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Boris Grozdanoff



Areas of Specialization

Areas of Specialization – Philosophy of Science (theories, models and thought experiments, space and time), Analytic Epistemology (a priori knowledge, epistemic justification, fallibility)

Areas of Competence – History of Philosophy, Contemporary Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mathematics

Education

2006 Fall/Winter

Post doctoral Fellow, *Center for Philosophy of Science*, University of Pittsburgh.

2006

Ph.D. *Philosophy of Science*, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Philosophical Research, Philosophy of Science Dept.

2002 – Expected fall 2007

Ph.D. *Analytic Philosophy*, Central European University, Budapest, Doctoral candidate, incorporated *M.Phil.* degree, all but dissertation

2004 – 2005

Doctoral Specialization in Philosophy of Science (Scientific Thought Experiments), *University of Toronto*, Canada

1996 – 1997

M.A. *Philosophy*, Sofia University, Graduated top 3%

1995 – 1996

3 Semesters *Journalism*, Sofia University

1992 – 1996

B.A. *Philosophy*, Sofia University, Graduated top 3%

1991 – 1992

2 Semesters *Bulgarian Philology*, Sofia University

1986 – 1991

National High School for Ancient Languages and Cultures

Professional Experience

Since 2007 – Research Fellow

Philosophy of Science Department, Institute For Philosophical Research, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Spring 2007 – Visiting Researcher

University of Birmingham

Since fall 2007 – Visiting Assistant Professor

New Bulgarian University, Department of Philosophy

Since 2006 – Producer and Director

De La Vigne Films (www.sofiafilm.com)

Since 2001 – International Relations

Scientific Foundation Democritus

2001 – 2002 – **TV Show Host** - *TV Channel 2001*

2000 – 2004 - *Kant Co.*

1999 – 2002 – High-value inbound tracing agent

DHL Bulgaria

1991 – 1997 – International Relations and Import

Sofinformproduct Ltd.

Grants and Fellowships

2007 – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences young researchers grant;
2006 - *Pittsburgh Center for Philosophy of Science* Fellowship;
2006 - OSI/FCO Oxford Chevening Scholarship – declined;
2005/2006 - *HESP* Young Scholars Grant, Dubrovnik;
2004 – Doctoral Support Research Grant, *University of Toronto/CEU*, Toronto/Budapest;
2002 – 3 years *Central European University* Full Doctoral Fellowship, Budapest;
2000 – 3 years State PhD Grant at the *BAS, IPR*, Sofia;
1992 – 5 years *Sofia University* Excellent Grades full stipend.

Editorial service and organizational activities

Article editor for *The World of Physics*, Sofia, 2006
Volume Editor for *The Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, (Issue on current Philosophy of Science at Pittsburgh University), 2007.
Organizer of the *Contemporary Philosophy Seminar* at Sofia University, since 2007

Publications

Grozdanoff, Boris [2007] “Empiricism and A priori knowledge” in *The World Of Physics*, forthcoming, Sofia.
Grozdanoff, Boris [2007] “Conflict of Rights” in Zlatanov. B. (ed.) *The Concept of Reflexivity*, Center for Advanced Study Sofia, forthcoming.
Grozdanoff, Boris [2007] “Reconstruction, Justification and Incompatibility in Norton’s account on thought experiments” in *The Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. VII, No. 19, 2007 pp. 67 – 77.
Grozdanoff, Boris [2007] “(D)ifferent Series and The Unreality of Time” in *Philosophical Forum*, Sofia, Vol. 14, '06, p. 219 - 226
Grozdanoff, Boris [2006] “Epistemic revisability” in Stefanov, A., Gurova, L. and Apostolov, A. (ed.) *Science and Knowledge*, Mining and Geology University Press, Sofia.
Grozdanoff, Boris [2006] book review of Brown, James R. [2004] “Who Rules in Science: an opinionated guide to the scientific wars”, Harvard University Press, in *The Croatian Journal of Philosophy*.
Grozdanoff, Boris [2005] “Thought Experiments in Science” in *The World Of Physics*, N. 4, 2005, Sofia.
Grozdanoff, Boris [2005] book review of Stefanov, Angel [2005] “Philosophy Of Time” in *Philosophical Alternatives*, Sofia, 2005.
Grozdanoff, Boris [2005] “A priori revisability and Einstein’s Train Thought experiment” in Vladimirov, L. (ed.) *Collected Papers*, International Philosophical School Varna, June 2004, Sofia.
Grozdanoff, Boris [2005] “Friedman’s model and the role of thought experiments in science” in Hristov, I. (ed.) *Collected Papers*, 3rd National Doctoral Conference in Philosophy, Plovdiv, June 2004, Plovdiv University Press.
Grozdanoff, Boris [2004] “Hidden theoretical assumptions in the development of technologies” in Vladimirov, L. (ed.) *Philosophy Between New and Old Values*, International Philosophical School Varna, June 2002, Sofia.

Talks and Presentations

Talks at the Dubrovnik International Annual conference in Philosophy of Science, University of Toronto, University of Pittsburgh, Central European University - Budapest, University of Rijeka, American University in Blagoevgrad, International University Sofia. Multiple talks at Sofia University and the Institute for Philosophical Research, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Work on Academic projects

“The Epistemic standards in Science”, Project of the Bulgarian Academy of Science, Conducted by the Philosophy of Science Department, Institute For Philosophical Research, BAS, 2004 – 2007. Personal topic within the project: “On the Relation between the epistemic standards in Science and Philosophy”.

References

References for my academic interests and work could be obtained from the following philosophers I have worked with:

James Robert Brown, Professor, University of Toronto, Canada, jrbrown@chass.utoronto.ca

Gerald Massey, Professor, University of Pittsburgh, gjmassey@alltel.net

John Norton, Director for the Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, jdnorton@pitt.edu

Nenad Miscevic, Professor, Central European University, Budapest, vismiscevic@ceu.hu

Lilia Gurova, Assoc. Professor, New Bulgarian University and Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, lgurova@nbu.bg

Languages

Fluent English, fluent Russian, basic Latin, Ancient Greek and Ancient Bulgarian, Bulgarian native.

Computer Skills

MS Office XP, Win XP Pro, Front Page XP Professional, MS Power Point and MS Visio, Adobe CS Suite, Canopus Edius Pro

Videography and Media Skills

Work as an independent scientific videographer and video editor since year 2000. Recent Projects shot on professional video format (DVCPRO and DVCPRO HD) are the Bulgarian Edition of the FameLab® 2007 National Competition, The Bulgarian edition of the Café Scientifique, the video edition of the *Contemporary Philosophy Seminar* at Sofia University (philosophy.sofiafilm.com). Producer and editor for the current independent film production "Soulmate".

Additional Information

Central European University, Student Council representative for Philosophy and Mathematics Depts., member of the University computer committee [2002 - 2003], student council member 2003 – 2004. Since 2000 member of the organizational committee of the annual *Popper seminar* in philosophy of science at the Philosophy of Science Dept., Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. Co-organizer with foundation *Philosophical Society "Sofia"* of the regular seminar "Contemporary Philosophy" held in Sofia University [2001 - 2002]. Invited guest at George Atanasov's *Night TV Show* in 2001. Regular military service in the Bulgarian National Army [1998], tank platoon deputy commander, reserve Lieutenant junior. Sports: Swimming, tennis, amateur car racing. Interests: Videography, Digital video editing, Web design, Salsa. BMW enthusiast for many years, member of the BMW Bulgaria forum, admitted as a member of the BMW Bulgaria club in 2002, proud former owner of BMW 318i [M-40 engine] E 30. Clean and valid driving license since 1994, category "B". Nationality: Bulgarian. Born 31.07.1972, single.