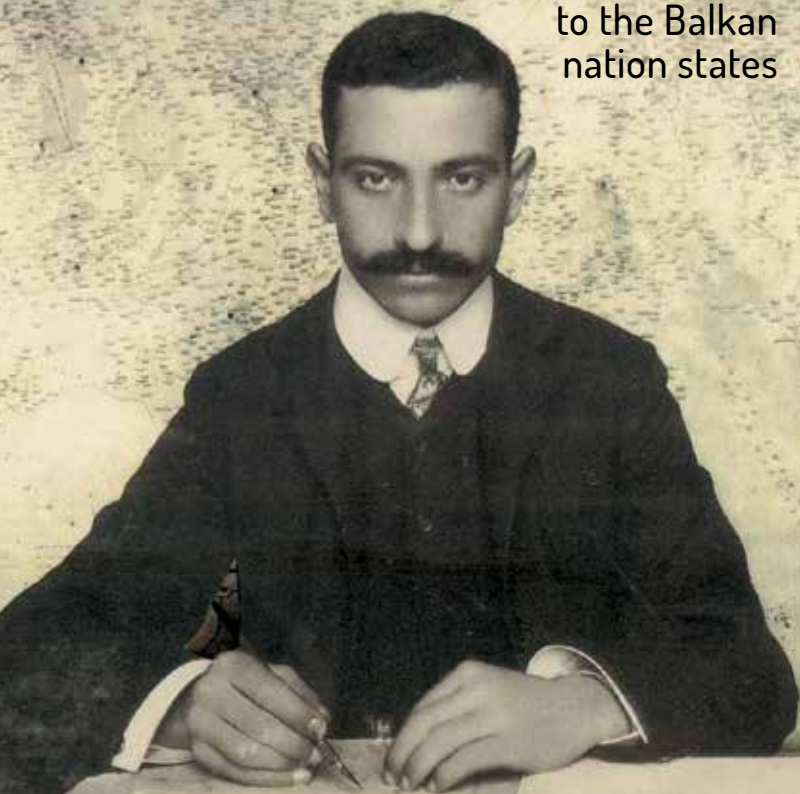


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"Krste Misirkov"  
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On healthy and  
unhealthy beliefs:  
**monitoring,**  
**assessment** and  
**classification**  
of national and  
social proclivities,  
from Macedonia  
to the Balkan  
nation states



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October 2024  
**Thursday**

**OPENING SESSION**

[ 10.00-10.20 ]

Welcome by **Dragi Gjorgiev**

fellow member of the Academy (MANU) and former Director of  
Institute of National History

**Tasos Kostopoulos** Opening Remarks

**FIRST PANEL**

[ 10.20-12.00 ]

**Bulgarian taxonomies of  
the Macedonians**

Chair: **Dmitar Tasić**

**Alexander Vezenkov**

*Bulgarian authorities classifying the origin, the identity and the  
affiliation of the Macedonians: the certificates of honesty and  
trustworthiness*

**Tchavdar Marinov**

*Plans and Practices of National Homogenization in Bulgarian-  
Occupied Macedonia. The Case of the Directorate on Nationality  
Issues during WWII*

**Break**

**12.00-12.20**

**SECOND PANEL**

[ 12.20-14.00 ]

**The Greek case: identity screening and  
refugee repatriation**

Chair: **Tchavdar Marinov**

**Tasos Kostopoulos**

*Elusive Loyalties, Misleading Categories: Deciphering the  
modalities of identity screening in Greek Macedonia*

**Lambros Baltsiotis**

*Slavic-speaking refugees of the Greek Civil War: Facts and  
perceptions on citizenship deprivations and repatriations*

**Break**

**14.00-16.00**

THIRD PANEL

[ 16.00-17.40 ]

## Vardar Macedonia between the Wars: Old and New Identities

Chair: **Petar Todorov**

**Dmitar Tasić**

*Under the Watchful Eye: Teachers in Yugoslav Macedonia between World Wars*

**Ivana Hadjievska**

*Kingdom of Yugoslavia and voluntary associations in Bitola: local view of state policies toward the national loyalty of the population (1918-1939)*

Break

17.40-18.00

FOURTH PANEL

[ 18.00-19.40 ]

## National ideologies, Public Controversies

Chair: **Tasos Kostopoulos**

**Kostas Fradellos**

*Taxonomies of sovereignty. Territorial expansion, administrative incorporation and public controversy in post-Balkan Wars Greece*

**Nikos Molivas**

*Musical taxonomic strategies in the Yugoslavian discography: folk songs as a medium of communal commemoration in Platani, Edessa during the 1970s*



October 2024  
Friday

FIFTH PANEL

[ 10.00-11.40 ]

## Diasporic Taxonomies

Chair: **Lina Venturas**

**Petar Todorov**

*In search of Macedonians: The politics of Socialist Republic of Macedonia among emigrants from Macedonia*

**Yannis Papadopoulos**

*The role of ethnic associations in shaping the identifications of immigrants from Macedonia in the Diaspora*

Break

11.40-12.00

SIXTH PANEL

[ 12.00-13.40 ]

## Beyond Macedonia: the Romanian and Albanian Cases

Chair: **Lambros Baltsiotis**

**Raul Cârstocea**

*Call Me by Your Name: Taxonomies of Aromanians in Nineteenth-Century and Interwar Romania*

**Elias Skoulidas**

*Policies of Taxonomy by the Albanian State towards Christian Orthodox Communities during the Interwar Period: The Case of the Korça Region*

Break

13.40-16.00

SEVENTH PANEL

[ 16.00-17.40 ]

## Macedonian Taxonomies and the Birth of New Turkey

Chair: **Alexander Vezenkov**

**Nikos Sigalas**

*The Ottoman General Directorate of Security eight offices: The formation of a control and surveillance apparatus along ethnic and/or permanent security lines during WWI*

**Alexandre Toumarkine**

*The Crypto-Jews (Dönme) of Thessalonica in Turkey: an unconfessed state category, and their place in a conspiracy theory based analysis of the foundation of the republic*

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**Eftychia Georgakopoulou**

Presentation of the MACAUTH Database

[ 17.40-18.00 ]

**Concluding Remarks**

[ 18.00-18.30 ]

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October 2024  
**Saturday**

*Excursion for  
the participants*

The MACAUTH project aims to investigate a little-explored and usually neglected aspect of the Macedonian Question throughout the late nineteenth and most of the twentieth century: namely, the function of the Macedonian Question as a catalyst and a testing ground for the emergence, development and consolidation of authoritarian state policies on a nation-wide scale in all the Balkan nation-states involved. In other words, how the tools used by the rival nation states to extract national loyalty in late Ottoman Macedonia, where nation had been widely conceived first and foremost as a political party, were subsequently transformed into a far broader method of social and political control.

MACAUTH will examine the transfer of particular administrative practices of surveillance, control and political indoctrination, as well as state-sponsored violence and its ideological justification in the name of national expediency, from the initial field of their application in Ottoman and post-Ottoman Macedonia to the mainstream political and social life of Greece, Bulgaria and Serbia/Yugoslavia, as well as to the respective diasporic communities. The impact of the same heritage in Romania, Albania, the Ottoman Empire and its successor nation state, the Turkish Republic, will also be assessed.

The research team consists of historians from all five Balkan countries which have been historically involved in the Macedonian conflict (Greece, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Serbia and Romania), plus experts on Albania, the Ottoman Empire and early Republican Turkey. It is composed of the principal investigator, eleven post-doctoral fellows, senior researchers or research assistants, plus two PhD candidates with their supervisors.

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