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Education

Dates: **April 2011 – July 2014**
Title of qualification awarded PhD in Economics and Management (Thesis' title "Economic Aspects of Peacekeeping Operations")
Name of Institution Department of National and Regional Security, UNWE

Professional Career

Dates: **30/11/2020 – Present** – Senior Assistant Professor

Courses taught:

Undergraduate: Defence and Security Management

Graduate: Peace Operations; Refugee and Forced Migration; European Security Architecture; Crisis Management and Sustainable Development

Name of institution: Department of National and Regional Security (DNRS), University of National and World Economy (UNWE), Sofia, Bulgaria

Dates: **01/03/2024 – Present** – Scientific Secretary of Department of National and Regional Security

Name of institution: Department of National and Regional Security, UNWE

Dates: **28/11/2022 – Present** – Manager at SDSN Bulgaria

Dates: **June 2024 – Present** – Member of the Faculty Committee for the Promotion and Evaluation of Scientific Research Activity

Name of institution: Economics of Infrastructure Faculty, UNWE

Dates: **February 2020 – November 2020** – Visiting Lecturer

Name of institution: Department of National and Regional Security, UNWE

Dates: **May 2020 – November 2020** – Senior Expert at Center for Research and Educational Projects

Names of institution: UNWE

Dates: **February 2016 – February 2020** – Full-time Assistant Professor and Researcher

Name of institution: Department of National and Regional Security, UNWE

Dates: **March 2015 – January 2016** – Visiting Lecturer

Name of institution: Department of National and Regional Security, UNWE

Other

Dates: **07/04/2025 – 11/04/2025** - Visiting lecturer

Name of institution: Università degli Studi Niccolò Cusano, Rome, Italy

Dates: **25/09/2023 – 24/11/2023** – Visiting lecturer

Name of institution: Università degli Studi di Perugia, Perugia, Italy

Dates: **03/04/2023** – Visiting lecturer (online)

Name of institution: Department of Political Sciences, LUISS "Guido Carli", Rome, Italy

Dates: **27/03/2022 – 01/04/2022** – Visiting lecturer

Name of institution: Department of Political Sciences, LUISS "Guido Carli", Rome, Italy

Dates: **26/04/2021 – 30/04/2021** – Visiting lecturer (Erasmus+ Teaching Mobility (online))

Name of institution: University of Salamanca, Spain

Dates: **January 2020** – Visiting lecturer

Name of institution: Higher School of Security and Economics, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Dates: **June 2019** – Consultant (E4J Integrity & Ethics Champions Programme)

Name of institution: Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Dates: **20/05/2019 – 25/05/2019** - Visiting lecturer (Erasmus+ Teaching Mobility)

Name of institution: War Studies University, Warsaw, Poland

Dates: **January 2018** – Consultant

Name of institution: Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

Dates: **28/03/2017 – 31/03/2017** – Visiting lecturer (A short-term teaching assignment (8 hours of teaching) under Erasmus+ Teaching Staff Mobility Program)

Name of institution: Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Calabria, Italy

Dates: **November 2014 – February 2016** – Customer Support and Retention
Name of company agent (including Sales and Risk evaluation activities)
Mansion Group Limited

Education

Dates: **April 2011 – July 2014**
Title of qualification awarded PhD in Economics and Management (Thesis' title "Economic Aspects of Peacekeeping Operations")
Name of Institution Department of National and Regional Security, UNWE

Dates: **October 2008 - October 2009**
Title of qualification awarded Master's degree in Defence and Security Economics
Name of Institution Department of National and Regional Security, UNWE

Dates: **September 2004 - June 2008**
Title of qualification awarded Bachelor's degree in Defence and Security Economics
Name of Institution Department of National and Regional Security, UNWE

Additional Courses

Dates: **03/11/2025 – 07/11/2025** – CSDP Orientation Course (OC), organized by the European Security and Defence College and G. S. Rakovski National Defence College, Sofia, Bulgaria

Dates: **13/12/2019 – 20/12/2019** – 'Different Ships' – Partnership Building Seminar on raising awareness and fostering knowledge on different migrants and refugee' cultures and using cultural encounters as a positive tool of youth exchanges according to KA1 of Erasmus+ programme, Manchester, UK

Dates: **28-06/2018 – 30/06/2018 and 13/07/2018 – 14/07/2018** – Professional Certificate (40 hours) in Security Management per Operatori in Aree di Crisi e Conflitto (in Italian), organized by Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Milan, Italy

Dates: **06/04/2018 – 07/04/2018** – "Monitoraggio e valutazione nell'aiuto umanitario" (in Italian), intensive course organized by Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Milan, Italy

Dates: **27/11/2017 – 01/12/2017** – NOHA Winter School on "The Humanitarian-Development Nexus", University of Pavia, Pavia, Italy

Dates: **10/07/2017 – 16/07/2017** - Transparency International School on Integrity: Anti-corruption and accountability training, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania

Dates: **19/06/2017 – 23/06/2017** – Participant in the 9th Annual Summer Institute for Faculty in Peace Studies Program Development: Teaching Peace in the 21st Century, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, USA

Dates: **30/05/2016 – 07/06/2016** – Social Roadmap to Employment, Learning Mobility Project under the EU's programme Erasmus +, London, UK

Dates: **27/04/2015 – 08/05/2015** – Fellow at Joint ICTP-IAEA International School on Nuclear Security, Trieste, Italy

Dates: **22/09/2013 – 22/10/2013** - Internship at the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Bulgaria to UN, OSCE and the other international organisations in Vienna, Vienna, Austria

Dates: **July - September 2013** - Training course under the EU programme "Youth in Action", Craiova, Romania (conducted within two weeks in July and September 2013)

Dates: **April 2013** - A short-term scientific mission at the University of Bradford under Project BG051PO001-3.3.06-0032 Training of PhD students - innovators, visionaries, target-analysts and achievers – an investment with European dimension” under the Operative Program „Human Resources Development” (2007-2013)

Dates: **April 2012 - May 2012** - A short-term scientific mission at Institut für Friedenssicherung und Konfliktmanagement (IFK), Vienna, Austria, under the EU project COST Action IS 0805 - New Challenges of Peacekeeping and the European Union’s Role in Multilateral Crisis Management (Scientific Supervisor: Dr. Markus Gauster)

Projects **International projects:**

01/10/2024 – 30/09/2026 – EDU-ANTI-CORR “Development and implementation of anti-corruption educational programs for universities in Bulgaria, Greece and Croatia”, project No. 2024-1-BG01-KA220-HED- 000249851 (*Position: Researcher*).

01/09/2023 – 31/08/2026 - Diversity and Inclusivity in Security Studies, Project code: 2023-1-BG01-KA220-HED-000154615 (*Position: Project coordinator*)

15/06/2023 – 15/12/2023 - 202301-69805 “Developing Controls for R&D Involving Dual-Use Technologies: Internal Compliance Programme Tools”, funded by CRDF GLOBAL (*Position: Researcher*).

17/01/2022 – 16/05/2022 – Project BG05M2OP001-2.016-004-C01 – Economic Education in Bulgaria 2030 (Outbound mobility for training, teaching and research of young scientists, teachers and researchers)

March 2021 – December 2022 - ERMIScom – Common curricula for diversity: education in media and integration of vulnerable groups. Funded within the framework of Erasmus+ programme (KA2-Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education, Nr 2020-1-EL01-KA203-07898) (*Position: Researcher*).

04/06/2019 – 28/06/2019 – Education for Justice (E4J) Integrity & Ethics Champions Programme, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC

2018 - *Religion and Conflict Prevention in the OSCE Context*, a project of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions (contribution as a member of Center for Strategic Studies in Defense and Security at the UNWE). The final report can be found at: https://osce-network.net/fileadmin/user_upload/publications/Religion_and_Security-Building_in_the_OSCE_Context_final.pdf.

August 2016 – August 2018 – Study of Nuclear Security Culture in Medical Facilities in Bulgaria’, IAEA Coordinated Research Project ‘J02007’ – ‘Development of Nuclear Security Culture Enhancement Solutions’.

July 2016 - Protracted Conflicts in the OSCE Region: Building Security and Cooperation in the Conflict Zone, OSCE Network Workshop on Innovative Approaches to Protracted Conflicts, held on 4th July in Vienna, Austria

National projects:

12/12/2025 – 05/12/2028 – Management of Mixed Migration Flows in the Republic of Bulgaria: Between the Existing Paradigm and the Need for a Strategic Approach, КП-06-ПН95/19, funded by the Bulgarian National Science Fund at Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Bulgaria (Position: Project Leader)

21/10/2021 – December 2025 – National Scientific Program „Security and Defence”, launched with Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 731 of 21 October 2021. (<https://nsp.secade.bg/>).

30/03/2021 – 30/03/2023 – КП-06-ДК2/2 от 30.03.2021 г. „Моделиране, анализ и оптимизация на социално-икономическите мерки за намаляване на негативните последици от пандемията COVID-19, финансиран по програма „Фонд Научни изследвания“ с тематично направление „Социални, икономически и образователни аспекти на пандемията COVID-19.

2013 – Project BG051PO001-3.3.06-0032 Training of PhD students - innovators, visionaries, target-analysts and achievers – an investment with European dimension” under the Operative Program „Human Resources Development” (2007-2013)

University of National and World Economy Projects:

16/01/2023 – 31/06/2025 – НИД НИ-16/2023/В “База от данни за изчисляване на индекс, измерващ склонността към нелегална търговия с тютюневи изделия” (Database for the calculation of an index measuring the propensity for illegal trade in tobacco products).

2013 – 2014 - Contemporary Tools for Security Assessment (Original title „Съвременен инструментариум за оценяване на сигурността”, № НИД НИ 1 – 9/2013 г.

2011 - Social-Economic Aspects of Human Trafficking

2011 - Economic Aspects of Terrorism

Volunteer work:

12/02/2014 – 11/10/2014 – EVS Volunteer
Diapason Cooperativa Sociale A R.L. – Onlus, Monza (MB) / Milan (MI), Italy – European Voluntary Service funded by the European Commission (I worked for 8 months as a volunteer in a day center for boys and girls aged 13 to 18, usually removed from their family of origin by court decree)

Other:

06/06/2025 – Chair at *Workshop: Integrating Sustainable Development Goals into Real World: Challenges and Opportunities*, The 8th International Conference on Economics and Social Sciences Exploring Global Perspectives: The Future of Economics and Social Sciences, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania.

15/05/2024 - Guest Speaker at *Festival dello Sviluppo Sostenibile 2024 – Only one*, organized by Luiss Guido Carli Università di Roma.

03/12/2020 – Speaker at *Education for Justice (E4J) Global Dialogue Series: Anti-Corruption Education in universities in Central Asia and Eastern Europe (Part 1)*, organized by the Academy of General Prosecutor’s Office of Uzbekistan and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

09/08/2018 – 10/08/2018 – Participant at *First lecturer workshop related to the UNODC's University Modules on Integrity and Ethics*, held at the University of Oxford's Centre for the Study of African Economies

21/09/2017 - Speaker at *62nd Congress of the International Police Association* held in Albena, Bulgaria

Publications

Dimitrov, A., & Pavlov, V. (2026). Refugee Access To Education In Bulgaria: Challenges And Opportunities. *Central European Journal of Public Policy*, 20(1), 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.34135/cejpp.315>

Dimitrov, A. (2026). Language Skills in UN Peace Operations - A Narrative Literature Review. *Language, Individual & Society* 19, 145-153. <https://doi.org/10.62991/LIS1996765936>.

Dimitrov, A., & Penkova, T. (2025). The EU's Approach to Irregular Migration in the Contemporary Fragile Context: An Effective Model?. *Connections: The Quarterly Journal*, 23(3), 9-26. (Original work published 2024). <https://doi.org/10.11610/Connections.23.3.01>.

Dimitrov, A. (2025). *The Role of Bulgaria in Maintaining International Peace and Security – Prospects and Challenges* (in Bulgarian). In Gradinarov, B. (Ed.). *The Common European Defence and the place of Bulgaria in it*. Prof. Marin Drinov Publishing House of BAS, 161-179.

Dimitrov, A. (2025). *The impact of armed conflicts on food security in achieving the SDGs* (in Bulgarian). UNWE Academic Publishing House. 166 p. ISBN: 978-619-232-911-2.

Kamil Mikhail, A., Ramazzotti, M., Dimitrov, A. (2025). *Guidelines for the security of humanitarian workers in risk areas* (in Bulgarian). Nova zvezda. ISBN 978-619-198-197-7.

Dimitrov, A. (2024). Refugee Employment in Bulgaria: Why National Integration Policy Matters. *Journal of International Scientific Publications: Economy & Business*, Vol. 18, pp. 97-109. <https://doi.org/10.62991/EB1996487196>.

Dimitrov, A. (2024). Promoting Sustainable Development through Higher Education: The Case of Bulgaria. *Educational Alternatives*. Vol. 22, pp. 31-42.

Dimitrov, A. (2024). *Peace Operations* (in Bulgarian). UNWE Publishing House. ISBN 978-619-232-827-6. *Original title: Операции в подкрепа на международния мир и сигурност.*

Dimitrov, A., & Pavlov, V. (2023). Economic Challenges to Ukrainian Refugee Integration in Central and Eastern Europe. *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs*, 9(3), 98-118. <https://doi.org/10.47305/JLIA2393089d>.

Dimitrov, A. (2023). The impact of armed conflicts in the MENA region on irregular migration to Bulgaria (in Bulgarian). In *The Migration risk facing the Republic of Bulgaria: Collection of reports from a seminar held within the framework of the National Scientific Program "Security and Defense"*, pp. 44-52.

Dimitrov, A., & Pavlov, V. (2023). EU-third countries cooperation in managing irregular migration. *International Scientific Journal Security & Future (2)*. Scientific Technical Union of Mechanical Engineering – Industry 4.0 Bulgaria, pp. 46-48.

Dimitrov, A., Pavlov, V. (2023). Mixed Migration After the Taliban Takeover in Afghanistan: State Capacity and Public Perceptions in Bulgaria. *Journal Dve domovini*. 2023(57). <https://doi.org/10.3986/dd.2023.1.02>.

Dimitrov, A. (2023). Providing military assistance to Ukraine: ethical concerns and economic aspects in the EU. *V Forum Internazionale del Gran Sasso: Un nuovo Rinascimento per l'Europa: il ruolo della ricerca e della formazione*. Università di Teramo, pp. 767-784.

Dimitrov, A., Arutunyan, A. (2023). *The Impact of EU Funds on Social Policy and Methodologies for the Evaluation of their Use* in S. Tsolakidou (co- ord.). *Social policies of Vulnerable Groups and the Media*, p. 180-191.

Dimitrov, A., Arutunyan, A. (2022). *Ethical Approach to Trauma*, in S. Tsolakidou (coord.) *Vulnerable Groups and Trauma*, e-book 4 (pp. 159-167) in ERMIScom project, *Common curricula for diversity: education in media and integration of vulnerable groups*. Athens: National Kapodistrian University of Athens.

Dimitrov, A., Pavlov, V. (2022). *Covid-19 Impact on Higher Education: Perceptions among University Teachers in Bulgaria*. *Educational Alternatives*, Vol. 20, 73-84

Dimitrov, A. (2022). *COVID-19” pandemic: Rethinking defence spending in Bulgaria*. UNWE Yearbook. 01/2022. Publishing House – UNWE, 25-39. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37075/YB.2021.1.02>

Dimitrov, A. (2021). *Industrial and Economic Espionage* (in Bulgarian). in Dimitrov, D. et al. *Corporate Security* (in Bulgarian). Publishing House - UNWE, 125-142

Dimitrov, A. (2021). *Corporate Personnel Security* (in Bulgarian). in Dimitrov, D et al. *Corporate Security* (in Bulgarian). Publishing House - UNWE, 339-351

Dimitrov, A. (2021). *Corporate Security and Organized Crime* (in Bulgarian). in Dimitrov, D. et al. *Corporate Security* (in Bulgarian). Publishing House - UNWE, 404-416

Dimitrov, A. (2020). *Demographic processes and their significance for the national security of the Republic of Bulgaria* (in Bulgarian). *Infrastructure & Communications*.

Dimitrov, A. (2020). *Teaching Peace Studies at the Higher Education Level in Bulgaria: an exotic idea or a necessity*. Journal of International Scientific Publications. Educational Alternatives, Volume 18, pp. 45-59, ISSN 1314-7277.

Dimitrov, A. (2020). *Looking to the Future: The Bulgarian Higher Education System as a Deterrent to Brain Drain*. Returning migrants. European and Bulgarian perspectives. Proceedings of a scientific conference. Sofia, 28.02.2020. Publishing House – UNWE, 160-173, ISBN 978-619-232-346-2

Dimitrov, A. (2019). *Resistance to change: a major obstacle to the management of institutional change in the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Bulgaria* (in Bulgarian). Proceedings of the round table on “Management of institutional change”, Publishing House – UNWE, 103-112, ISBN 978-619-232-269-4

Dimitrov, A. (2019). *Challenges of Fighting Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products in Bulgaria*. International Conference on Combating Illicit Tobacco Trade and Related Crimes, UNWE Publishing Complex, pp. 136-150, ISBN 978-619-232-220-5

Dimitrov, A., Angelov, G. (2017). *Refugee Integration in the EU: Challenges and Economic Impact*, Economic Alternatives, Issue 4, pp. 584-600

Remler, P., Dimitrov, A., Goda, S., Jüngling, K., Kemoklidze, N., Lebanidze, B., ... & Schmidt, H. J. (2016). *Protracted Conflicts in the OSCE Area: Innovative Approaches for Co-Operation in the Conflict Zones*. Centre for OSCE Research at the Institute for Peace and Security Policy (IFSH) at the University of Hamburg, ISBN 978-3-00-055097-3

Dimitrov, A. (2017). *Migration towards the EU: myths and realities* (in Bulgarian). Economic challenges: migration, globalization, sustainability, policies: international scientific conference. Sofia. 21-22 October 2016. Publishing House - UNWE, 99-105, ISBN 978-954-644-986-3

Dimitrov, A. (2015). *International Peace Operations* (in Bulgarian). (monography), Publishing House – UNWE, ISBN: 978-954-644-811-8

Dimitrov, A. (2014). *The impact of participation in peace operations on national security* (in Bulgarian) in Tsvetkov ed. Modern tools for security assessment. Part 1, monograph of the Department of "National and Regional Security" and the Center for Strategic Studies in Defense and Security. Publishing House – UNWE, c. 187-201

Dimitrov, A. (2013). *Bulgaria's role in operations in support of international peace and security* (in Bulgarian). Proceedings of the International Scientific Conference “Globalism, Regionalism and Security”. 19 – 21.09.2013, Ravda. Publishing House – UNWE, 453-461

Research interests Peace and conflict studies, refugee and migration studies, ethics and integrity, Higher education

Languages Bulgarian (native)
English (C1)
Italian (C1)
Spanish (A1)
German (A1)