BULGARIAN-SWISS COOPERATION PROGRAMME
БЪЛГАРО-ШВЕЙЦАРСКА ПРОГРАМА ЗА СЪТРУДНИЧЕСТВО

The dynamic nature of interethnic attitudes in Bulgaria: a social psychological perspective

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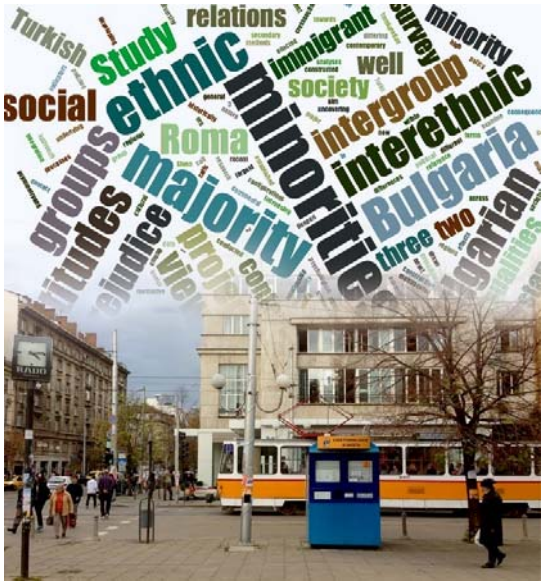
Duration 36 Months

Discipline Social Psychology



Main Goals

- Uncover social psychological processes underlying interethnic attitudes and prejudice of the Bulgarian majority population and of the two major ethnic minority groups (Roma and Turks) in contemporary Bulgaria.
- Examine regional differences in interethnic attitudes
- Train junior scholars

Activities

Research is conducted with a multi-method approach:

- Study 1 analyses existing secondary social survey data.
- Study 2 is a cross-sectional survey across three regions in Bulgaria with differing proportions of Roma and Turkish minorities (Montana, Stara Zagora, Kardzhali).
- Study 3 consists of semi-directive interviews among both majority and minority groups.

➔ *Project website: http://www3.unil.ch/wpmu/interethnicbulgaria/*

Expected results

- Developing new models to understand antecedents and consequences of prejudice and discrimination.
- Suggestions for policy strategies for prejudice reduction and integration of ethnic minorities.
- Building a research network in social and political psychology between Swiss and Bulgarian partners.
- Three PhD dissertations (two in Bulgaria and one UNIL-funded in Switzerland).

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