structures: A Barrier or an Opportunity for Sustainable Urban Development?". Paper presented at the International Scientific and Practical Conference "Bulgaria of the Regions 2024"**,** University of Agribusiness and Rural Development, 21–22 November 2024, Plovdiv, Bulgaria.

2024 – "Digital Divide and Personal Development Trajectories among Members of the Roma Ethnic Community."Paper presented at the International Online Scientific Conference organised by the Union of Scientists – Stara Zagora, 6 June 2024, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria.

2024 – "Is the Transition from a Linear to a Circular Economy Possible under the Conditions of the Widespread Adoption of Digital Technologies? An Empirical Perspective from Employers." Paper presented at the Third Scientific Conference of the Institute for Social and Trade Union Research and Training (ISTURT)**,** organised with the support of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, 26 September 2024, Sofia, Bulgaria.

2024: „The Local Festivals as an Instrument for the cultural Expression of the Roma and Turkish Ethnic Community". *XLVII International Scientific Conference "The Power of Knowledge",* 03-06.10.2024, Perea, Greece.

2024: „The Local People an Important and Indispensable Actor in the Process of Organizing ang Conducting Local Festivals". *XLIV International Scientific Conference "Knowledge Without Borders"*, 29-31.03.2024, Sokobanja, Serbia.

2024: „Volunteering as a form of social Cohesion in the organization and running of Local Festivals" *XLV International Scientific Conference "The Teacher of The Future"*, 23-26.05.2024, Budva, Montenegro.

Language Skills

- **Bulgarian** – Native
- **English** – Upper-Intermediate (B2)