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The “Revival Process” in Bulgaria and the Soviet Participation – Myths and Realities

(Abstract)

The article presents the results of a documentary study of the Soviet Union’s attitude to the assimilation policy of the communist regime in Bulgaria towards the Bulgarian Turks in the period 1984–1989 and Moscow’s behavior in connection with the crisis in Bulgarian-Turkish relations. On the basis of the available archival documents, an answer is sought to the question of whether the “revival process” was inspired by the Soviet Union or whether it is just about another persistent myth in the public sphere.

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