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## The Proclamation of Independence of Bulgaria on September 22, 1908 in the Estimates of the Historiography of the Russian Empire

[Провозглашение независимости Болгарии 22 сентября 1908 г. в оценках историографии Российской империи]

(Abstract)

In this paper we consider scientific works devoted to the proclamation of the independence of Bulgaria in 1908, such well-known researchers as P. N. Milyukov, A. L. Pogodin, V. I. Picheta, N. V. Yastrebov and P. A. Lavrov. The author shows not only the contribution presented by the authors to the study of this issue, but also defines how the creation of the Balkan Union of 1912, the Balkan Wars of 1912–1913, the unfolding of the global world conflict of 1914, the accession of Bulgaria to the Triple Alliance of 1915 and others important political and international events influenced the assessments given by Russian researchers to the proclamation of the independence of the principality. In addition, the article shows how the political preferences of historians, their social origin, and also their belonging to a particular nationality influenced the interpretation of this event. The author came to the conclusion that, despite the different ethnic origins, they did not go beyond the framework of the Russian imperial narrative. Belarus A. L. Pogodin, Ukrainian V. I. Picheta, Russians P. N. Milyukov, N. V. Yastrebov and P. A. Lavrov interpreted the declaration of independence of Bulgaria in the same way. The assessments of the historians of the event of interest to us were influenced exclusively by the international conjuncture.

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