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## **What Is the Political Legacy of Stephan Stambolov, How and Why Does It Have To Be Explored?**

(Abstract)

The interest to the activity of Stefan Stambolov has increased significantly in contemporary Bulgaria. On the one hand it has been caused by insufficient study of some aspects of his policy. On the other hand, it is a result of socio-economic, political and moral crisis in the Bulgarian society after the events taken place in the late 1980s. Stambolov as a historical figure has become an important element of the national politics of memory. And it resulted in a growing interest of the researchers in his activities. However the negative effects of the policy could be deliberately concealed by scientists, journalists and writers in a favour of statesmen. The political legacy of each historical figure who marked the next step in a history of any country, is an important factor that influence a course of political, social, economic and cultural processes. Its study can significantly adjust the established notions about activities of a particular politician, its importance to the state-building processes. The subject of our study is a sophisticated phenomenon and its research requires a number of methodological techniques.