

Boyan Vassilev

Academic resume

1. Personal profile:

I consider myself a pro-scientific researcher that tries his best to avoid cognitive biases and logical fallacies by relying primarily on empirical evidence (i.e. embracing naturalism) and sound arguments (as opposed to “philosophical intuitions”) while doing philosophy. I abhor pseudo-scientific claims and attitudes. My main interests are in neuroscience, philosophy of science, metaphilosophy and behavioral economics. Since September, 2014, I’ve been assigned as a teaching assistant at the University of Economics in Varna. E-mail: vassilevb@gmail.com; Web: <http://www.vassilevb.info>; Mobile: +359 878 60 55 33.

2. Education:

2015 - 2018 (expected) — Ph.D. in Philosophy of Cognitive Science. Thesis title: “Free Will and Physical Systems”. Supervisor: Prof. Aneta Karageorgieva

2012 - 2014 — M.A. in Philosophy at Sofia University. Thesis: “Mental-Conduct Concepts as Philosophical Explanantia”.

2008 – 2012 — B.A. in Philosophy at Sofia University. Thesis: “The Problem of Justification: A Philosophical Defence of the Foundationalist Epistemology of the Logical Positivism”.

3. Memberships:

Member of the Bulgarian Society for Analytic Philosophy (URL = <http://www.bsap.bg/>) since March, 2014.

Member of the Association Internationale des Professeurs de Philosophie (AIPPh) since May, 2015.

Member of the Association of Academic Teachers of Philosophy in Bulgaria (URL = <https://philosophybulgarianassociation.wordpress.com/>) since September, 2016.

4. Participations, talks and presentations:

Participation in a multidisciplinary study: “A Dialogue about the Dialogues: Philosophical and Psychological Dimensions of the Dialogue as a Method for Personal Transformation in Education” supervised by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sc. Aneta Karageorgieva (Sofia, October 29th, 2011).

Participation in an international conference, organized by Sofia University's Philosophical Faculty and the British Society for the Furtherance of Critical Philosophy (URL = <http://www.sfcpc.org.uk/>): “Dialogue and Collaboration in Education” supervised by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sc. Aneta Karageorgieva (Sofia, February 10-12th, 2012), URL = https://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/bul/novini/arhiv/arhiv_na_goreschi_novini/dialog_i_s_trudnichestvo_v_obrazovanieto).

Presented a report “Scientific and Pseudoscientific Explanations” at a conference, organized by Assoc. Prof. Konstantin Yanakiev and Assoc. Prof. Ivan Kolev, titled “Explanation and Understanding” (October 31st and November 1st, 2013), URL = <http://explanationandunderstanding.wordpress.com/>.

Presented a report “Explanatory Value of The Explanans “Consciousness”” at a conference, organized by the Sofia University's Philosophy Chair, titled “The Consciousness” (January 29th, 2014), URL = <http://consciousnessdebate.wordpress.com/>.

Presented a report “What Does It Mean for Something to Be “A Priori”?” at a conference, organized by Assoc. Prof. Boris Grozdanoff (BAS) and Assoc. Prof. Ivan Kolev, titled “The Debate over the A Priori” (January 6th and 7th, 2015), URL = <http://thedebateovertheapriori.wordpress.com/>.

Presented a report “Academic Philosophical Language Games” at a conference, organized by the Philosophical Faculty Student Council, titled “The Game” (March 20th and 21st, 2015), URL = <http://phls.uni-sofia.bg/article/1493>.

Participation in Ernst Mach Workshop IV: On Parsimony and Other Issues, organized by the Analytic Philosophy department at Czech Academy of Sciences (Prague, June 11-12, 2015), URL = <<http://emw.flu.cas.cz>>.

Presented a report “The Value of Scientific Behaviour” at the 17th Popper Seminar, titled “Science and Values”, organized by department of Ontology, Epistemology, Philosophy of Science at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (June 29th, 2015). URL = <<http://preview.tinyurl.com/hzmrfaq>>.

Participated in the 22nd Summer School in Cognitive Science, organized by New Bulgarian University in Sofia (July 6-19, 2015), URL = <<http://old.nbu.bg/cogs/events/22nd%20International%20Summer%20School.html>>.

Participated in International Colloquium on Dialogical Practice and Dialogical Philosophizing, titled “Mutual Understanding and the Role of Experience in the Dialogue”, organized by Philosophisch-politische Akademie (PPA) and funded by Society for the Furtherance of Critical Philosophy (SFCP), held in Sofia (July 23-25, 2015).

Participated in the 4th European and the 10th International conference “EuroAsianPacific Joint Conference on Cognitive Science 2015”, organized by Associazione Italiana di Scienze Cognitive (AISC), Cognitive Science Society и International Association for Cognitive Science, held in Turin (September 25-27, 2015). URL = <<http://www.eapcogsci2015.it/>>.

Presentation titled “What is Cognitive Science?”, given at a PhD candidates’ seminar held in Sofia University (October 29th, 2015).

Participated in an international workshop “Free Will and Consciousness”, organized by Abraham Kuyper Center for Science and Religion, held in Amsterdam (November 19-20, 2015). URL = <<http://www.abrahamkuypercenter.vu.nl/nl/nieuws-agenda/agenda/2015/okt-dec/workshop-free-will-and-consciousness.aspx>>.

Presented Anthony R. Cashmore’s paper, titled “The Lucretian swerve: The biological basis of human behavior and the criminal justice system” to the members of the Bulgarian Society for Analytic Philosophy (BSAP) in Sofia (December 21st, 2015). URL = <<https://www.facebook.com/events/909294662518533/>>.

Presentation titled “Clarity in Philosophy”, aimed towards popularization of Analytic Philosophy amongst the Bulgarian students, initiated by BSAP (January 27th, 2016), URL = <<https://www.facebook.com/events/566202700201475/>>.

Presented a report “Metaphilosophy: the Pro-scientific Approaches Toward Consciousness” at the 4th conference “Consciousness” in Sofia (January 29-30, 2016), URL = <<http://consciousnessdebate.wordpress.com/>>.

Presented a report “How Do We Know if We Have a Free Will and What Does “Free Will” mean?” at a conference organized by BSAP and titled “Language and Cognition” (March 12-13, 2016), URL = <<https://www.facebook.com/events/1651576968438573/>>.

Participated in an international inaugural conference of East European Network for Philosophy of Science, co-organized by BSAP and New Bulgarian University, Sofia (June 24-6, 2016), URL = <<https://sites.google.com/site/eastnetworkphilsci/eenps-2016>>.

Presented a report “Do Humanities Offer Any Kind of Expertise?” at the international summer school EUROMEC “The Idea of Europe and Its Borders in Social Sciences and Humanities” in Kiten, Bulgaria (June 26th – July 2nd, 2016), URL = <<http://www.euomec.eu/euomec-summer-school-2016/>>.

Participated in the 23rd International Summer School of Cognitive Science, organized by New Bulgarian University, Sofia (July 4-15, 2016), URL = <<http://old.nbu.bg/cogs/events/2016/23rd%20International%20Summer%20School.html>>.

Presented a report “Added Value of the Teaching of Philosophical Disciplines” at the Eight national conference “Problems and Perspectives of Philosophical Education in Bulgaria”, organized by the Association of Academic Teachers of Philosophy in Bulgaria, Kiten, Bulgaria (September 19-24, 2016), URL = <<https://tinyurl.com/eightconfacadphil>>.

Presented a report “Talking About “Free Will” – a Matter of Value or a Matter of Fact?” at a national conference, organized by the Sofia University’s Chair of Philosophy, titled “The Man – Free and Non-Free” (November 3-4, 2016), URL = <<http://freedom-non-freedom.weebly.com/>>.

5. Teaching:

Term	Place	Title	Role
2014/15 – 2015/16	University of Economics – Varna	Philosophy	Assistant Instructor
2014/15 – 2015/16	University of Economics – Varna	Economic Psychology	Assistant Instructor
2015/2016	University of Economics – Varna	Career Development	Assistant Instructor
2015/2016	University of Economics – Varna	European Studies	Assistant Instructor
2015/2016	Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”	Philosophy and Cognitive Science	Assistant Instructor
2015/2016	University of Economics – Varna	International Political Economy (in English)	Assistant Instructor
2015/2016	University of Economics – Varna	Politology	Assistant Instructor
2016/2017	Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”	Philosophy and Cognitive Science	Assistant Instructor
2016/2017	University of Economics – Varna	Social Psychology in Tourism	Assistant Instructor
2016/2017	University of Economics – Varna	Diplomatic Relations	Assistant Instructor

6. Translations:

Алдър, М. (2004/2016). *Огненият лазерен меч на Нютон*. В сп. „Българска наука“, бр. 86, с. 180-9, ISSN: 1314-1031, URL = <<http://nauka.bg/>>.

7. References:

Prof. Aneta Karageorgieva, Dr. Habil. E-mail: karageorgi@phls.uni-sofia.bg

Assoc. Prof. Dimitar Elchinov, Ph.D. E-mail: dgivanov@phls.uni-sofia.bg

Assoc. Prof. Anna Beshkova, Ph.D. E-mail: abeshkova@phls.uni-sofia.bg

Assoc. Prof. Konstantin Yanakiev, Ph.D. E-mail: kjanakiev@phls.uni-sofia.bg

8. Administration:

Participated in the organizing committee of the national conference “Language and Cognition” (March 12-13, 2016), URL = <<https://www.facebook.com/events/1651576968438573/>>.

9. Side projects:

<http://analyticbg.info> — a collaboration between me and my colleague Assoc. Prof. Dimitar Elchinov, Ph.D. It is a web-site aiming towards popularization of analytic philosophy in Bulgarian academia.

10. International IDs and research profiles:

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ResearchGate: URL = <http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Boyan_Vassilev>