NIKOLAI BOTEV
Baden bei Wien
Austria

WORK EXPERIENCE

Since July 2024	*Research Affiliate;* European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna, Austria
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
since August 2019	*Independent Consultant/Researcher/Author*
01/2016 – 07/2019	*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*, 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
01/ 2005 – 07/2005	*Chief* (acting), Population Activities Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Geneva
1999 – 07/2005	*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

EDUCATION

1993	Ph.D. (Demography), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA
1991	M.A. (Demography), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA
1983	University Degree (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 (2026) *Демография на България. Минало, Настояще и Бъдеще/Demographics of Bulgaria: Past, Present and Future* (in Bulgarian). Sofia University Press (ISBN: 978-954-07-6326-2)

Nikolai Botev (2020) *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.) (2003) *Special Issue on Ageing*. *Genus*, v. 59, no. 1.

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

Botev, N. (2024) On the concept of demographic security: A critical synthesis. *Journal of Human Security Studies*, 13(2): 45-64.

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.

Koropeckyj-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? Pp. 175-188 in *Proceedings of the INSEE-Eurostat seminar on censuses after 2001*. Paris: INSEE.

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 <u>not</u> 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 only a sample of media references or appearances on substantive topics in the population field/

Жената Днес/The Woman Today (Bulgaria), June 2026, За децата на хората: Какво стои зад спада в раждаемостта?/Of the children of men: What is behind the falling birth rates? (in Bulgarian) (https://www.jenatadnes.com/malkiyat-prints/za-detsata-na-horata-kakvo-stoi-zad-spada-v-rajdaemostta/)

Икономически живот/Economic Life (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/)

TASS/ТАСС, **2 February 2022**, quoted on the demographic situation in Eastern Europe (https://tass.ru/mezhdunarodnaya-panorama/13575107)

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, 13 July 2013, interviewed about the regional conference "Enabling Choices: Population Priorities for the 21st Century" and its outcomes (web link no longer active)

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)

UN Radio, 12 June 2013, interviewed about a meeting on migration and human trafficking in Central Asia (web link no longer active)

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)

UN Radio, 5 March 2009, interviewed about international development assistance in the population field and the Global Gag Rule (web link no longer active)

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

since 2016	Member of the international editorial panel of the *International Journal on Ageing in Developing Countries*
2012-2015	Member of the editorial board of *Bold: Quarterly Journal of the International Institute on Ageing*
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

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.