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L'Organisation et l'État: VMORO et la Principauté de Bulgare durant la période suivant Ilinden (1903–1908)

(Abstract)

The Organization and the State: the Internal Macedonian-Adrianople Revolutionary Organization and the Principality of Bulgaria in the Post-Ilinden Period (1903–1908). In the years after the Ilinden-Preobrazhenie uprising in 1903, complex and ambiguous relations developed between the IMARO and the Bulgarian governments. The nonintervention of Bulgaria in support of the rebels in Macedonia and the Adrianople Thrace led to serious tensions between the revolutionary organization and the state factors in the Principality. There was an intensive process of ideological organizational fragmentation in the IMARO itself, as part of its circles supported the idea of completely breaking off the ties with official Bulgaria. Although it publicly supported conduct of declarative distancing by the Bulgarian state, the Internal Organization continued to benefit from its financial and military assistance. During the period under review, the state subsidies for IMARO increased many times. The financing of the revolutionary organization by the Bulgarian governments suffered from many weaknesses, but it was of great importance for the preservation of its potential. Despite a number of contradictions and problems between state institutions and revolutionary activists, their common strategic goal – the liberation of Macedonia and Adrianople Thrace – determined their permanent co-operation.

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