

ABSTRACTS

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TOPICS OF THE POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL PHILOSOPHY OF RHIGAS:
THE HELLENIC AND REPUBLICAN AS STRUCTURAL FEATURES
OF THE "HELLENIC REPUBLIC"

There is much literature on the life and writings of Rhigas. This article attempts to complement the existing literature by examining and analyzing the most significant features of his political thought as articulated in his vision of the Hellenic Republic. How did Rhigas define the Hellenic character of the envisaged republic? What role would the Greek language play? What sort of democracy did Rhigas opt for? What kind of political principles would dominate? Finally, we will attempt a short analysis of the form of nationalism emerging from his writings and of assumptions whether his project could be effective and viable.

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THE ARCHBISHOPRIC OF OHRID AS THE IDEOLOGICAL BASIS OF THE BULGARIAN
ECCLESIASTICAL INDEPENDENCE (1850-1870)

In this paper we present the Bulgarian point of view related to the re-establishment of the Archbishopric of Ohrid. The Bulgarian aim to acquire ecclesiastical independence in the middle of the 19th century was based on the historical tradition of their ancient churches, that is of the Patriarchate of Tarnovo and of the Archbishopric of Ohrid. All Bulgarian texts of this period do not fail to mention that the Archbishopric of Ohrid was a Bulgarian church illegally abolished in 1767 by the Patriarchate of Constantinople. In spite of this attitude, the Bulgarians never really fought for the re-establishment of this old church. What they really wanted was an independent church on national basis. They only raised this demand in 1867 for tactical reasons. On the contrary the inhabitants of Ohrid showed more enthusiasm to the realization of such a plan. Their zeal brought them to disagreement with the leaders of the Bulgarian national movement. Examining this specific parameter of the Bulgarian issue we are in front of a typical example of the ideological function of history.

Anna AGELOPOULOU

EDUCATION AND NATIONAL MOVEMENT IN THE BALKANS: AN APPROXIMATION
TO THE CASE OF THE BULGARIAN EXARCHATE'S HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS
"SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS" IN SALONIKA (1880-1913)

The paper sets out to examine and clarify the contribution of Salonika Bulgarian High School for Boys "Saints Cyril and Methodius" in the development of Bulgarian national and cultural work. It also aims to find out and explain the historical circumstances and factors which led this school to play a significant and effective role in the emergence of Bulgarian national movement in Ottoman Macedonia.

The Salonika High School for Boys "Saints Cyril and Methodius" was the first secondary Bulgarian school in Macedonia during the period of Ottoman Empire. It was founded in 1880 by Exarchate, the independent Bulgarian ecclesiastical organization, and existed until 1913. Then, it was moved to the town Gorna Dzhumaja (today known as Blagoevgrad) in Pirin Macedonia of Bulgaria where it exists until nowadays as "Saints Cyril and Methodius National Humanitarian High School".

During the period 1880-1913, the school was developed as a modern educational establishment in multicultural Salonika and became the most influential Bulgarian national centre in Macedonia. Bulgarian eminent intellectuals and public figures are noted among the teachers and students at Salonika High School for Boys "Saints Cyril and Methodius". In addition, the school's graduates include outstanding figures which had participated in the Bulgarian national revolutionary movement in Macedonia during the last decade of 19th and early 20th century.

Pantelis M. NIGDELIS

PETROS PAPAGEORGIOU AND THE LANGUAGE QUESTION. ASPECTS OF THE
DEMOTICISM OF EDUCATION IN EARLY 20th-CENTURY MACEDONIA

This paper examines the attitude of Petros Papageorgiou (1854-1914), one of Macedonia's most important classical scholars and teachers, towards demoticism. With exception of Manolis Triantaphyllidis, who cited two short stories written by him in the demotic idiom shortly before his death, he has uniformly been described as a purist, a disciple of Konstantinos Kontos, a classical philologist and professor at the University of Athens. Research into Papageorgiou's (relatively modest) literary output plus a document from the Consulate-General of Thessaloniki attesting to his membership of a committee

formed to compile readers written in the demotic as a means of improving the Greek language skills of the non-Greek-speaking populations of Macedonia (1903) show a shift in his position shortly before the beginning of the Macedonian Struggle, the result of a realistic appreciation of the language question: the absorption of those populations into the Greek state and the ethnic integration of Macedonia depended on their language assimilation, and that could only be achieved through the demoticism of education. This also helps explain his decision to write in the demotic idiom in the later part of his life.

Sophia ILIADOU-TAHOU

ASPECTS OF THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION: EDUCATING SCHOOLTEACHERS
FOR THE ALLOPHONE SCHOOLS OF THE GREEK MACEDONIA (1912-1936)

In the present study we search the models of teachers' education that could contribute to the creation of the applicable conditions in order effective in the field of non-Greek speakers' assimilation teachers to be produced. These models are the following: a) *The technocratic tendency*: It was expressed by teachers, who attributed to the schoolteachers' education the mission of the linguistic assimilation of students coming from non-Greek speaking communities, objective that presupposed, in their opinion, concrete interventions in the level of educational action. b) *The tendency of education of teachers, "specialized in the northern Macedonian conditions"*: This point expressed by a Director in a teacher training school intended the students' adaptation in the educational environment of non-Greek speaking villages through their practical exercise. c) *The theory of "creating a class of teachers coming from the non-Greek speaking villages"*: According to this version the process of "exellinisme" in Macedonia would be achieved, if a class of teachers coming from the non-Greek speaking villages could be created. This class could function as models in the local societies. The model that finally prevailed in the education of Macedonian space was the last one.

Konstantinos DIOGOS

ELEFTHERIOS VENIZELOS AND THE PARTICIPATION OF GREECE
IN THE UKRANIAN CAMPAIGN (1918-1919)

The participation of Greece in the Ukrainian Campaign (November 1918 – April 1919) marked a turning point on greek foreign policy, at the end of

World War I. It was the outcome of a longstanding policy that made use of all diplomatic and military means, in order to achieve the completion of national aspirations, within the frame of national ideology of the "Megali Idea". The main goals of the present essay is 1st) to interpret the political decision of prime minister Eleftherios Venizelos to participate in the Ukrainian Campaign, by sending two military Divisions, 2nd) to explore the response of greek communities of Odessa and Crimea to the presence of greek expeditionary forces in Southern Russia, 3rd) to revise the common perception in historiography that the landing of greek military forces in Smyrna (on May 1919) was given as reward by the Allies, for the participation of Greece in the Ukrainian Campaign, 4th) to attempt a new evaluation of the events, in a political and diplomatic level.

Thanassis BRAVOS

THE MOULAS CASE AND THE GREEK CHEESE TRADE
IN ALBANIA DURING THE INTERWAR PERIOD

One more problem in the Greek-Albanian relations during the interwar period was the Moulas question and that of Greek cheese producers who were extremely active in that section of commerce in Albania. Object of this article is the presentation of the way these questions were faced both by Greek and the Albanian governments. Furthermore, in the intentions of the article is to explain the Albanian attitude and simultaneously to show up the Greek responsibilities in the impasse the relations of two countries had reached.

Ioannis M. BAKIRTZIS

THE PUBLICATION IN CONSTANTINOPLE NEWSPAPERS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT
1928's FACT, TURKISH LANGUAGE, NUMBER AND REFORM

The present paper focuses on the reform of Turkish language. This reform took place in November 1928. The consequences of this process determined the developments in the language for the next decades. For the reform's success important role played city of Constantinople. If the population of this city accepted the changes, same acceptance would also happen in the remainder country. For this reason Mustafa Kemal gave particular importance to convince population of Constantinople that his proposing reforms would bring a lot of profits in the intellectual progress of Turkish nation. Consequently, this is the explanation of trying hard to defend language reform

through the newspapers. Moreover, the creator of new Turkey travelled in all the corners of his country, in order to propagate his ideas about Latin alphabet and westernization. The majority of his people considered the old, Ottoman language with the Arabic alphabet, as holy language. Koran was written in the Arabic language, so the suppression of this alphabet amounted to a refusal of Muslim identity. Turkey's President expected that reactions would emanate from the conservative partisans of religion. The tours of Kemal aimed to convince Turks that their new alphabet brought country nearer to Europe. One of his first tours had as destination Eastern Thrace. Kemal considered European province of Turkey as symbol of reform. From there he began to try for the success of new alphabet. Also, in the same paper has been added an annex including some discussions in the Turkish Parliament. These discussions on the language question shows attention that paid leaders of Turkey and especially President of Turkish Republic to the new initiatives.

Angeliki MOUZAKITI

THE HISTORIOGRAPHY OF INTERWAR YUGOSLAVIA.
IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL DIMENSIONS

The current essay deals with certain aspects of a complex problem: The presentation, analysis and interpretation of the main trends of the historiography of Interwar Yugoslavia. The Serbian and Croatian historiography can be divided into two categories. The first category is of great importance, since it includes monographies and articles that reflect the main economical, social and political developments in Tito's Yugoslavia. In the period after the Second World War a huge amount of historical works concerning the developments in Interwar Yugoslavia has been produced. Scientific institutions such as the *Institute of Contemporary History* in Belgrade and the *Institute of Croatian History* in Zagreb have contributed a great deal to this effort. One should take into consideration the fact that the majority of their scientific associates did their research, while they promoted the ideals and principles of a unified socialist Yugoslavia. The second category includes works that have been produced since the early 90's. The dissolution of Socialist Yugoslavia and the formation of independent states had a huge impact on both Serbian and Croatian historiography, since Serbian and Croatian historians viewed the past in a completely different way.

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HERMANN GÖRING'S
TRIPS AND GERMAN POLITICS IN THE BALKANS (1934-1936)

After Hitler's rise to power, National Socialist Germany took action with the aim to restore diplomatic, economic and political relations with the Balkan countries, which had suffered great damage in the Great War. In the beginning, this action took the form of unofficial contact with the various countries, in which the German representative Hermann Göring, Speaker of the House of the Third Reich and Minister of Aviation, played a leading part. From 1934 the German dignitary carried out a series of trips, visiting the Balkan capitals and making contacts at a high political level. As was to be expected, Göring's trips sounded the alarm in diplomatic and political circles, especially in all the countries that had been involved in World War I and which consequently followed closely the reactivation of German politics in the Balkans. Naturally, evaluation of the German diplomatic attempts to gain lost ground in the region and to compete with the other powers was in direct interdependence with the legacy of the war. If for some Balkan countries the political counterbalance and revisionism had found an important ally in the unstable international scene of the interwar period, for others the German factor seeking fertile ground in the "power-keg of Europe", which was the Balkans, once again seriously threatened stability and peace.

Spyridon SFETAS

THE SALONICA AGREEMENT ON 31 JULI 1938. GREEK EXPECTATIONS
AND BULGARIAN DISAPPOINTMENT. CONTRIBUTION TO THE STUDY
OF THE GREEK-BULGARIAN RELATIONS IN THE INTERWAR PERIOD

The Salonica agreement, signed by Metaxas on behalf of the Balkan Entente and Bulgarian Prime Minister Kiosseivanov, allowed Greece and Turkey to remilitarize Thrace and Bulgaria to disregard the arms limitation clauses of the treaty of Neuilly. It was a strategy of british diplomacy to appease Bulgaria to join the Balkan Entente. But for Bulgaria the Balkan Entente was a stillborn alliance. Sofia was pursuing a revisionism to the detriment of Greece, Yugoslavia and Romania relying on Germany and saw the Salonica agreement as a sign of weakness of the Western Powers.

Iakovos D. MIHAILIDIS

BRITISH VIEW ON GREEK MACEDONIA (1945-1946)

The paper focuses on the political and social developments in Greek Macedonia during 1945-1946. It is based on the weekly reports of the British Consul in Thessaloniki. The fall of 1945 and the beginning of 1946 was a crucial period in the Greek political scene. This was the period which prepared the ground for the Greek Civil War. The weekly reports reveal that the road to the rupture between the bourgeois and the communist forces was inevitable.

Dimitrios PANTAVOS

THE GREEK BALKAN POLICY IN THE RADIO NEWS OF NATIONAL INSTITUTION
FOR RADIO & TELEVISION (EIRT) JANUARY - AUGUST 1975

Greek diplomacy had to be re-established, after the restoration of the Hellenic Republic in 1974. Prime Minister Konstantinos Karamanlis aimed at the improvement of bilateral relations with Bulgaria, Romania and Yugoslavia. Karamanlis believed that through the reinforcement of bilateral relations, he could establish substantial multilateral relations among balkan countries. This paper presents the Greek Balkan policy during the first semester of 1975 through news of the Greek radio. Although radio is a mild diplomatic mean, Greek radio news succeeded in broadcasting Karamanlis's Balkan goals. Greek radio avoided any rhetoric exaggerations and enthusiastic reports upon the Greek-Balkan relations, but insisted on announcing diplomatic meetings, the low level ones included. Exceptions were made only for Karamanlis's visits in Beograd, Bucharest and Sofia. Discourses with the Romanian, Yugoslav and Bulgarian leaders Ceaușescu, Tito and Zhivkov were carried out in warm atmosphere and encouraged Karamanlis to promote his idea about multilateral relations in the Balkan peninsula during the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) in Helsinki.

Theofanis EXADAKTYLOS

WHITHER SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE? THE COURSE OF THE FREE MARKET ECONOMY
IN THE POST-COMMUNIST BALKANS

In the early 1990s, the countries of the Eastern Bloc faced the collapse of existing socialism and the loss of important commercial ties with the Soviet

Union. The transition from the socialist regime to liberal democracy brought about the transition from a centrally planned economy to the free market. The purpose of this article is to study the two proposed economic transition methods and to examine the reasons why there were different economic outcomes in the countries of Southeastern Europe. The first section analyzes the basic theoretical methods on economic transition. The second section traces the common factors present in the Balkan countries and the third, the possible causes that affected the smooth transition to a market economy based on these common factors. Finally, the article combines these factors with other country-specific circumstances. The article comes to the conclusion that for Southeastern Europe their relative failure is not due to the choice of method but rather, due to the specific factors present in the Balkans: low levels of industrialization at the onset of communism, low incomes at the start of the post-communist era, geographic location, and, failure to achieve a clear break-up with their past economic and political system.

Theofanis MALKIDIS

THE TRANSITION PERIOD IN THE BALKANS.
THE CASE OF ALBANIA

Immediately afterwards the collapse of system of real socialism, the countries of former Eastern notepad sought their integration –between these and Albania– in Western European forms economic and political-military collaboration and more specifically in the growth of relations with E.U. and the NATO.

Of course, this process of democratization with parliamentary system and with an economy that will give accent in the mechanisms of market involves structural and institutional changes. The liberalization of economic structures constituted a powerful “shock” for most economies that take place under passage, at least for the first years of this process. The differences in the internal policy and constitution of individual Balkan countries, the different orientations internal and exterior political and the divergences in the levels of economic growth determined the degree of success or failure of import of institutions of mixed economy. The paper aims at it as it investigates the economic and political parameters of period of transition in Albania and it presents the main points that characterized this time phase.