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## **Aspects de la politique bulgare dans les Balkans dans le contexte de la préparation et l'exécution de CSCE**

(Abstract)

*Aspects of the Bulgarian Balkan Policy in the Context of the Preparation and Conduct of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.* Despite the popular feature of Bulgaria as the most faithful satellite of the Soviet Union during the Cold War, Sofia used cleverly different mechanisms to attract Moscow's support to ensure national security. One of them was the emphasis on the image of the most loyal Soviet ally, and in the practice of Bulgarian diplomacy one could see the subtle impact by referring to common goals with the global strategic plans of the USSR. The article highlights some of the outstanding issues on the Balkans and follows the arguments that the Bulgarian political leadership handled, as well as the acceptable compromises it was willing to make to ensure Soviet support in favor of national interests in the years of the preparation and conduct of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

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