

## **INA MERDJANOVA: CURRICULUM VITAE & PUBLICATIONS**

### **I. EDUCATION**

#### **Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"**

PhD studies in philosophy

Diploma of PhD (1995)

#### **Oxford University**

Certificate of studies in theology and religion (1993)

#### **The Maxim Gorky Literature Institute, Moscow: 1984-89**

Diploma of completed higher education with honors (1989)

### **II. LANGUAGES**

Native speaker of **Bulgarian**

Fluency in both written and spoken **English** and **Russian**

Upper Intermediate in **German, French** and **Turkish**

Fair command of **Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian**

### **III. PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Oct. 2010 ~ Senior Research Fellow at the Irish School of  
Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

2019-2023 Member of The Henry Luce Foundation-funded international research  
project "Orthodox Christianity and Human Rights" at Fordham University, USA.

2018- 2021 Visiting Professor at the Centre for Trust, Peace, and Social Relations,  
Coventry University, UK

2004-2010 Director of the Center for Interreligious Dialogue and Conflict  
Prevention at the Scientific Research Department, Sofia University, Bulgaria

## IV. MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

**Women and Religiosity in Orthodox Christianity** (a volume edited by me, with a Preface and a chapter by me, Fordham University Press, 2021)

Reviewed in: Occasional Papers on Religion in Eastern Europe; Slavic Review; The Slavonic & East European Review; Aspasia; Theological Studies; Religion, State & Society

**Rediscovering the Umma: Muslims in the Balkans between Nationalism and Transnationalism** (Oxford University Press, 2013), paperback 2016

Reviewed in: Europe-Asia Studies; Religion, State, and Society; Nationalities Studies; Journal of Muslims in Europe; Slavic & East European Journal; Central and Eastern European Review; State, Religion, Church (in Russian); Turkish Review; Slavic Review; Occasional Papers on Religion in Eastern Europe; Journal of Southeast European & Black Sea Studies; Vrhbosnensia (in Bosnian); Aspasia; Religious Studies Review; Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas; Insight Turkey; Mediterranean Politics

Bulgarian translation “Musulmanskite obshnosti na Balkanite: Postkomunisticheski Transformacii” by Victor Kotsev, Critiques & Humanism Publishing House, Sofia, 2016

**Religion as a Conversation Starter: Interreligious Dialogue for Peacebuilding in the Balkans** (co-authored with P. Brodeur). London & New York: Continuum, 2009), paperback 2011

Reviewed in: Journal of Religion, Conflict and Peace; Insight Turkey; Practical Matters; Journal of Ecumenical Studies; Vrhbosnensia (in Bosnian); Modern Believing

Bosnian translation “Religija kao pokretač razgovora: međureligijski dijalog za izgradnju mira na Balkanu” by Azra Mulović (Center for Advanced Studies, Sarajevo, 2014)

Bulgarian translation “Religiyata za izgrazhdane na mira na Balkanite” by Victor Kotsev (DEMOS Foundation, 2010)

**Religion, Nationalism, and Civil Society in Eastern Europe--The Postcommunist Palimpsest** (with a Preface by Bryan Wilson). Lampeter, UK: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2002

Reviewed in: Canadian Review of Studies in Nationalism, Journal of Ecclesiastical History; Religion in Eastern Europe; Sociological Problems

### **BOOKS in Bulgarian:**

**Religion and Politics in the Balkans** (edited by me; it also includes a chapter by me “Nation and Religion in Post-Communist Albania”). Silistra: DEMOS Foundation, 2004

**Christianity and Non-Christian Religions** (edited and prefaced by me). Silistra: DEMOS Foundation, 2003

**The East and the West on the Human Person and Society: Theological Perspectives** (co-edited with M. Stoyadinov). Veliko Turnovo: PRAXIS Publishing House, 2001

**Orthodox Christianity** (textbook co-authored with D. Petrov). Veliko Turnovo: PRAXIS Publishing House, 2001

**Eschatological Anthropodicy. The Human Person and History in Contemporary Eastern Orthodox Thought.** Veliko Turnovo: PRAXIS Publishing House, 2000

### **PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS (LAST 10 YEARS)**

- **Orthodox Christianity under Pressure: Ottoman, Communist and Post-Communist Contexts.** In: Grosshans, Hans-Peter and Pantelis Kalaitzidis (eds.). *Politics, Society and Culture in Orthodox Theology in a Global Age*. Brill, 2023, 17-28.
- **The Orthodox Church, Neosecularisation, and the Rise of Anti-Gender Politics in Bulgaria.** In: *Religions* 2022, 13 (4), 359; <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel13040359>
- **The Kurdish Women’s Movement in Turkey and Its Struggle for Gender Justice.** In: *Histories* 2021, 1(3), 184-198; <https://doi.org/10.3390/histories1030018>
- **Islam and the Kurdish Peace Process in Turkey (2013-2015).** In: Al, Serhun and Emel Elif Tugdar (eds.). *Comparative Kurdish Politics in the Middle East*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, 137-62.

- **Secularism, Nationalism, and Minorities in Turkey: Beyond the Myth of Tolerance** (review article). In: *Journal of Religion in Europe*. Vol. 7, N. 4, 2014, pp. 301-308.
- **Administering Islam in Bulgaria: Legal and Political Aspects**. In: *Turkish Review*. Vol. 3, N. 5, 2013, pp. 474-83.