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# **THE BALKANS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: FROM ANTIQUITY TO THE ERA OF GLOBALIZATION**

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**REGULATIONS:** plenary report – up to 30 minutes, report – up to 20 minutes, discussion – up to 5 minutes.

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## **THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION**

**March 30, Tuesday, 9:00–11:00**

***Chairs: Serhii Litovchenko*** – the Dean of School of History, Ass. Prof., Candidate of Historical Sciences; ***Mykhailo Stanchev*** – Prof., Doctor of Historical Sciences, Foreign Member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

**The Introductory Speech of the President of V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University, Doctor of Sociological Sciences, Prof., Academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine Vil Bakirov**

**The Welcome Speech of the President of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Mathematical Sciences, Prof., Academician Julian Revalski**

**The Welcome Speech of the Director of the Institute of History of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof., Academician Valerii Smolii**

### **REPORTS**

**War and Peace in Byzantium: Political Theory and Realpolitik (the 5<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> centuries)**  
**Liliana Simeonova**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof. (the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

**The Struggle of the “Great Powers” for the Control over the Black Sea Straits and the Balkan Countries before and during the First World War**  
**Oleh Mashevskiy**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof. (Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University)

**Croats and the Macedonian Question: from Strossmayer to the Present Day**  
**Svetlozar Eldarov**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof. (the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

## PANEL 1

### **The Divided Balkans: the Eastern Roman Empire and the “Byzantine Commonwealth” in International Politics of the Middle Ages**

**Session Room in Zoom № 1**

***March 30, Tuesday, 11:30–13:00***

***Moderators: Liliana Simeonova, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof.;  
Serhii Lyman, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof.***

## REPORTS

### **Charitable Activity of Euergetes in the Northern and Western Black Sea Coast as a Factor of International Relations of Greek Polises**

**Oksana Ruchynska**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

### **The Gothic Church Organization in the Light of the 1st and 2nd Canons of the Second Ecumenical Council**

**Milen Markov**, Doctoral Student (the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

### **The Antes on the Left Bank of the Lower Danube in the 7<sup>th</sup> century**

**Oleg Bubenok**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof., Senior Researcher (A. Krymsky Institute of Oriental Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

***Break***

*March 30, Tuesday, 14:00–18:00*

**REPORTS**

**The Franks-Carantianians Relations in the Context of the Military Confrontation with the Avar Khaganate in the late 780s–790s**

**Andriy Domanovsky**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

**Bulgarians on the Way to Christ**

**Sergej Sorochan**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof. (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

**Balkan Factors in the Formation of Slavic Identity of Rus'**

**Ihor Shpyk**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof., the Director (the Institute of Slavonic Studies of Ivan Franko Lviv National University)

**How and Where the Route “from the Varangians to Greeks” went. Geographical Refutation of Traditional Historical Reconstructions of the Route**

**Olga Shchodra**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (Ivan Franko Lviv National University)

*Break (20 minutes)*

**Hagiographic Information about Enemy Invasions on Byzantine Territory (the 9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> centuries)**

**Elena Delvinska**, Doctoral Student (the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

**Medieval Horse Reshma from the Territory of the Prut-Dniester Interfluve and Militarization of the Balkan-Danube Region in the 9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> centuries**

**Vitalii Kalinichenko**, Assistant (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University)

**The Byzantine Policy of Tsar Simeon or “Peace Enforcement” in Bulgarian**

**Konstantin Bardola**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Doctoral Student (Zaporizhzhia National University)

**Theory and Practice of War: the Treatise De Velitatione Bellica and the Byzantine Strategy of the Eastern Front in the 10<sup>th</sup> century**

**Nikolay Zhelev**, Doctoral Student (the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

*March 31, Wednesday, 9:00–13:00*

*Moderators: Liliana Simeonova, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof.;*  
*Andriy Domanovsky, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof.*

## REPORTS

### **Main Trade and Exchange Routes in Komnenos Byzantium (1081–1185)**

**Georgi Dimov**, D-r, Chief Assistant (the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

### **The Knights of Ioaniti and the Balkans in the 11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> centuries**

**Vladislav Ivanov**, D-r, Ass. Prof., Chief Assistant (the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

### **“Vlachs” Factor in the History of the Asen State**

**Bogdan Bodnaryuk**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof. (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University)

*Break (20 minutes)*

### **Bulgaria and Serbia in the Process of Decentralization of the Byzantine Community in the 13<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> centuries**

**Denitsa Petrova**, D-r, Chief Assistant (the Institute for Historical Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

### **Commander Ivan Rusin: Military Activity in the Context of International Relations in the Balkans in the first half of the 14<sup>th</sup> century**

**Andrii Fedoruk**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University)

### **International Relations in the Balkans in the Works of the Professor of the Imperial Kharkiv University A. L. Pogodin**

**Serhii Lyman**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof., **Anatolii Parfinenko**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

*Discussion*

## PANEL 2

### **The Balkans: the Empires and the “Eastern Question” in International Relations during 1453–1878**

**Session Room in Zoom № 2**

*March 30, Tuesday, 11:30–13:00*

*Moderators: Volodymyr Milchev, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof.;*  
*Viacheslav Tsivatyi, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof.*

## REPORTS

**Institutional Foundations of Foreign Policy Confrontation between the Habsburgs and the Ottomans in the Early Modern Age (the end of 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> centuries): Balkan and Italian Diplomatic Discourses**

**Viacheslav Tsivatyi**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University)

**Serbian-Ukrainian Cultural Relations in the Mirror of Book Printing and Trade of Liturgical Books (in memoriam of academician Yaroslav Isayevych)**

**Sándor Földvári**, Researcher, Lecturer (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, University of Debrecen)

**The Participation of Zaporozhian Cossacks in the Austro-Turkish War of 1788-1790**

**Volodymyr Milchev**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof. (Zaporizhzhia National University)

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*March 30, Tuesday, 14:00–18:00*

## REPORTS

### **The Participation of Transdanubian Cossacks in Military and Political Events in the Balkans (the first third of the 19<sup>th</sup> century)**

**Olena Bachynska**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof. (I. I. Mechnikov Odesa National University)

### **The Balkans in Russian-French Relations (1804–1807): Interpretations of Soviet Historians**

**Oleg Zaharchuk**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (National Aviation University, Kyiv)

### **Activities of the Nizhyn Alexander Greek School against the Background of the Processes of the Greek National Revival of the late 18<sup>th</sup> – early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries**

**Oksana Ivanenko**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Senior Researcher (the Institute of History of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

### **Official and Unofficial Diplomacy of I. Kapodistrias against the Background of the Emergency of the Eteria Movement**

**Oksana Snigovska**, Candidate of Pedagogical Sciences, Ass. Prof., **Andrii Malakhiti**, senior lecturer (I. I. Mechnikov Odesa National University)

*Break (20 minutes)*

### **The Resettlement of Greeks and Bulgarians from Bulgaria and North-Western Turkey to the Crimea in 1830**

**Margaryta Aradzhyni**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Leading Researcher (A. Krymsky Institute of Oriental Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

### **The Resettlement of Bulgarians to the Northern Pryazovia in the early 1860s because of the Aggravation of the “Eastern Question”**

**Sergiy Pachev**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (Bohdan Khmelnytsky Melitopol State Pedagogical University)

### **Petar Beron: Bulgarian in Europe or European in Bulgaria?**

**Galyna Dokashenko**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof. (Horlivka Institute of Foreign Languages of Donbas State Pedagogical University)

### **Diplomatic Mission of Prince A. S. Menshikov in Istanbul**

**Karen Behlarian**, Bachelor (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

*March 31, Wednesday, 9:00–13:00*

*Moderators: Olena Bachynska, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof.;*  
*Galyna Dokashenko, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof.*

## **REPORTS**

### **To the Issue of Odesa Bulgarian Abbotship**

**Yuliia Hryshchenko**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Senior Researcher (the Institute of History of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

### **The Role of Mehmet Sadyk Pasha in the Founding of the Local Bulgarian Orthodox Church**

**Volodymyr Poltorak**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (I. I. Mechnikov Odesa National University)

### **The First Experience of Bulgarian “People’s Diplomacy”: the Mission of D. Tsankov and M. Balabanov in Western European Countries during 1876–1877**

**Maria Kriutchenko**, Applicant (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

### **The Development of Byzantine Studies at Kharkiv University in the Context of the “Eastern Question” (the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> – the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> centuries)**

**Marina Domanovska**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Researcher (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

## *Discussion*

### PANEL 3

#### **“Gunpowder Cellar of Europe”: the Formation of the Balkan Subsystem of International Relations and the First World War in the Balkans**

**Session Room in Zoom № 3**

*March 30, Tuesday, 11:30–13:00*

*Moderators: Svetlozar Eldarov, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof.;*  
*Dmytro Mykolenko, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof.*

#### REPORTS

##### **Vinnitsia Affair and the Balance of Power in the Southeast of Europe**

**Angel Zlatkov**, Doctoral Student (Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”)

##### **The “Eastern Question” in Early French Opinion Journalism of Christiu Rakovsky**

**Yaroslav Shkabura**, the Vice-director (M. Drinov Bulgarian and Balkan Research Centre of V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

##### **Italian Divertissement or the German Trace in a Political Career of Ch. (Ch. G.) Rakovsky**

**Maria Tortika**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (Kharkiv State Academy of Culture)

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*March 30, Tuesday, 14:00–18:00*

#### REPORTS

##### **Activities of European Military Instructional Missions in the Countries of South-Eastern Europe during 1900-1918**

**Serhii Falko**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (the National Guard Military Academy of Ukraine)

##### **Bulgarian Conceptions of Solving the Albanian Question (1908–1918)**

**Georgi Georgiev**, D-r (the Institute for Historical Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

##### **The Slavic Council in Sofia in 1910 and the Macedonian Question**

**Kiril Iliev**, Doctoral Student (the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

**T. Masaryk – a Critic of the Balkan Policy of Austria-Hungary in the late 19<sup>th</sup> – the early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries**

**Oleksandr Kravchuk**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (Mykhailo Kotsiubynsky Vinnytsia State Pedagogical University)

*Break (20 minutes)*

**The Balkan Wars of 1912–1913 in Assessments of American Diplomats and Journalists**

**Taras Piatnychuk**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, the Head (the Ethnographic Museum of Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University), lecturer (Chernivtsi High School of Commerce of Kyiv National University of Trade and Economics)

**The Second Balkan War of 1913: the Price of Ambition and Strategic Calculations**

**Olena Sukhushyna**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (Bohdan Khmelnytsky Cherkasy National University)

**“The Prologue to the Catastrophe of the 20<sup>th</sup> century”: the Role of the Balkan Wars of 1912–1913 in the Escalation of Violence during the First World War**

**Mykola Hlibischuk**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Assistant (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University)

**The Opening of the Monument to Grand Duke Nikolai Nikolaevich in 1914: One of the Last Attempts of Bulgaria to Improve its Image in the Eyes of Russian Society**

**Nikita Gusev**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Senior Researcher (the Institute of Slavic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)

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*March 31, Wednesday, 9:00–13:00*

*Moderators: Serhii Potrashkov, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof.;*  
*Gregory Shkundin, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof.*

## REPORTS

**Louis Mallett under the Sights of “The Times”: British Diplomacy in Constantinople at the beginning of the First World War**

Artem Hrachov, PhD student (Ivan Ohiienko Kamianets-Podilskyi National University)

**The Problem of Concluding of a Separate Peace between Bulgaria and the Entente Powers: the Italian Factor (October 1915 – March 1916)**

Grigorii Shkundin, Candidate of Historical Sciences, the Vice-president (the Russian Association of Historians of the First World War)

**The Ukrainian Question in the Pages of Bulgarian Newspapers in the Years of the First World War**

Inna Manasieva, D-r, Chief Assistant (the Institute for Historical Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

**Czech Karel Skorpil as an Irreplaceable Bulgarian Scientist: an Unpublished Report about the Necropolis near Trebenista in a Scientific Mission of the General Staff of the Armed Forces (July 6–30, 1918)**

Diana Marinova (the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria – Ruse branch)

*Break (20 minutes)*

**The War Aims of the Belligerent Parties of the First World War in Central and Eastern Europe and the Disintegration of the Russian and Austro-Hungarian Empires**

Dmytro Bondarenko, Doctoral Student (University of Szeged)

**Bulgaria and the Central Powers (1915–1918): Aims, Cooperation, Failure**

Bernhard Bachinger, Mag. Dr. phil. (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for the Research on Consequences of War, Graz)

**The Bulgarian Visual (Hi)Story of the WW I: Images and the Way We Work with Them**

Dobrinka Parusheva, PhD, Ass. Prof. (University of Plovdiv “Paisii Hilendarski” / the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

**The Reflection of the Events of the First World War in the Reward Systems of the Balkan Countries**

**Serhii Potrashkov**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof. (Kharkiv State Academy of Culture)

**Memorialization of the Heritage of the First World War of 1914–1918 in the Monumental Art of the Balkan Countries**

**Tetiana Kovalenko**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Senior Lecturer (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

*Discussion*

## PANEL 4

### States of South-Eastern Europe during the Versailles System and the Second World War

Session Room in Zoom № 4

*March 30, Tuesday, 11:30–13:00*

*Moderators: Iryna Matiash, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof.;*  
*Bisser Petrov, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof.*

#### REPORTS

##### **Ukrainian Diplomatic Presence in Bulgaria: the Promotion of a National Idea**

**Anna Tertychna**, Adviser (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine)

##### **Oleksander Shulhyn – the Ambassador of Ukraine to Bulgaria**

**Dmytro Gordiyenko**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Senior Researcher (M. S. Hrushevsky Institute of Ukrainian Archeography and Source Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

##### **The Mission of Platon Linnichenko in Sofia in 1921**

**Iryna Matiash**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof., Leading Researcher (the Institute of History of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

#### *Break*

*March 30, Tuesday, 14:00–18:00*

##### **Interwar Ukrainian Political Emigration to Bulgaria: the celebration of the Day of Independence of Ukraine**

**Valeriy Vlasenko**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (Sumy State University)

##### **The Eastern Thracian Question in International Treaties (1919–1925)**

**Vania Stoyanova**, D-r, Chief Assistant (the Institute for Historical Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

##### **The position of the King and Government of Romania in the Conduct of Foreign Policy at the beginning of the Second World War**

**Ihor Piddubnii**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University)

##### **British plans to Raise the Rebellion in Albania, 1940–1941**

**Bisser Petrov**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

#### *Discussion*

## PANEL 5

### “The Cold War” in the Balkans: Main Stages and Conflicts

Session Room in Zoom № 5

*March 30, Tuesday, 11:30–13:00*

*Moderators: Stepan Vidnianskyi, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof.,  
Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine;  
Nadia Boyadjieva, Doctor of Juridical Sciences, Prof.*

## REPORTS

### **Yugoslavia in Geopolitical Confrontation between the USSR and the USA during the Deployment of “the Cold War” (1945–1956)**

**Stepan Vidnianskyi**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof., the Head of the Department, Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (the Institute of History of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

### **Tito and the Project of United Central Europe (1950s)**

**Pavlo Rudiakov**, Doctor of Philological Sciences, Prof. (the State Institution “Institute of World History of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine”)

### **The Albanian Problem in the Relations between Belgrade and Tirana during the Cold War**

**Mariyana Stamova**, D-r, Ass. Prof. (the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

## *Break*

*March 30, Tuesday, 14:00–16:00*

### **Yugoslavia’s Foreign Policy and the Cold War: between the Blocs (1945-1980)**

**Nadia Boyadjieva**, Doctor of Sciences, Prof. (the Institute for Balkan Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

### **Bulgaria and Turkey on the Both Sides of the “Iron Curtain” (the late 1940s – the late 1950s)**

**Evgeniia Kalinova**, D-r, Prof. (Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”)



## **Implications of the “Détente” Process in South-Eastern Europe**

**Valentin Petroussenko**, PhD., Ass. Prof. (Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”)

**“An Active Line of Behaviour Should Be Recommended to the Soviet Participants of the Congress of Historians”. Soviet-Romanian “Wars” of Historical Memory and Preparation of the USSR Delegation for the International Congress of Historians (Bucharest, 1980)**

**Aleksandr Stykalin**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Leading Researcher (the Institute of Slavic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences)

### *Discussion*

## PANEL 6

### **The Collapse of the Yalta-Potsdam System and the Challenges of Globalization: Disintegration and Integration processes in South-Eastern Europe after 1989**

**Session Room in Zoom № 6**

***March 30, Tuesday, 16:30–18:00***

***Moderators: Blagovest Njagulov, D-r, Ass. Prof.,  
Oleksandr Romaniuk, Doctor of Political  
Sciences, Prof.***

## REPORTS

### **Geostrategic Factor for Transformation of the Securite Offices of the Balkan Countries after the End of the Cold War**

**Stefan Simeonov**, Doctor of Economic Sciences, Prof., **Yordanka Toneva**, PhD, Assistant (Varna free University “Chernorizets Hrabr”)

### **“New Balkan Wars” and Russian Aggressions in the Post-Soviet Space: Common and Different**

**Oleksandr Romaniuk**, Doctor of Political Sciences, Prof. (Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics)

### **The Western Balkans in the Policy of the European Union at the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century**

**Andriy Martynov**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof. (the Institute of History of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

***Discussion***

*March 31, Wednesday, 9:00–13:00*

*Moderators: Blagovest Njagulov, D-r, Ass. Prof.,  
Oleksandr Romaniuk, Doctor of Political Sciences,  
Prof.*

## **REPORTS**

**European Integration of Former Socialist Countries in the Balkans after the End of the “Cold War” – Successes and Problems**

**Iskra Baeva**, D-r, Prof. (Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”)

**Features of Agricultural Policy in Countries of South-Eastern Europe (1990–2010)**

**Mariya Heorhiieva**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (National Transport University, Kyiv)

**A “Long Journey” of Croatia to the European Union**

**Irina Ognyanova**, D-r, Ass. Prof. (the Institute of Balkan Studies with Centre of Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

**The Integration of Bulgaria and Romania into the Euro-Atlantic Structures in 1991–2007: the Position of the United Kingdom**

**Dmytro Chenchyk**, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

*Break (20 minutes)*

**The Way of Bulgaria to the EU: Features of the European Integration Process in 1989–2007**

**Ruslana Klym**, PhD student (Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University)

**The Role of the EU Institutions in the Overcoming Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Bulgaria**

**Yurii Bilousov**, PhD student (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

**Tools of Cultural Diplomacy of the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in Ukraine**

**Inna Khomenska**, the Director of the Media Center Directorate (the State Enterprise “The Directorate-General for Rendering Services to Diplomatic Missions”)

*Discussion*

## **SECOND PLENARY SESSION**

**March 31, Wednesday, 14:00–16:00**

**Chairs: Mykhailo Stanchev**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Prof., Foreign Member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences;  
**Serhii Strashniuk**, Candidate of Historical sciences, Ass. Prof.

### **REPORTS**

#### **‘Homo Balcanicus’ / ‘Homo Heroicus’ as a Stereotype of Literary Reception**

**Oksana Mykytenko**, Doctor of Philological Sciences, Leading Researcher (M. T. Rylsky Institute for Art Studies, Folklore and Ethnology of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)

#### **Stefan Stambolov – a Symbol of European Choice in the Politics of Memory of Contemporary Bulgaria?**

**Dmytro Mykolenko**, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Ass. Prof. (V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University)

#### **Minorities in International Relations with a Focus on Bulgaria and its Neighbors**

**Blagovest Njagulov**, D-r, Ass. Prof., the Vice-director (the Institute for Historical Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

### ***SUMMARY OF THE CONFERENCE*** ***(Reports of panels moderators)***

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