

The working group meetings will be presided over by University Professors and European personalities, interested in the other half of Europe and in East-West relations.

The reports and debates will be in English and French.

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## **“ ASPECTS OF THE BALKANS : CONTINUITY AND CHANGE ”**

### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

To be held at the University of California, Los Angeles, October 1969.

The University of California, Los Angeles, through its Russian and East European Studies Center, is sponsoring an international conference on the general theme “Aspects of the Balkans : Continuity and Change.” Professors Henrik Birnbaum, Director of the Center and a member of the Slavic Department at UCLA, and Speros Vryonis of the History Department, UCLA, are in charge of organizing the Conference. They will also serve as editors of the volume of proceedings expected to result from the Conference. The Conference will be held at the campus of the University of California, Los Angeles, and the nearby University of California Arrowhead Conference Center. The Conference will be held October 24 through 28, 1969. In addition to the twenty-two contributors from the United States, Greece, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Austria, the Conference will be attended by interested scholars in the Balkan field, primarily from UCLA, as well as a number of Directors of Institutes for Balkan Studies from Europe and the United States who have been invited to attend.

The main purpose of the conference is to focus on some of the critical periods of Balkan history : the period of the Slavic invasions of the Balkans (5th-7th c. A.D.), the period of the decline of Byzantine domination and the establishment of Ottoman rule (ca. 13th-16th cc. A.D.) and the modern period of transition from Turkish domination to the emergence of national Balkan states (19th-20th cc.). In terms of these three transitional periods the conference will investigate the elements of change and continuity primarily, though not exclusively, during the transition from the Byzantine to Ottoman

periods. In so doing most of the papers will be concerned with the widest scope possible and avoid limiting their considerations to one ethnic group only. Rather, the general theme, "Elements of Continuity and Change," will be examined in the various papers within such fields as geography, political and military administration, patriarchal society and social classes, demography and ethnography, economics, law, language, literature (both in its oral and written tradition), art, music, etc. Thus the approach will be according to topical rather than ethnical divisions.

Each contributor will give a twenty to twenty-five minute summary of his paper, a more elaborate written version of which will be made available to all participants prior to the Conference. Each paper will be followed by a thirty to forty minute discussion. The conference contributors include nine outstanding Balkan experts from Europe and Turkey, five American participants from universities other than UCLA, and eight UCLA professors in one way or another concerned with research in the Balkan area. More specifically, the list of contributors and topics is as follows (the listing below is given in alphabetical order and does not reflect any structuring by topics and periods) :

Henrik Birnbaum : Byzantine Tradition Transformed : The Old Serbian *Vita*.

R. V. Burks : Nationalism and Communism in the Balkans : An Attempt at Synthesis.

Peter Charanis : Town and Country in the Balkan Peninsula During the Late Byzantine Period.

M. Chatzidakis : Some Aspects of Art in the Balkans.

I. Dujčev : Le problème de la continuité dans l'histoire de la Bulgarie médiévale.

Thomas Eckman : Common Themes and Techniques in South Slavic Realist Literature.

R. A. Georges : Process and Structure in Traditional Storytelling in the Balkans.

Vladimir Georgiev : The Earliest Ethnological Situation of the Balkan Peninsula as Evidenced by Linguistic and Onomastic Date.

Halil Inalcik : The Ottoman Decline and Its Consequences for the *Reaya* in the Balkans.

Kostas Kazazis : The Status of Turkisms in the Present-Day Balkan Languages.

H. L. Lostanick : Balkan Heartlands and Core Areas.

Basil Laourdas : Greek Religious Texts During the Ottoman Period.

Albert Lord : The Affect of the Turkish Conquest on Balkan Epic Tradition.

Josef Matl : Patriarchal Altkultur und der Weg zur Neukultur.

Katherine Otto-Dorn : The Edirne Mosque of Murad II and Its Decoration : Byzantine Echoes in Islamic Art.

Josip Roglič : Balkan Geography : Appearance vs. Reality.

Traian Stoianovich : Material Foundations of Pre-Industrial Civilization in the Balkans.

Andras Tietze : The Balkans in Turkish Historiography.

Speros Vryonis : Religious Changes in the Balkans, 14th-16th Centuries.

Edward Williams : A Byzantine *Ars Nova* : The Reforms of John Koukouzeles in 14th Century Chant.

Pan. J. Zepos : Byzantine Legal Tradition in the Balkans under the Turks.

In terms of breadth of topics and variety of scholarly participation this will be the first Balkan conference of its kind to be in the United States.

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## II<sup>e</sup> CONGRES INTERNATIONAL DES ETUDES DU SUD-EST EUROPEEN

Le II<sup>e</sup> Congrès International des Études du Sud-Est Européen aura lieu à Athènes du 7 au 13 mai 1970, conformément aux décisions de l'Association Internationale des Études du Sud-Est Européen.

L'Association a été créée par l'initiative de l'UNESCO. C'est lors du Colloque de Sinaja en Roumanie, convoqué sous les auspices de l'UNESCO en juin 1962 dans le programme "Orient-Occident", que la création de l'AIESEE a été décidée. L'Association a été effectivement créée en avril 1963 et a eu comme premier président le professeur D. A. Zakythinos.

L'Association a son siège à Bucarest. Elle est composée des Comités nationaux de tous les pays des Balkans, à savoir : l'Albanie, Bulgarie, Grèce, Roumanie, Turquie, Yougoslavie, ainsi que des Comités Nationaux de l'Angleterre, Autriche, Allemagne (D.D.R., B.R.D.), États-Unis, France, Italie, Liban, Tchécoslovaquie, U.R.S.S. Le Bureau du Comité national grec, affilié à l'Association International, est composé de MM. Ch. Fragistas (pré-