

Associate Professor (Dozent) Maria Stoicheva



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## About me

Maria Stoicheva received her doctorate in philosophy at Sofia University. Her thesis examined the problem of reference, and it was the first comprehensive study in Bulgaria of a major topic in analytic 20<sup>th</sup> century British philosophy in Bulgaria. She has taught analytic philosophy, the philosophy of language and 20<sup>th</sup> century British philosophy at an undergraduate and graduate level. Her teaching at the Department of European Studies began at the time of its establishment in 1999. Prior to that, she taught in the Faculty of Philosophy and the Faculty of Classical and Modern Languages.

Maria Stoicheva's research involves language and education policies, identity and European identity cross-referring to work in philosophy, cultural studies, linguistics and pedagogy. Her recent publications cover languages, multilingualism, language education and policy, second language and foreign language learning, applied linguistics, translation and interpretation and research methods.

Maria Stoicheva is Vice Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at Sofia University. The Faculty includes Degree programmes in eight academic areas: philosophy, psychology, sociology, political science, cultural studies, library and information science, public administration and European studies and is the largest faculty in Bulgaria in the area of social sciences and the humanities with a long and distinguished reputation for developing and educating world-class graduates. She is the Director of the Master's Programme "European Projects".

Dr Stoicheva is an independent expert to the Council of Europe, as a Member of the Bureau of the European Validation Committee to the Language Policy Division in the field of European language policy and to the European Commission, DG for Education and Culture. Her work as a member of the bureau in cooperation in education and culture, intercultural dialogue, and country language profiles, generated a continuing interest and a series of publications in various aspects of European education integration and cooperation, including European identity, and multilingualism. Dr Stoicheva has worked as project director, expert team leader and consultant on numerous EU and CoE international projects, on pre-accession projects on transition issues such as the reform and modernisation in the higher education sector, educational integration of people in disadvantaged situations, including Roma children, and other issues.

PhD students:

Penka Razhankova. The EU Policy of Multilingualism

## **Main teaching**

BA European Studies/ BA Philosophy:  
European Cultural identity  
Contemporary Political Philosophy  
Philosophy of Language  
EU terminology

MA European Projects/ European Integration/ Linguodidactics/ English Language and Communication:

European language policy  
European education policy  
Evaluation and monitoring of European projects  
Quality management of EU projects in education and culture  
Introduction to Philosophy of Language

## **External collaboration:**

Visiting Professor, The Wittgenstein Archive, University of Bergen, Norway. EEC Grants. 2011  
Visiting Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford University. Michaelmas and Hilary Term 2007-2008  
St. John's College, Oxford. Open Society Fund, 2006  
Visiting Erasmus lecturer at the University of Murcia, Spain. 2003-4  
Exeter College, Oxford. Oxford Hospitality Scheme Fellow, 2000  
Visiting researcher. Trinity College, Dublin. EU Research grant, 1999  
Visiting researcher. Uppsala University, Swedish Institute Research grant. 1996

## **Funded Research**

Recent funded research  
Identity and Culture in Wittgenstein Philosophy. EEC Grants. 2011  
The Language education profile of Bulgaria. Scientific Research Fund. Sofia University. 2009-2010  
The language profile of Sofia University students. Scientific Research Fund. Sofia University. 2010  
Citizens Talk about Europe. Scientific Research Fund. Sofia University. 2009-2011.

## **Publications**

Her books include the following:

*Language Policies. Bulgaria – Europe* (Sofia University Press, 2011, forthcoming)  
*European Perspectives* (Sofia University Press, 2008)  
*European Language Policy* (Sofia University Press, 2006)  
*Ludwig Wittgenstein and Analytic Philosophy* (ed.) (Sofia University Press, 2005)  
*Language and the World: The Problem of Reference* (Sofia University Press, 2003)  
*The Philosophy of Oxford Today* (ed.) (Sofia University Press, 1996).

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