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WHAT DO SPONGEBOB, ROBOTICS, AND FACTCHECKING HAVE IN COMMON?

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No, a Fulbrighter has not invented a SpongeBob robot that can do your factchecking for you... yet. But Fulbright Bulgaria grantees in the past year have worked on all these topics! Check out the inaugural issue of the Fulbright Bulgaria e-newsletter to hear about US Scholar Murdock Lucas's Bikini Bottom adventures, Bulgarian Visiting Researcher Desislava Nikolova's experiments in synthetic data at Carnegie Mellon's world-renown Robotics Institute, and a Fulbright media boot camp for Bulgarian high school students. You can also find photos and highlights from our [30th Anniversary Gala](#) in April, as well as our Orientation for incoming US Grantees that took place last week.

Thank you for subscribing to Fulbright Bulgaria's quarterly newsletter – we hope you enjoy this insight into our dynamic community. We wish everyone an inspiring, successful and healthy start to the new academic year!



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Fulbright Scholar Murdock Lucas Brings Bikini Bottom to Sofia

Charles Murdock Lucas is a scene and media designer based in San Diego, California. He has designed for companies across the United States and internationally. "Throughout my time in Bulgaria, I was grateful for the dear friends and adopted family I have made during our stay there," Murdock said.

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Synthetic Data and Authentic Exchange: Visiting Researcher Desislava Nikolova

Desislava Nikolova is a young Fulbrighter in the field of data science from the Technical University of Sofia, who has recently returned from her study in the US.

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"Embarking on a Fulbright exchange in the United States was a dream come true for me."

DEISLAVA NIKOLOVA,
VISITING RESEARCHER AY
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Fulbright Bulgaria at 30

On April 21, 2023, Fulbright Bulgaria celebrated its 30th anniversary with a gala concert at the Military Club in downtown Sofia, attended by 250 grantees, guests, partners and friends, most decked out in Fulbright Blue to honor the occasion.

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2023 Fulbright-Sponsored Summer Camps for High Schoolers: Countering Disinfo and Encountering Debate

Fulbright Bulgaria was proud to sponsor a third Media Boot Camp for high school students in partnership with SCOOOL Media (AEJ-Bulgaria) as well as the BEST Speech and Debate Camp in Bankya.

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