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WORK EXPERIENCE

- since August 2019 *Independent Consultant/Researcher/Author*
- 2016 – 2019 *Representative/Country Director (D-1)*, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Nairobi (retired from UNFPA in July 2019)
- 11/2008 – 12/2015 *Director (D-1)*, Sub-Regional Office for Central Asia/*Country Director* for Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Almaty
- 07/2005 – 11/2008 *Adviser (P-5)*, Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Bratislava
- Jan. - June 2005 *Chief (acting)*, Population Activities Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva
- 1999 – 06/2005 *Project Manager/Population Affairs Expert (P-4)*, Population Activities Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva
- 1996 - 1999 *Project Manager/Population Affairs Officer (P-3)*, Population Activities Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva
- 1993 - 1996 *Research Demographer (P-2)*, Population Activities Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva
- 1984 – 1990 *Research Associate*, Demographic Research Laboratory, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 1983 – 1984 *Research Specialist*, Demographic Research Laboratory, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria
- June-Nov 1983 *Research Assistant*, Demographic Research Laboratory, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

EDUCATION

- 1993 Ph.D. (Demography), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA
- 1991 M.A. (Demography), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA
- 1983 University Diploma (Labor Economics with specialization in population and labor resources), University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

NON-DEGREE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2013 Leadership Programme, Cranfield University, August 2013-March 2014
- 2009 UN Leaders Programme, UN System Staff College, Turin, May 2009
- 2009 Leadership seminar, American Management Association, New York, February 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2021-Spring 2022 *Digital Professors Programme*, HSE University, Moscow, Russia (left the program following Russia's invasion of Ukraine)
- Fall 2020-Spring 2021 *Visiting Scholar/Adjunct Faculty*, HSE University, Moscow, Russia
- 1994-2009 *International Tutor*, International Institute on Ageing (INIA), Malta
- Spring 2004 *Substitute teaching*, University of Geneva, Faculté des sciences économiques et sociales (SES), Geneva, Switzerland
course: 4063 CR "Population Issues in the International Arena"

PUBLICATIONS**A. Books and Edited Journal Issues**

- Nikolai Botev, *The Sexuality-Reproduction Nexus and the Three Demographic Transitions: An Integrative Framework*. Springer, 2020 (ISBN: 978-3-030-37554-6 print; 978-3-030-37555-3 online)
- George Myers, Miroslav Macura, Nikolai Botev, and Antonio Golini (eds.), *Special Issue on Ageing*. *Genus*, v. 59, no. 1 (January-March 2003)

B. Selected Publications in Peer-Review Journals and Edited Volumes

- Botev, N., J. Ferre, and C. Mahler (2024) Social policy research on ageing needed from the perspective of intergovernmental organisations. Pp. 221-237 in Leichsenring, K. and Sidorenko, A. (eds.) *A Research Agenda for Ageing and Social Policy*. Edward Elgar.
- Botev, N. (2015) Could pronatalist policies discourage childbearing? *Population and Development Review*, 41(2): 301-314.
- Botev, N. (2012) Population ageing in Central and Eastern Europe and its demographic and social context. *European Journal of Ageing*, 9(1): 69-79.
- Botev, N. (2008) "Can policies enhance fertility in Europe?" and questions beyond. *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*, 6(1): 29-34.
- Botev, N. (2006) Is Europe trapped in/by low fertility? *Entre Nous*, no. 63, 2006: 4-7.

- Botev, N. (2004) International cooperation in the provision of access to anonymized and harmonized census microdata and metadata for research purposes. *Statistics*, 2004, no. 2: 9-20.
- Botev, N. (2002) The ethnic composition of families in Russia in 1989: Insights into the Soviet "nationalities policy". *Population and Development Review*, v. 28, 2002, no. 4: 681-706.
- Botev, N. (2000) Seeing past the barricades: ethnic intermarriage in former Yugoslavia, 1962 to 1989. pp. 150-170 in: Joel M. Halpern and David A. Kideckel (eds.). *Culture and Conflict: Insider and Outsider Perspectives on the War in Former Yugoslavia*. Penn State University Press, 2000.
- Botev, N. (2000) PAU census microdata samples project. pp. 303-317 in: Hall, P. K., R. McCaa, and G. Thorvaldsen (eds.). *Handbook of International Historical Microdata for Population Research*. Minneapolis: Minnesota Population Center, 2000.
- Morgan, P.S., N. Botev, R. Chen, and J. Huang (1999) White and nonwhite trends in first birth timing: comparisons using vital registration and current population surveys. *Population Research and Policy Review*, v. 18 (4): 339-356.
- Botev, N. (1999) Older persons in countries with economies in transition. pp. 85-100 in: Robert Cliquet and Mohammed Nizamuddin (eds.). *Population Ageing: Challenges for Policies and Programmes in Developed and Developing Countries*. Brussels and New York: UNFPA and CBGS.
- Botev, N. (1995) The story of a 'maverick': Bulgaria's fertility decline. *Journal of Family History*, 20 (1): 45-66.
- Botev, N. (1994) Where East meets West: Ethnic intermarriage in the former Yugoslavia during the last three decades. *American Sociological Review*, 59 (3): 461-480.
- Botev, N. (1992) Approaches and methods for formulating and incorporating fertility assumptions in population projections. *Naselenie*, 10 (4): 12-24 (in Bulgarian).
- Botev, N. (1992) *Historia magistra vitae*, or more on the methods and sources of historical demography. *Naselenie*, 10 (1): 17-30 (in Bulgarian).
- Botev, N. (1990) Nuptiality in the course of the demographic transition: The experience of the Balkan countries. *Population Studies*, 44 (1): 107-126.
- Botev, N. (1990) Labor force participation in Bulgaria over the last two decades. *Naselenie*, 8 (2): 28-44 (in Bulgarian).
- Botev, N. (1989) Features of the transition to new reproductive behavior in Bulgaria: An attempt to explain "the Bulgarian anomaly". *Naselenie*, 7 (4): 88-101 (in Bulgarian).
- Botev, N. (1989) What do age-specific growth rates reveal? *Naselenie*, v. 7, 1989, no. 1: 69-85 (in Bulgarian).
- Botev, N. (1988) Features of the fertility decline in the Balkan countries since the end of the 19th century. *Etudes Balkaniques*, v. 24, 1988, no. 4: 87-98.
- Botev, N. (1987) Some aspects of fertility dynamics in Bulgaria since the beginning of the 20th century and methods for their study. *Naselenie*, v. 5, 1987, no. 4: 35-50 (in Bulgarian).

C. Selected Non-Refereed Articles, Reports, Editorials, Blog Posts, and Reviews

- Botev, N. (2021) Review of Matthijs, K., Neels, K., Timmerman, C., & Haers, J. (eds.). *Population Change in Europe, the Middle-East and North Africa: Beyond the Demographic*

- Divide. Routledge, 2015. In: *International Journal on Ageing in Developing Countries*, 2021, 6 (2): 199-201.
- Botev, N. (2021) The COVID-19 pandemic exposed rifts in intergenerational solidarity (which are driven partly by demographic change). (<https://nobrainerdata.com/2021/06/14/the-covid-19-pandemic-exposed-rifts-in-intergenerational-solidarity-driven-by-demographic-change/>)
- Botev, N. (2009) Addressing the challenges of population ageing in Eastern Europe: Policies and constraints. pp. 98-106 in: *Family Support Networks and Population Ageing*. New York: DIFI and UNFPA, 2009.
- McCaa, R. and N. Botev. (2003) Integrating European Census Microdata: A joint project of the ECE Population Activities Unit and the University of Minnesota Population Center, 2004-2008. *Paper prepared for the EuroStat Working Party on Demographic Statistics and Population and Housing Censuses*, Luxembourg, 19-20 February 2003 (DOC. DEM/CEN/E4/3/03-7.5) EN.
- Botev, N. (2003) The preparatory process for the Ministerial Conference on Ageing. pp. 11-12 in: UN Economic Commission for Europe, *From Madrid to Berlin: Towards the ECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing*. Geneva: United Nations, 2003.
- Koropecjy-Cox T, EM Agree and N. Botev. (2001) Housing and living arrangements of older men and women in Eastern Europe: A cross-national comparison. *Paper presented at the World Congress of Gerontology*, Vancouver, B.C., July 2001.
- Macura, M. and N. Botev. (2000) Generations and Gender Programme: what use of census microdata? *Paper prepared for the INSEE-Eurostat seminar on censuses after 2001*, Paris, 20-21 November 2000.
- Botev, N. (1999) Review of William A. Jackson, *The Political Economy of Population Ageing*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 1999. In: *European Journal of Population*, v. 12, 1999, no. 2: 204-205.
- Botev, N. (1996) Review of Lee L. Bean et al., *Fertility Change on the American Frontier: Adaptation and Innovation*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1990. In: *Naselenie*, v. 12, 1996 (in Bulgarian)
- Botev, N., M Eggers, K Katus, M Macura, A Puur, L Sakkeus. (1995b) *Population Ageing in Estonia. Description of the Standard Data File*. RU, Series A, No. 37. Tallinn, EKDK, 1995. 38 p. (also available in Estonian under the title: *Rahvastiku vananemine Eestis. Standardfaili kirjeldus.*)
- Botev, N., M Eggers, K Katus, M Macura, A Puur, L Sakkeus. (1995a) *Population Ageing in Estonia. International Standard Tabulations*. RU, Series A, No.38. Tallinn, EKDK, 1995. 49 p. (also available in Estonian under the title: *Rahvastiku vananemine Eestis. Rahvusvahelised Standardtabelid.*)
- Macura, M., T. Frejka, F. K. Klijzing, N. Botev, M. Eggers. (1994) Population issues, trends, and the need for international assistance in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. *Paper Prepared for the November 1994 OECD Meeting*, Paris, October 1994
- Botev, N., M Eggers. (1994) Selected aspects of population ageing and its implications for socio-economic development, policies and plans: demographic perspectives. pp. 101-117 in: *The Demographic Aspects of Population Ageing and its Implications for Socio-Economic Development, Policies and Plans*. Valletta, Malta: INIA 1994.

- Botev, N. (1992) Review of Susan C. Watkins, *From Provinces into Nations: Demographic Integration in Western Europe, 1870-1960*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1990. In: *Naselenie*, v. 8, 1992, no. 1: 122-123 (in Bulgarian)
- Botev, N. (1986) Demographic trends in the Haskovo district and their impact on the labor supply of the regional infrastructure. in: *Socio-Economic Problems of the Regional Infrastructure*. Haskovo, 1986, pp. 19-22 (in Bulgarian)

NOTE: During my UN career (as a staff member or consultant) I have contributed to a number of reports/publications without authorship attribution, which are not included in the list above. The latest example of such a report/publication is:

UNFPA (2023) *State of World Population. 8 Billion Lives, Infinite Possibilities*. New York: UNFPA.

SELECTED LECTURES & TALKS

- 1 August 2022 Summer School for Young Demographers, Uzbekistan
Topic: Population and development issues in international debates
- 15 July 2022 Parliament of Uzbekistan/*Oliy Majlis*, Round Table marking World Population Day 2022
Topic: Global demographic trends, and the concept of demographic resilience
- 10 June 2021 Charles University, Prague/UNFPA Online Course on Population Ageing and Policy Responses
Topic: Expert panel on Population ageing, demographic resilience and the need for policy response in the EECA region
- 15 October 2020 UNFPA Country Offices in the Western Balkans and staff of UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office (talk given virtually via Zoom)
Topic: *The Roots and Realities of the "Depopulation" Anxieties*
- 27 October 2015 Global Master's in Development Practice (MDP)/Global Classroom, Columbia University/Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Almaty, Kazakhstan):
Topic: *Population Variables in Sustainable Development*
- 30 April 2015 Leadership Development program, KIMEP University (Almaty, Kazakhstan)
Topic: *Shaping the Leaders of Tomorrow: The ABCs of Leadership*
- 11 April 2013 MDP/Global Classroom, Columbia University/Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Almaty, Kazakhstan)
Topic: *The Post 2015 National Consultations in Kazakhstan: Process and Outcome*
- 30 Nov. 2011 Department of Economics, KIMEP University (Almaty, Kazakhstan)
Topic: *The World at 7 Billion and the Population and Development Debate*
- 14-19 Sept. 2009 National Commission on Women's Affairs and Family Demographic Policy /UNFPA (Almaty, Kazakhstan)
Topic: *series of lectures on the demographic aspects of ageing as part of a course on gerontology co-organized with the International Institute on Ageing (INIA)*

- 10 October 2008 St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia (Sofia, Bulgaria)
Topic: *Nuptiality and Inter-Ethnic Relations in the Former USSR and Yugoslavia*
- 9 October 2008 St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia (Sofia, Bulgaria)
Topic: *The Demographic Transition in Bulgaria*
- 20-24 May 2008 Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare/UNFPA (Minsk, Belarus)
Topic: *series of lectures on the demographic aspects of ageing as part of a course on social gerontology co-organized with the International Institute on Ageing*
- 12-15 May 2008 Ministry of Labour and Social Protection/UNFPA (Bucharest, Romania)
Topic: *series of lectures on the demographic aspects of ageing as part of a course on gerontology co-organized with the International Institute on Ageing*
- 29 March 2007 Academy of Economic Studies (Chisinau, Moldova)
Topic: *Inter-relations between Population and Development: Theories and International Debate*
- 29 March 2007 Academy of Public Administration (Chisinau, Moldova)
Topic: *50 Years of Demographic 'Surprises': Population Trends and Patterns in Europe after World War II*
- 6 October 2006 Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)
Topic: *Population Trends and Patterns in Europe and Central Asia* (lecture to 3rd year students majoring in Economic Theory)
- 5 October 2006 Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)
Topic: *Nuptiality and Inter-Ethnic Relations*
- 5 October 2006 Kyrgyz-Russian Slavic University (Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan)
Topic: *The Millenium Development Goals and the International Debate on Population and Development*
- 14 April 2005 Estonian Interuniversity Population Research Centre (Tallinn, Estonia)
Topic: *Ethnic Exogamy under Communism: Two Case Studies*
- 24-30 Jan. 2005 Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare/UNFPA (Minsk, Belarus)
Topic: *series of lectures on the demographic aspects of ageing as part of a course on gerontology co-organized with the International Institute on Ageing*
- 1 June 2004 University of Geneva, Faculté des sciences économiques et sociales (SES), (Geneva, Switzerland)
Topic: *The Use of Census Microdata for Population Research/ L'utilisation des micro données des recensements pour la recherche démographique* (invited lecture to students taking 4063 CR Population issues in the international arena)
- 23 March 2004 University of Geneva, Faculté des sciences économiques et sociales (SES), (Geneva, Switzerland)
Topic: *Population Ageing in the International Arena/Le vieillissement démographique dans l'arène internationale* (invited lecture to students taking 4063 CR Population issues in the international arena)
- 30 January 2003 GLOBALIFE Seminar, University of Bamberg (Bamberg, Germany)
Topic: *Pension Arrangements in Europe (with hints about their effects on labor mobility)*

- 10-14 June 2002 International Summer School in Applied Statistics and Econometrics, Association of Bulgarian Statisticians & Open Society Institute
Topic: *series of lectures on the demography of ethnically diverse populations*
- 25 July 1998 RAND Corporation, 5th Annual RAND Summer Institute in Demography, Economics, and Epidemiology of Aging (Santa Monica, USA)
Topic: *The European Census Microdata Samples Project*
- 21-26 April 1998 Helwan University, Centre for Elder Care (Cairo, Egypt)
Topic: *series of lectures on the demographic aspects of ageing as part of a course on gerontology co-organized with the International Institute on Ageing*
- 25-30 June 1997 Columbus University (Panama City, Panama)
Topic: *series of lectures on the demographic aspects of ageing as part of a course on social gerontology co-organized with the International Institute on Ageing*

SELECTED MEDIA REFERENCES AND APPEARANCES

I have made many media appearances as a United Nations official. This selection includes a sample of media references or appearances on substantive topics in the population field/

- Икономически живот (Bulgaria), 4 June 2024**, Да, демографията ни е трагична!/Yes, our demography is tragic! (OpEd piece in Bulgarian) (<https://ikj.bg/glasove-mneniya/da-demografiata-ni-e-tragichna/>)
- 24 часа (Bulgaria), 3 May 2024**, Защо словенчето вече има шанс да живее 10 г. повече от българчето/Why a Slovenian baby is expected to live 10 years longer than a Bulgarian (OpEd piece in Bulgarian) (<https://www.24chasa.bg/mneniya/article/17790727>)
- Свободен Народ (Bulgaria), 5 May 2023**, Размисли върху демографската ситуация в България/Reflections on the demographic situation in Bulgaria (OpEd piece in Bulgarian) (<https://svobodennarod.eu/gledischa/razmisli-vrkhu-demografskata-situaciya-v-blgariya-na-fona-na-tazgodishniya-doklad-za>)
- 24 часа (Bulgaria), 1 May 2023**, Демографски страхове и паникьорство/Demographic fears and panic (OpEd piece in Bulgarian) (<https://www.24chasa.bg/mneniya/article/14349728>)
- TASS/TACC, 2 February 2022**, quoted on the demographic situation in Eastern Europe (<https://tass.ru/mezhdunarodnaya-panorama/13575107>)
- 24 часа (Bulgaria), 13 July 2020**, Може ли в миналото на Ирландия да видим демографското бъдеще на България/What can the population history of Ireland tell about the demographic future of Bulgaria (OpEd piece in Bulgarian) (<https://www.24chasa.bg/mneniya/article/8805306>)
- Financial Times, 14 January 2020**, quoted on the low fertility in Southern Europe (<https://www.ft.com/content/49e1e106-0231-11ea-b7bc-f3fa4e77dd47>)
- The Independent (UK), 21 July 2018**, quoted on female genital mutilation and its implications (<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/africa/fgm-girl-dies-bleed-death-somalia-olol-galmudug-a8458071.html>)
- National Public Radio (USA), 30 Jan 2017**, quoted on attitudes towards rape in traditional societies (<https://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2017/01/30/512050363/gang-rape-of-two-teens-leads-to-an-unusual-step-a-trial?t=1573669146760>)

The Straits Times (Singapore), 28 August 2015, refers to my PDR 2015 paper on pronatalist policies (<https://www.straitstimes.com/opinion/concerted-approach-may-boost-baby-numbers>)

UN Radio, 4 July 2013, interviewed about the regional conference “Enabling Choices: Population Priorities for the 21st Century” and its outcomes (web link no longer exists; audio file can be provided on request)

The Times of Central Asia, 21 June 2013, quoted on the importance of sex education (<https://www.timesca.com/index.php/news/11670-almaty-orphanages-begin-to-teach-sex-education>)

KNews.kg (Kyrgyzstan), 4 November 2011, 7 миллиардов жителей в мире: история и перспективы/7 billion people on Earth: history and perspectives (OpEd piece in Russian) (<https://knews.kg/2011/11/04/7-milliardov-jiteley-v-mire-istoriya-i-perspektivyi/>)

The Times of Central Asia, 27 October 2011 (p. 5), Central Asia in a World of 7 Billion. (OpEd piece) (web link no longer active; copy can be provided on request)

The New York Times Magazine, 29 June 2008, No Babies? -- quoted on the increasing prevalence of childlessness (<https://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/29/magazine/29Birth-t.html>)

ORF Radio Ö1 (Austrian National Radio), 14 January 2008, Dimensionen (Ö1’s science program) interviewed on the fertility trends and patterns in Russia and Eastern Europe (web link no longer exists; audio file can be provided on request)

Timpul (Moldova), 6 April 2007 (p. 18), interviewed on the role and means of population policies, with a special reference to Moldova (web link no longer active)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1999-2008 *Faculty Affiliate*, Center for Demography of Health and Aging, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA

1999-2001 *Member (liaison)*, US National Academy of Sciences, Panel on a Research Agenda and New Data for an Aging World

Member of the International Editorial Panel of the *International Journal on Ageing in Developing Countries* (since 2016) and of the editorial board of *Bold: Quarterly Journal of the International Institute on Ageing* (2012-2015)

Reviewer for *Demography*, *Population Studies*, *European Journal of Ageing*, *Journal of Population Ageing*, *Journal of Family History*, *Advances in Life Course Research*, *Vienna Yearbook of Population Research*, Elsevier, and others.