

Institute of Conflict Resolution Management and Working Group

The Institute of Conflict Resolution /ICR/-Sofia is an association of lawyers, researchers and university professors. The ICR was founded in 2000 to help establish new forms of conflict resolution as a legitimate part of the Bulgarian legal system. It follows a number of objectives, including: exploration of creative conflict resolution methods, based on the culture of dialogue and in accordance with the European and world standards; promotion of action for change; practice of new skills and techniques like mediation, negotiation and other peaceful methods for dispute resolution, focusing on restorative justice (RJ); preventing violence, youth offending and other antisocial behaviour; protection of rights of crime victims; strengthening civil society and European integration. ICR does research on crime prevention and criminal justice; disseminates information about human and victims' rights among all interested groups; supports public education aimed at increasing awareness about European values, promotes exchange of ideas and mutual help. ICR is involved in promotion of restorative justice in Bulgaria and training of mediators and is a member of the National Association of Mediators - Bulgaria. It is based on volunteers' commitment, funded mainly through projects and has a Chair, Board and General Assembly.

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Scientific Activities:

Prof. Dr Dobrinka Chankova is teaching Criminal Procedure Law, Human Rights Protection and Alternative Dispute Resolution at the Faculty of Law and History, South-West University - Blagoevgrad and Mediation in Penal Matters at New Bulgarian University - Sofia. She is a law graduate from Sofia University and has further specialised Criminology, Human Rights and Conflict Resolution at Columbia University - New York, Council of Europe - Directorate of Human Rights, European University Institute - Florence, etc. In 2009 she did research at Tokiwa International Victimology Institute – Mito, Japan. She has served as an expert at Human Rights Committee at the National Assembly and at the Council of Legislation at the Ministry of Justice of Bulgaria. Dobrinka Chankova has played a pioneering role in the introduction of mediation to Bulgaria's justice system, training of mediators and in increasing public awareness about crime victims protection. She has been a Bulgarian representative to the Council of Europe

Committees on Crime Problems and on Mediation in Penal Matters and a secretary of Bulgaria-EU Sub-Committee on Approximation of Bulgarian Legislation to the EC Law. She has lectured in numerous foreign universities in the framework of ERASMUS, INTERREG and other programs and has taken part as an expert and coordinator in various national and international research projects. Prof. Chankova has published widely in the field of restorative justice, victimology and human rights. She is a founder and chair of the Institute of Conflict Resolution.

Selected Publications

'European Protection Order: A New Instrument for Protection of Victims of Crime', *Proceedings of the Annual Conference of Law Faculty at the University of National and World Economy "European Future of Bulgaria"*, Sofia, 2013 (in Bulgarian)

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