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The Ottoman Policy towards the Internal Migration Movements of the Population Inhabiting the Bulgarian Lands in the Nineteenth Century (until 1878)

(Abstract)

The article follows and analyses the policy of the Ottoman rulers regarding the migration movements that took place in the nineteenth century (until 1878) in the territories of the Ottoman Empire inhabited by Bulgarians. The author outlines the main objectives and directions of the migration policy of the Ottoman power in the Bulgarian lands, the means used for their realization and the achieved results. It is noted that the migration policy carried out by the Sublime Porte played an important role not only in the demographic and socio-economic development of the Ottoman Empire but also in the Bulgarian national development during the National Revival period. That is why this policy should receive due attention from the Bulgarian historiography.