



First International Russo-Bulgarian Students' Conference
"History and the Construction of Modernity:
The Slavic Context"

Moscow-Sofia, 11-12 November 2021

Dear colleagues and friends!

The Faculty of History of the Lomonosov Moscow State University and **The Faculty of History of the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"** are pleased to invite you to the First International Russo-Bulgarian Students' Conference **"History and the Construction of Modernity: The Slavic Context"** (the conference is organized within the framework of a grant from the Russian Foundation for Basic Research and the National Science Fund of Bulgaria №20-59-18007 "From regional conflicts to an age of global transformations: Russian and Bulgarian historical perspectives on the international relations in the late 19th – early 21st century").

Due to modern political circumstances, calls can still be heard for the revision of a number of historical events and processes, which naturally leads to the problem of the falsification of history. Despite this, it is necessary to remember that history remains fundamental, and is above politics.

Thirty years after the disintegration of the Eastern Bloc the academic communities of Russia and Bulgaria are involved in historical and politological discussions and, unfortunately, they often find themselves on opposing sides. Since the responsible and earnest approach to the past and historical memory is a key factor in the formation of modernity, the young historians of MSU and SU, respectful of the different fact-based viewpoints and seeking beneficial scholarly discussion, invite their colleagues from Southeastern and Central Europe and the Post-Soviet states to discuss issues, the answers to which, while rooted in the past, shape the present:

- *the issue of nationalism and national identity in the Balkans, in Central Europe and in the Post-Soviet space;*
- *the Balkans and Russia in wars and conflicts;*
- *cultural dialogue and the preservation of historical heritage;*
- *political transformation of the Balkan Peninsula;*
- *the role of ideology in the history of Russia and the states of Central and Southeastern Europe and its influence on their foreign policy;*
- *history of the Russo-Bulgarian relations.*

Publication of the participants' papers is planned.

Participation details

Form: online, on Zoom.

Date: 11-12 November 2021

Participants: university students, PhD students, young scholars.

Conference schedule: up to 15 minutes per participant.

Working languages of the conference: Russian, Bulgarian, English.

Application form as a MS Word file (*.doc or *.docx)

Surname	
Name	
Middle name	
Educational institution (full name)	
Department/Faculty/Institute	
Position	
Country	
Location	
Phone number	
E-mail	
Title of the paper	
Abstract (max. 250 words)	

Application forms must be submitted via email to russian.bulgarian.conference@gmail.com no later than 12 October 2021. The same address should be used in case of any questions related to the upcoming conference.

Formatting requirements for the papers will be announced at a later date.

Important dates

Application deadline	12 October
Notification of the inclusion of the report in the program of the conference	19 October
Conference date	11-12 November
Paper submission deadline	1 December