

PROFESSIONAL CV



ASS. PROF. IVA PUSHKAROVA, PHD

Ass. Prof. Iva Pushkarova, PhD, is a law and history graduate at the Sofia University 'St. Clement of Ochrid' (2003) and a graduate at the Cambridge University where she specialized English and EU law (2002). She teaches criminal law (since 2005) and international criminal law courses (since 2011) in the Sofia University, and in the Ministry of Interior Academy (since 2011). Since 2012 she has been appointed Head of the Pardons Committee with the President of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Pushkarova is an author of more than 60 comparative and case-law legal studies, articles, books and book chapters in the fields of organised crime, human trafficking, prostitution and criminal exploitation, juvenile crime and crimes against children, juvenile justice system, financial and economic crime, system of penalties, life imprisonment, pardons, issues of Judiciary. Her monographic books 'Forms of Organised Crime under the Bulgarian Criminal Code' (2011) and 'Human Trafficking' (2012) have become the first complete legal studies of these issues in Bulgaria.

Pushkarova has been an expert and manager of more than 30 research projects of numerous Bulgarian and international organisations and institutions. Between March 2003 and May 2011 she was Executive Director of the Bulgarian Judges Association. Since May 2011 she has been running a highly reputable research center – Justice Development Foundation – which is specialised in multidisciplinary researches on legal and law-related issues.

Pushkarova is the main author of the Concept for State Criminal Policy and Concept for Juvenile Justice State Policy and member of the Ministry of Justice Working Committee which drafted the Draft Criminal Code.

Pushkarova has been awarded the 'Young Scientist Award' of the Sofia University in 2012.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Nationality	Bulgarian
Date of birth	05.11.1978

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

March 2004 – Dec 2008

Law Faculty of the Sofia University

PhD, Title of dissertation: 'Forms of Organised Crime under the Bulgarian Criminal Code', defended in Dec.2008

October 2003

Official capacity to perform legal services, Ministry of Justice

Oct.2000 - May 2003

Criminal Law Clinics, Law Faculty of the Sofia University

Senior-member of the Criminal Law Clinics, Legal assistance

1997-2002

Sofia University 'St. Clement of Ochrid', Law Faculty

1999-2002

University of Cambridge, Institute of Continuing Education, United Kingdom, Introduction to English Law and the Law of the European Union

1998-2002

Sofia University 'St. Clement of Ochrid', History Faculty

1992-1997

First English Language School, Sofia

WORK EXPERIENCE

FEBRUARY 2012 – AT PRESENT

Head of the Pardons Committee with the President of the Republic of Bulgaria

JUNE 2011 – AT PRESENT

President of the research center '**Justice Development Foundation**' and manager of the research projects 'Motivation in Sexual Crime' 2011 ; 'Judiciary between Laws and Facts' 2012 .; 'Rule of Law Against Financial and Economic Crime' 2012-2013; 'Extreme-Crime Perpetrator's Personality', 2013

Criminal Law expert in the research projects of the organisation

FEBRUARY 2010 – AT PRESENT	Ass. Prof. on Criminal Law at the Ministry of Interior Academy
JUNE 2010 – AT PRESENT	Senior lecturer on Criminal Law and International Criminal Law with the Sofia University
MARCH 2011 – AT PRESENT	Member of the Working group on the preparation of a new Child Act and a Concept for State Policy of Justice for Children with the Ministry of Justice
DECEMBER 2009 – AT PRESENT	Member of the Working group on the preparation of a new Penal Code with the Ministry of Justice
JANUARY –MAY 2010	Consultant on a EU PHARE-projects monitoring mission in Bulgaria
MARCH-JUNE 2009	Author of the State Governmental Concept for Criminal Policy of Bulgaria, commissioned by the Minister of Justice
JANUARY 2008 – JANUARY 2010	Senior expert in research center ‘RiskMonitor Foundation’ Manager and Leading Expert of research projects with analytical results: ‘Organised Crime on the Balkans: the Vision of the Legislator’ International Project ‘Organised Crime within Balkan Political Context’ International Project ‘Regulative Profile of Organised Crime’ Research Project ‘Human Trafficking for Prostitution Purposes’ Research Project
JANUARY – JULY 2009	External lecturer on ‘organised crime and politics’ issues with the Bulgarian School of Politics. Specific area covered: nuclear waste trafficking Management of research activities; lecturing on organised crime and political science issues of young politicians especially focused on security issues; supervision of development of analytical reports
Type of activity	
DECEMBER 2007 – DECEMBER 2008	External legal consultant of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria
AUGUST 2007 – DECEMBER 2008	Legal expert with the Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria
MACH 2007 – AT PRESENT	Senior assistant lecturer in Criminal Law in the Sofia University ‘St. Clement of Ochrid’
AUGUST-NOVEMBER 2006	Secretary of the cabinet of the President of the Central Election Committee for Presidential Elections
JUNE 2006-NOVEMBER 2008	External consultant with the World Bank Group on issues of Judiciary Reform, Mediation and Legal Aid for Bulgaria, Russia and Croatia
MARCH 2004 - MARCH 2007	PhD fellowship in Criminal Law – Organised Crime
MAY.2005- FEB.2007	Penal Reform International (EU PHARE) Harmonization of Romanian legislation with EU standards. Legal research of Romanian penitentiary and legal aid regulations related to legal aid rights of prisoners
JULY-DECEMBER 2005	CARDS project of the European Commission Strengthening the Judicial and Constitutional reform in the Western Balkans states
14.03.2002- JUNE 2011	Executive director of the <i>Bulgarian Judges Association</i>. Participation in Judiciary reform. Maintaining international relations with foreign judicial associations; Development of legal NGOs networks; Case law research and legislative analysis; Coordination and administration of people, projects and budgets.
15.Nov.2002 – DEC. 2004	National Assembly of Bulgaria Program for improvement of the legislation Legislative assistant Legislative researches and comparative legal analysis of the legislation of Bulgaria and the states of Europe, North and South America and Asia. Some of
Type of business or sector	
Occupation or position held	
Main activities and responsibilities	

the latest researches:

- Property Rights of Foreign Citizens;
- Legal status of magistrates.
- Legislation on asking, accepting and using of foreign aid;
- Structural organization, state policy and functioning of the system of higher education;
- Criminal responsibility of the juvenile delinquents;
- Procedures for executing the criminal responsibility of the juvenile delinquents;
- Decision-making procedures and competent organs permitting the admission of NATO forces on national territory and sending national forces abroad under NATO command.
- Structure and Functioning of the Executive Power in the Democratic and the Totalitarian State;

Oct. 2003 – At present

Type of activity

Occupation or position held

Main activities and responsibilities

Criminal Law Clinics, Law Faculty of the Sofia University

Legal assistance

Deputy-Head of the Criminal Law Clinics

Legal assistance on criminal matters, provided for socially weak citizens

Supervision of legal research and analysis

**PERSONAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES**

MOTHER TONGUE

BULGARIAN

OTHER LANGUAGES**ENGLISH**

Reading skills

Indicate level: excellent

Writing skills

Indicate level: excellent

Verbal skills

Indicate level: excellent

RUSSIAN

Reading skills

Indicate level: excellent

Writing skills

Indicate level: excellent

Verbal skills

Indicate level: good

SPANISH

Reading skills

Indicate level: good

Writing skills

Indicate level: good

Verbal skills

Indicate level: basic

FRENCH

Reading skills

Indicate level: good

Writing skills

Indicate level: basic

Verbal skills

Indicate level: basic

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Word, Excel, Internet Activities, Software and Hardware Management
level of skills: excellent

**SPHERES OF MAIN
LEGAL
RESEARCHES**

- SYSTEM OF PENALTIES: GRAVEST PENALTIES IN EU AND THEIR IMPOSITION AND EXECUTION REGIMES; LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN BULGARIA; BULGARIAN JURISPRUDENCE ON DEATH PENALTY
- PARDONING DIFFERENT PENALTIES;
- FORMS OF ORGANISED CRIME. ORIGINS AND DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANISED CRIME ON THE BALKANS; SPECIFIC FEATURES OF THE CRIMINAL PURPOSE IN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS' ACTIVITY
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING
- ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIME. MONEY LAUNDERING. TAX CRIME. WHITE-COLLAR CRIME
- CRIMINAL LIABILITY OF JUVENILE AND MINOR DELINQUENTS. CHILD PROTECTION. CRIME-RELATED RISK FACTORS FOR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY. CRIME-RELATED RISK MANAGEMENT
- DISCRIMINATION ISSUES
- CRIMINAL LAW IN THE TOTALITARIAN STATE
- JUDICIARY ISSUES. STATUS OF THE MAGISTRATES. SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL ISSUES.
- ELECTION SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES; PARLIAMENTS WITH TWO-HOUSE STRUCTURE
- CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND RELATED SECURITY PROBLEMS

**PROFESSIONAL
INTERESTS**

CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE, INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE, CRIMINOLOGY, HUMAN RIGHTS, PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE WITNESSES AND VICTIMS, ORGANISED CRIME AND CRIMINAL TRAFFICKING IN WEAPONS, DRUGS, PEOPLE AND WASTE

MAIN PROJECTS

MANAGER AND LEADING EXPERT IN THE JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION'S PROJECTS:

- CRIMINAL-LAW PROTECTION OF PUBLIC FINANCIAL INTERESTS (2012)
- JUDICIARY BETWEEN LAWS AND FACTS ('THE REFORM EXPERIMENT: A GLANCE AT THE HUMAN IN JUDICIARY') 2012
- RULE-OF-LAW IN RESPONSE TO FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC ORGANISED CRIME (2013), FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY THE 'KONRAD ADENAUER' FOUNDATION

MANAGER AND LEADING EXPERT IN BULGARIAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION'S 2008-2010 LONG-TERM PROJECTS:

- 'DUE PROCESS FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING';
- JUSTICE IN FAVOUR OF THE CHILD;
- JUVENILE DELINQUENCY INDEX;
- STRENGTHENING OF THE BJA AND THE JUDICIAL REFORM.

MANAGER OF RISKMONITOR FOUNDATION PROJECTS:

- BALKAN ORGANISED CRIME – VIA THE LENS OF THE LEGISLATOR (2008);
- ORGANISED CRIME AND POLITICAL PROCESSES: THE BALKAN CASE (2009);
- NORMATIVE PROFILING OF ORGANISED CRIME IN BULGARIA (2009);
- HUMAN TRAFFICKING FOR PROSTITUTION PURPOSES (2009-2010)

MANAGER OF THE 'WELCOME IN SOCIETY' PROJECTS AND THE 'RESEARCH OF THE DISCRIMINATION OF CONVICTED TO IMPRISONMENT PERSONS UNDER THE BULGARIAN LEGISLATION' PROJECT OF THE BULGARIAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION FOR 2006-2007

EXPERT IN CRIMINAL LAW IN THE 'THEATER V. DRUGS' PROJECT, THE 'CRIMINAL TRIAL FROM A TO ... Z' PROJECT AND THE 'DEVELOPMENT OF THE JUDICIAL PR IN

BULGARIA AFTER 1989' PROJECT OF THE BJA FOR 2004-2007

EXPERT IN CRIMINAL LAW IN THE DRAFT AMENDMENT OF THE CRIMINAL CODE AND THE
DRAFT AMENDMENT OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE IN RESPECT OF THE LEGAL
STATUS OF THE DRUG ADDICTED PERSONS OF THE 'LOGOS' FOUNDATION FOR 2005

LEGAL EXPERT IN THE 'DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL' PROJECT
OF THE OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATION FOR 2006