

Curriculum Vitae

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Summary

Researcher in Human Geography, Geopolitics, Migration, Mobility, Borders, Economic/Regional Development. PhD in European Migration and Border Studies and Economic and Regional Development.

Author of a Book on Migration and Borders, focusing on Maghreb and the Balkans; among the first Scholars who investigated the Balkan Route in 2012.

In deep research of: Moroccan-Algerian (2010), Bulgarian-Greek (2011), Bulgarian-Serbian (2011), Bulgarian-Turkish (2013), Slovakian-Ukrainian (Hungarian) (2019) border areas; Caucasus Borders; Migration and Regional Development (2009, 2015, 2017), Regional Development of Eastern Slovakia (2019) and Ukraine (2018, 2019, 2023). Knowledge of several foreign languages. Participation in Green Engineering Projects.

Main interests: European Borders and Migrations, Legal and illegal Migration, Refugees, Skilled, Return and Circular Migration, Border Permeability, Diaspora, Sustainable outsourcing, Green Innovation.

Date of Birth: 03.12.1984, Sofia, Bulgaria

Citizenship: Spanish, Bulgarian

Marital status: Single

Education and Degrees

- 14.07.2014 – PhD in Migration Studies: “Return and Cyclic Migration in condition of Economic crisis: the Spanish case”, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), Madrid, Spain
- 26.10.2010 – Master in International Relations of Contemporary Arab World, UAM, Madrid, Spain
- 05.08.2008 – Master in Human Geography, UAM, Madrid, Spain
- 03.09.2007 – Erasmus Student, Dep. Geography, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Germany
- 30.06.2006 – Bachelor in Geography, UAM, Madrid, Spain
- 31.05.2003 – Bachelor in Social Sciences, High School J. Ferrán, C. Villalba, Madrid, Spain.

Linguistic skills: Bulgarian, Spanish (mother tongues),
English (fluent, IELTS score 7), German (fluent, German school)
Russian, Ukrainian, Italian (intermediate level),
Serbo-Croatian, Turkish, Georgian (basic)

Academic Activities and Main Achievements

- Since January 2023 – Maria Zambrano research fellow at the Dep. Geography, UNED, Madrid, Spain.
- Since July 2020 – Lecturer at Al-Fihri Open University, Tallinn, Estonia – Contemporary Migration Phenomena.
- March 2019 – July 2019 – Visiting postdoctoral researcher at the Institute of Geography, University of Kosice, Slovakia. Research fellowship of the Slovak Ministry of Science – Research on the regional development and migration phenomena in Eastern Slovakia and Transcarpathian Ukraine. The collaboration is still very active and concerns the problems of the Ukrainian migration in Central Europe.
- Since May 2015 – Research fellow associated to the Group of International Mediterranean Studies, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), Spain – Research on Migration, Borders and Regional Development. Collaboration with the Institute of Ethnology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences on problems of migration in the Balkans.
- October 2014 – April 2015 – Erasmus Mundus Postdoctoral researcher, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia – Research on Skilled Migration and Georgian Development.
- September 2013 – December 2013 – Visiting researcher at the Institute of Geography, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria, Fellowship from Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), Madrid, Spain – Research on Bulgarian Migration Phenomena.

- September 2011 – June 2012 – Researcher at the Institute of Geography, University of Bern, Switzerland. Swiss Governmental Research Fellowship of Excellence ESKAS – Research on the Bulgarian-Serbian, Bulgarian-Greek and Bulgarian-Turkish border areas.
- September 2008 – June 2010 – Master Research Fellowship in Politics and International Relations, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), Spain – “The Maghreb migration flows to Spain and their effect on the Spanish economy and society”.

Research Projects

- 2023 –2024 – Erasmus+ Project VGlobal -Virtual Field Work in the context of Global Change – a blended learning approach for higher education) (2021-1-FR01-KA220-HED-000023242) (1-11-2021 to 31-10-2024) KA2 KA220-HED – Join project between Spain, Germany, Greece, France, European Association of Geographers and Commonsense within Erasmus+ Program.
- 2022 – 2023 – Joint Project on Regional Development, Vanadzor Technology Center (Armenia).
- 2018 – 2019 –Joint Project on Sustainable Development, Institute for food industry, University of Kyiv, Ukraine
- October 2011 – June 2012 – Joint Research Project on Integration (Trans-) National Migrants in Transition States (TRANSMIG), University of Bern, Novi Sad, Budapest and Pec (Hungary): “The migration processes in South-Eastern Europe” – collaborator.
- June 2010 – May 2011 & June 2013 – May 2014 – Joint Research Project on Digitalisation of Geographical Maps: University of Shizuoka, Japan, State University of New York, USA and Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM), Spain – collaborator.

Teaching

- 2023 and 2024 - Organización del Territorio II – UNED
- 2023 and 2024 – Geopolítica - UNED
- 2023 – MOOC Virtual field trip and global change: a blended learning approach, UNED and VGlobal
- 2020 – 2022- Lecturer of MOOC ‘Contemporary Migration Phenomena’, FAOU.
- 2019 – Student seminars and student field trips in Rožňava district, Eastern Slovakia.
- 2014 – 2015 Courses on Migration and Border Studies, Tbilisi and Kutaisi State Universities, Rep. Georgia.

Projects on Teaching Innovation

- 01.01.2024 – 31.12.2024 – “El uso de Story Maps en la enseñanza del desarrollo sostenible de algunos países de Europa del Este, Turquía y el Cáucaso” – Principal Investigator
- 01.01.2024 – 31.12.2024 – “Aprender empleando los mapas en línea” - collaborator

Awards and Honours

- Maria Zambrano distinguished research fellowship – Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, Spain.
- Slovak Governmental Postdoctoral Research Fellowship – University of Kosice, Slovakia (2019).
- Erasmus Mundus Postdoctoral Fellowships - Tbilisi State University, Georgia (2014).
- UAM Visiting Research Fellowship - Inst. Geography, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (2013).
- Swiss Governmental Research Fellowship of Excellence ESKAS - University of Bern (2011).
- UAM Master Fellowship (2009).

Professional Organizations and Memberships

- Alumni Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- Alumni Deutschland
- EGEA – European Geography Association for students and young geographers
- Member of the Bulgarian Geographical Society
- Member of the Editorial Board of “European Journal of Educational Research”

Professional Development

- May 2012 – University of Bern, Switzerland - Real Estate Finance, Dep. Economics.
- July 2012 – Koç University, Turkey - MiReKoc International Summer School on Migration.
- August 2012 – University of Sibiu, Romania – Int. Business Summer School, “Investing in emerging markets”.
- 2014–2019 *More than 20 Coursera MOOC specializations with ‘Distinction’ in the area of Geography, Social Sciences, Development, Business, Economy and Entrepreneurship.*

Most important Coursera specializations in:

Management: University of California, Irvine (USA); *Entrepreneurship:* Univ. of Maryland, College Park (USA) & Copenhagen Business School (DK); *Development:* The World Bank Group; University of Leiden & University of Geneva; *GIS:* University of California-Davis (USA)

Conferences and Workshops **O (Oral), P (Poster), A (Attended)**

- November 2023 – CERC Migration: Visualizing Superdiversity in Canadian Cities, Toronto, Canada (A).

- November 2023 – XIV National and II International Conference on Didactic in Geography, Albacete, Spain(O)
- July 2023 – V-Global Project, UNED, Madrid, Spain (Virtual StoryMaps).(O)
- June 2023 – V-Global Project, University of Hamburg, Germany (Virtual StoryMaps).(O)
- April 2023 – EUROGEO 2023, “Future-Ready Geography”, Int. Conference, Krakow, Poland (P)
- February 2022 – CERC Migration Annual Conference 2022: Migration and the City, Toronto, Canada (A).
- October 2021 – Vienna Migration Conference 2021 (A).
- April 2021-EUROGEO 2021-“Sustainable Development Goals for all”, Int. Conference, Madrid, Spain (P)
- November 2020 – GEO DECADE, Int. Conference. Sofia, Bulgaria (P)
- October 2019 – “New trends in Geography”, Int. Conference, Ohrid, Republic of North Macedonia (O)
- November 2018 – ‘Smart Geography–100 years Bulgarian Geographical Society’, Sofia (O)
- June 2017 – Conference ‘Geography in Global Context’, Kutaisi, Georgia (O).
- September 2016 – Conference of the Bulgarian Geographical Society, Varshets, Bulgaria (O).
- December 2014 – International Migration and the ENIGMMA project, Tbilisi, Georgia (A).
- September 2013 – Int. Conference ‘EUROREGIONS’, Struga, FYR of Macedonia (O).
- April 2013 – Workshop on “Staring a Business with a Null Budget”, Sofia, Bulgaria (A)
- December 2012 – Workshop of ‘SCOPE- TRANSMIG’ Project, Szeged, Hungary (O)
- November 2012 – Workshop ‘The new economic geography’, Sofia, Bulgaria (O)
- March 2012 – Workshop of ‘SCOPE- TRANSMIG’ Project, Budapest, Hungary (O)
- October 2011 – Workshop of ‘TRANSMIG’ Project, Subotica, Serbia (O)
- September 2011 – ‘BRIT XI’, Int. Conference ‘Border Regions in Transition’, Geneva and Grenoble (CH,F) (O)
- May 2010 – Int. Seminar on ‘Politics and Society of Morocco’, Univ. Autónoma de Madrid, Spain.(A)
- March 2009 – ‘VIII Workshop ‘Current Perspectives of the Investigation of the Territory’, UNED, Madrid (O)
- November 2009 – Int. Seminar ‘Spanish policy towards the Arab and Muslims world’, UCLM, Toledo, Spain (A).
- November 2008 – Workshop on ‘Economy, Politics and Society of Turkey’, UAM, Miraflores, Madrid, Spain. (A)
- September 2006 – ‘XVIII EGEA Annual Congress’, Bad Aussee, Austria (O).

Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals

1. R. Koroutchev (2024). “Migration and challenges arising from the Russian armed conflict in 2022: the case of Zakarpattia, accepted in Journal of the Bulgarian Geographical Society.
2. R. Koroutchev (2024). “Evolution of the Ukrainian Migration During the Armed Conflict from 2022”. The Case of the Neighbouring Countries, in: Advances in Sociology Research, volume 42.
3. R. Koroutchev (2024). "Teaching recent geopolitical conflicts. the war in Ukraine" in: "El lugar de la Geografía, la geografía del Lugar", ISBN 978-84-9044-637-9, pp. 599-608.
4. R. Koroutchev (2023). “Internal displacement of the Ukrainians. Migration towards Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria, ESPACIO, TIEMPO Y FORMA Serie VI, Geografía 16, pp. 43–65
<https://revistas.uned.es/index.php/ETFVI/article/view/37182>
5. R. Koroutchev (2023). “Ukrainian migration during the first year after the beginning of the Russian armed conflict in 2022”, Journal of Liberty and International Affairs, 9(2), pp. 164-177
<https://e-jlia.com/index.php/jlia/article/view/974>
6. R. Koroutchev (2023). “The explosive Ukrainian migration due to the Russian armed conflict in 2022: the case of Bulgaria”, Journal of Liberty and International Affairs, 9(1), pp. 303-311
<https://e-jlia.com/index.php/jlia/article/view/865>
7. R. Koroutchev and K. Peev (2022): “The current migrant and refugee crisis in Europe: Refugee Reception Centers in South-East Bulgaria”, <https://e-jlia.com/index.php/jlia/article/view/476>
8. R. Koroutchev and L. Novotný (2021): “Contemporary migration of Bulgarians to the Visegrád 4 Group”, Journal of the Bulgarian Geographical Society Vol 44, pp 15-20, <https://jbgs.arphahub.com/article/67249/>
9. R. Koroutchev (2021): “The COVID-19 mobility impacts on the migration flows in South-East Europe. Situation in 2021 and before 1989”, J. of Liberty and Int. Affairs, vol. 7, No 1, pp. 39-50.
<http://e-jlia.com/index.php/jlia/article/view/257/212>
10. R. Koroutchev and L. Novotný (2020): “Migration in unexploited potential regions: Case study of the Ukrainian migration in Slovakia and its Eastern part”, Geographia Cassoviensis, XIV, pp. 144 – 163.
https://unibook.upjs.sk/img/cms/doi/2020/gc/02_Koroutchev_Novotny_144-163.pdf
11. R. Koroutchev (2020): “Seasonal workers: analysis of the legislation and the current situation within the East-European context”, J. of Liberty and Int. Affairs, Vol. 6, No 1, pp.100-111.
http://e-jlia.com/papers/18_6.pdf
12. R. Koroutchev (2020): “Economic Situation and Migration Trends of Eastern Slovakia and Transcarpathian Ukraine”, J. of Liberty and Int. Affairs, Vol. 5, No. 3, pp. 9-26.
http://e-jlia.com/papers/17_1.pdf
13. R. Koroutchev (2019): “Night-time public transport: case study of Madrid, Spain”, Journal of the Bulgarian Geographic Society, vol. 41, pp. 67-71.
http://geography.bg/images/lzv_BGD/tom%2041/JBGS_vol41_2019_Koroutchev_R.pdf

14. R. Koroutchev (2018): "School performance of the Moroccan students in the Spanish educational system: the municipality of Collado Villalba (Madrid region)", *European Journal of Educational Research*, vol. 7, 4, pp. 739-744. http://eu-jer.com/EU-JER_7_4_739_Koroutchev.pdf
15. R. Koroutchev* and I. Iashvili (2018); "Analysis of Immigration Trends of Skilled Migrants: Case of Georgia", *J. of Liberty and Int. Affairs*, vol. 4, 1, pp 9-19. http://e-jlia.com/papers/12_1.pdf
16. R. Koroutchev, (2017): "The current refugee crisis and the challenges for Bulgaria as an entry gate to the EU", *J. of Liberty and Int. Affairs*, vol. 3, 1, pp. 9-25. http://e-jlia.com/papers/8_1.pdf
17. R. Koroutchev (2016): "The Syrian Refugee Crisis in Europe", *Journal of Liberty and Int. Affairs*, Special issues on: "Migrant and refugee crisis in Europe: was the Pandora's box open?" Vol. 1, Supp. 1. pp. 26-37. https://e-jlia.com/papers/4_2.pdf
18. R. Koroutchev and I. Iashvili (2015): "Skilled Migration and its contribution to the Georgian Development", *Researches Review of the Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management, University of Novi Sad*, 44-2, pp. 128-145. <http://www.dgt.uns.ac.rs/zbornik/issue44-2/rs/01.pdf>
19. R. Koroutchev (2013): "The Bulgarian-Serbian border region: problems and perspectives", *Klagenfurter Geographische Schriften* 29, pp. 126-139. https://www.aau.at/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/13_KGS29_Koroutchev.pdf
20. R. Koroutchev (2013): "On the profile of the Maghreb's return migrants", *Researches Review of the Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management, University of Novi Sad*, 42, pp. 1-13. <http://www.dgt.uns.ac.rs/dokumentacija/zbornik/42/en/01.pdf>
21. R. Koroutchev (2012): "The economic situation of the Bulgarian/Serbian border area", *Problems of Geography*, 3-4, pp. 51-60. http://geoproblems.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/2012_34/4_koroutchev.pdf
22. R. Koroutchev (2012): "The Bulgarian-Serbian border region, the forgotten backyard in Europe", *Researches Review of the Department of Geography, Tourism and Hotel Management, University of Novi Sad*, 41, pp. 118-130. <http://www.dgt.uns.ac.rs/dokumentacija/zbornik/41/10.pdf>
23. R. Koroutchev (2012): "Flujos migratorios recientes entre Marruecos y España en condiciones de crisis económica mundial", English translation: "Recent Migration Flows between Morocco and Spain in conditions of world economic crisis", *REIM (Journal of International Migration)*, No 13, pp. 1-8. <https://revistas.uam.es/index.php/reim/article/view/897>

Scientific books (Monographs)

2015 – R. Koroutchev, – "Return migration from Maghreb and the Balkans: the Spanish experience"
LAP LAMBERT Academic Publishing, ISSN 978-3-659-76892-7

Theses

14.07.2014 – R. Koroutchev, PhD Thesis, "Return and Cyclic Migration from Maghreb and the Balkans and its impact on the Spanish economy and society", Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain
<https://repositorio.uam.es/handle/10486/662233>

Research expeditions

2023 and 2019 – Transcarpathian Ukraine and Western Ukraine;
2022 – Armenia and Georgia; 2018 – Central and Northern Ukraine
2017 – East Turkey and Georgia; 2015 – Georgia; 2013 – Bulgarian-Turkish border region;
2012 – Bulgarian-Serbian border region; 2011 – Bulgarian-Greek border region;
2010 – Moroccan-Algerian border region; 2009 – Bulgarian-Greek-Turkish border region

Publications intended for the general public, linked to the applicant's research

- 2016 – R. Koroutchev, "Ivertse and its historical traces", *Zarenitsa Newspaper of the Bulgarian Municipality of Pavelso (Chepelare)*.
- 2015 – R. Koroutchev, "From Madrid to Pavelsko in bicycle", *Zarenitsa Newspaper*.

Computer skills and experience

Windows Office, HTML; ArcView, ArcGIS, atlas.ti; Learning Java and SolidWorks.
Working experience in Green Engineering projects.