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1976 - 1991	Research Associate, Institute for Balkan Studies, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
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1998 - present	Member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for the Study of Balkan Society and Culture (CSBSC), Graz, Austria
2000	Consultant to the World Bank as Specialist on Ethnic Issues for the Child Welfare Reform Project
2001	Consultant to the EU Accession Monitoring Program
2002	Consultant to UNDP on the National Human Development Report for Bosnia-Herzegovina for 2001
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2002 - 2005	Consultant to UNDP on issues, related to the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015
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1987 - 1990	Founding member of several human rights protection groups in Bulgaria, including the Society for Openness and Reform.
1989 - 1990	Co-founder and Speaker of the National Reconciliation Committee
1990 - 1998	Member of the Board of Directors of the Open Society Foundation
1990 - 2007	Co-founder and member of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee
Awards	
1990	Badge of honour for the best research achievement of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences for the book "The Spread of Islam in the Western Balkan Lands under Ottoman Rule /XV-XVIII centuries/"
1996	"Panitsa" reward for journalism
1997	Nomination for Philip Morris Institute Europe Prize for the historical-political essay "Europe and Balkan Identity" (Does Europe Matter?)
2000	National Award for Contribution to Roma Education, awarded by the Kupate Union of Roma in Bulgaria
2000	The Human Rights Prize of the French Republic for achievements in providing equal opportunities for education to children from Bulgaria's minority communities
2004	Journalistic award "Dimitar Peshev" for establishing standards for ethnic and religious tolerance and clearly expressed civil stand in the Bulgarian press during the past 15

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2006	The annual Shofar award for social, political and journalistic activity in the name of the ethnic tolerance in Bulgaria
2007	Georgi Vassilev Fund award "For Contribution to the Freedom of the Spirit"
2009	On January 30, 2009, the Chair of IMIR's Board of Directors Antonina Zhelyazkova was awarded by H. E. Etienne de Poncins, Ambassador of France in Bulgaria with the order Chevalier de L'Ordre National du Merite.

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