

New Books



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**FACTOR DETERMINISM OF THE
“SHADOW ECONOMY”**

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The monograph has been published with the financial support of the “Scientific Research” Fund and is the result of the implementation of the scientific research project financed by the “Scientific Research” Fund on the topic: *Factor determinacy of the “shadow economy” and approaches to its limitation in Bulgarian society*. The project was

implemented by a research team under the scientific leadership of Prof. DSc. Emilia Chengelova (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology – BAS).

Current monograph presents and analyzes the results of the research conducted within the cited project by implementation both of quantitative and qualitative methods. Texts provided in the monograph present in-depth analyses done in the context of the Multifactor Theory of the emergence and spread of the “shadow economy”. Multifactor theory is an innovative sociological instrument, specially elaborated for empirical studies of the “shadow economy” contradictory nature. Furthermore, for the first time in Bulgaria, within the framework of the cited project was introduced *SETI* – Shadow Economy Tolerance Index. SETI is a completely new index, operating entirely with empirical data about basic attitudes of the population towards “shadow economy”. The monograph presents first calculations of the SETI for Bulgaria. SETI was calculated both for the population as a whole and separately for the three defined age cohorts – 15–35 years, 36–55 years and over 56 years and values of the SETI completely proved one of the major hypothesis of the team, i.e. tolerance towards “shadow economy” strongly differs and depends on the basic sociodemographic characteristics of the individuals.

The monograph could be useful for sociologists, economists, social psychologists, researchers, analysts, students, doctoral students, journalists, as well as for anyone who is interested in studying the complex and contradictory existence of the “shadow economy”.



FACTOR DETERMINISM OF THE “SHADOW ECONOMY” IN THE PERCEPTIONS OF BULGARIAN SOCIETY: EMPIRICAL RESEARCH, RESULTS, INTERPRETATIONS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Editor: Emilia Chengelova

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Current edition presents the proceedings from the National Conference held on 06.2.2023 on the topic *Factor determinacy of the “shadow economy” in the perceptions of Bulgarian society: empirical research, results, interpretations and policy recommendations*. The conference was held within the framework of the project “Factor determination of the “shadow economy” and approaches to its limitation in Bulgarian society”. The project was financed by the “Scientific Research” Fund.

The edition presents original research and interpretations of empirical data collected within the framework of the research project cited here. It is addressed to sociologists, economists, social psychologists, analysts, students, doctoral students, as well as to all social scientists who are interested in the topic of “shadow economy”.



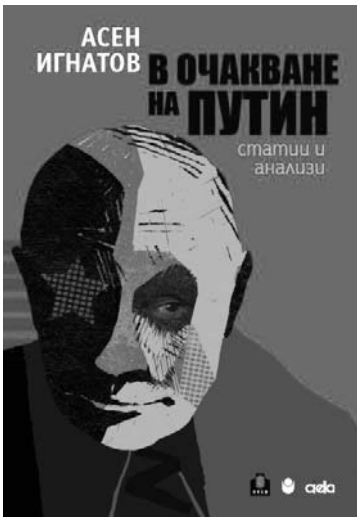
Martin Kanoushev

AT THE BORDERLINES OF SOCIOLOGY

Sofia: NBU University Press, 2024, 691 pp.

The book contains articles by Martin Kanushev, published in established scholarly journals, and thematic and jubilee collections.

Martin Kanushev is a professor in the Department of Philosophy and Sociology of New Bulgarian University; he teaches sociology of power, law and medicine.

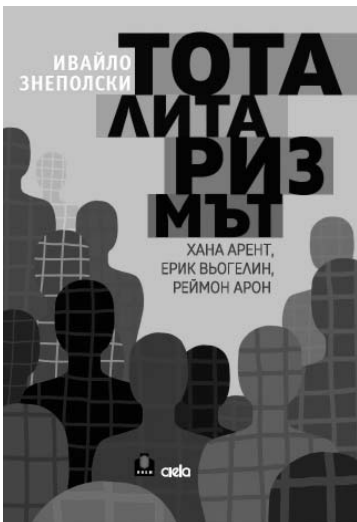


Assen Ignatov

THE ANTICIPATION OF PUTIN. ARTICLES AND ANALYSES

Sofia: Institute for Studies of the Recent Past/
NBU/Ciela, 2024, 384 pp.

All the texts included in this collection, with one exception, were written in the last decade of the 20th century. At that time, Assen Ignatov was working in the reputed Institute for East European and International Studies in Cologne. By his publications and public appearances, Ignatov won the reputation of a respected expert on topics related to Russian history, politics and culture. Most of the texts in this volume were first published in the specialized periodical of the Cologne Institute. They are all devoted to the topics related to Russia after the breakdown of the Soviet Union. I can personally testify to the great interest in this thematic field not only among experts but also among the public at large in Germany (Hristo Todorov, New Bulgarian University).



Ivaylo Znepolski

TOTALITARISM. HANNAH ARENDT, ERIC VOEGELIN, RAYMOND ARON

Sofia: Institute for Studies of the Recent Past/Ciela, 2023, 269 pp.

Part One Hannah Arendt: From the political concept to the creation of the theory of totalitarianism / *Part Two* Eric Voegelin: The political religions, totalitarianism and the crisis of modernity / *Part Three* Raymond Aron: Thinking of democracy and totalitarianism simultaneously. Political sociology of totalitarianism after Stalin.



Ivaylo Znepolski
**FAMILY BRAWLS: HANNAH ARENDT,
ERIC VOEGELIN, RAYMOND ARON**

Sofia: Institute for Studies of The Recent Past/
Ciela, 2024, 208 pp.

This book is a companion volume to *Totalitarianism. Hannah Arendt, Eric Voegelin, Raymond Aron*, which presents an analysis of the three author's views on totalitarianism; however, it can be read separately. Based on archives and letters, *Family Brawls* reconstructs the development of relations between the three political thinkers, examining their mutual connections in pairs. Although the question of totalitarianism is touched upon, the author discusses a wider circle of problems and the mutual influence, the acknowledged or unacknowledged resonance of the mutual critiques they leveled at one another. The author argues that the works of the three best reveals their scholarly "family" ties, against the backdrop of their methodological and political differences, their strong egos, rivalry, at times jealousy, and their struggles for self-assertion.



Martin Ivanov
**“THE FORMER PEOPLE” OF
CONCENTRATION CAMP BULGARIA**

Sofia: Ciela, 2024, 376 pp.

“Former people”: this is the label with which the Communist authorities branded nearly half a million Bulgarians who had been, or were simply accused of being, part of the former “monarcho-fascist” regime. After living through the nightmare of purges, expropriation, deportation and the successive waves of repression and discrimination, the “remains of the incompletely killed bourgeoisie” were locked behind the barbed-wire fence of a new, concentration camp Bulgaria.

Over time, in order to survive, the now “former” people were forced to build new biographies upon the ruins of their previous lives. This adaptation of the “former

people” and their difficult lives in the new Communist state is the focus of this study. Previous attempts at research were usually based on documents from the archives of State Security. Without disregarding this evidence, the book acknowledges the testimonies of still-living “former people”, and to hear as fully as possible their voices, which until recently had been coercively silenced.



Stefan Ivanov

FROM THEFT TO MURDER. CRIMINAL OFFENSES IN BULGARIA (1944–1989)

Sofia: Institute for Studies of The Recent Past/Ciela, 2024, 464 pp.

The main aim of this book is to examine criminal offences in the period 1944–1989. In addition to capturing and reconstructing their characteristics in their entirety, we will attempt to present in more detail the four most significant types among them – theft of public and personal property, robbery, rape, and premeditated murder. Based on specific data, the ma-

majority of which are published here for the first time, the related trends, characteristic of this dynamic and intensive period of Bulgarian history in terms of political and social transformations, will be identified and explained.



Zornitsa Petrova

PRO-FANUM. NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE EARTHLY REALM

Sofia: St. Kliment Ohridski University Press, 2023, 223 pp.

In attempting to comprehend the religious variety of today’s world, this book searches for lost gods, observes lunar wizardry, visits diabolical realms and converses with invisible monsters.

Zornitsa Petrova has a PhD in cultural studies; she is a translator and part-time lecturer in the Department of History and Theory of Culture at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski.



Velislava Petrova
**WASTE AS A RESOURCE AND
IMAGINATION. ANTHROPOLOGICAL
PERSPECTIVES**

Sofia: St. Kliment Ohridski University Press, 2023,
176 pp.

This monograph represents the first comprehensive anthropological study of waste in Bulgaria. The book examines the cultural history of waste, the imaginaries it generates and the way they influence its construction as a resource for different actors.

The subject is highly relevant because waste is the material evidence of human impact on the environment, and the urgent rethinking and taking measures to mitigate these impacts is critical to human civilization. The focus on Bulgaria is important as the theme is under-researched, while the country has earned a reputation as a destination for waste treatment in the European Union in recent years. Sofia was chosen as the main research case because it is the city with the largest economy in Bulgaria and, therefore, the largest amount of municipal waste generated in the country; hence, the topic of garbage in Sofia is most often predominant in media coverage. Also very prominent are the various interests involved in waste as a financial, energy and political resource in the capital city.



Daniela Decheva
**BETWEEN CREATIVITY AND
PEACEMAKING. THE PEACE
PRIZE OF THE GERMAN BOOK
PUBLISHING INDUSTRY AND THE
CULTURE OF MEMORY
IN GERMANY**

Sofia: St. Kliment Ohridski University Press, 2023,
360 pp.

The monograph deals with topics of peace and wars, humanism and human rights, intellectuals and power, the policies of memory and public dis-

courses, prestigious international awards and diplomacy. The focus is on the contemporary culture of memory in Germany; the undisputed center of this memory is the Holocaust. Reading the topic through the speeches of thirty winners of the Peace Prize of the German Book Publishing Industry and the respective laudation addresses (1989–2019) remarkably expands and enriches the perspective on the self-comprehension of German society.