



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

REGIONAL PROBLEMS AND
COOPERATION:
RUSSIA, BULGARIA AND TURKEY
IN THE BALKANS, BLACK SEA
REGION AND CAUCASUS

Sofia, September 11-12, 2013

P R O G R A M M E

INSTITUTE FOR BALKAN STUDIES AND CENTRE OF
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Day I, September 11

10.00 – 10.15 – Opening ceremony

Panel I. Russia and Turkey

10.15 – 10.35 – As. Prof. Boyko Marinkov, PhD, Institute of Balkan Studies (IBCT), Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS): Geopolitical Triangle Turkey – Russia - EU

10.35 – 10.55 – Valentin Katrandjiev, PhD, Diplomatic Institute, MFA: Geopolitical Reading of Contemporary Russian-Turkish Relations

10.55 - 11.15– Plamen Ivanov: Turkish-Russian Relations and Consequences for the Region

11.15– 11.35 – Coffee Break

11.35 – 11.55 – Alevtina Stoyanova: Turkey and Russia in the Middle East

11.55 - 12. 15 As. Prof. Nadia Filipova, PhD, Institute for History, BAS: Russian and Turkish Gas Projects in the Context of Syrian Civil War

12.15 – 12.45 – Discussion

12.45 – 14.00 – Break

Panel II. Turkey and the Balkans

14.00 – 14.20 – Assoc. Prof. Inessa Ivanova, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences: Turkish policy towards Balkans under the Justice and Development Party (AKP)

14.20 – 14.40 – As. Prof. Yordanka Bibina, PhD, IBCT, BAS – “Soft power” in Turkish Foreign Policy in the Balkans

14. 40 – 15.10 – Kader Özlem, University of Thrace, Balkan Studies Institute (Trakya Üniversitesi, Balkan Araştırma Enstitüsü): Turkey’s Balkan Policy Since 1991 (1991’den sonra Türkiye’nin Balkan politikası)

15.10 – 16.00 – Discussion

Day 2, September 12

Panel III. Russia, Turkey and the Caucasus

10.00 – 10.20 – Andrey Boldyirev, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences: Russian-Turkish Relations in Caucasus-Black sea Region in the middle of XIX century

10.20 – 10.40 – Marian Karagyozev, PhD-student, IBCT, BAS: Turkish-Armenian Rapprochement in the Context of Political Relations in Caucasus

10.40 – 11.00 – As. Prof. Voyn Bozhinov, PhD, Institute for History, BAS: The War between Georgia and Ossetia, Russia and Caucasus

11.00 – 12.00 – Discussion and final evaluation

The conference will be held in IBCT – BAS, 45, “Moskovska” Str., Sofia:

