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### INVITATION

*Dear colleagues and friends,*

You are kindly invited to attend a scholarly event, organized on 28 September 2017 (Thursday), by the Institute for Balkan Studies with Center for Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and the Cold War Studies Program of Harvard University – a presentation of two recently published books, one by an Austrian scholar Peter Ruggenthaler, and another by a Bulgarian scholar, Nadia Boyadjieva.

The event will start at 5 p.m.

The event will take place at the building of the Institute for Balkan Studies. Address: 45, Moskovska Street, Sofia. The event will be in English and Bulgarian and is open to the public.

The specific program is as follows.

### PROGRAM

#### Organizers:

Cold War Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, USA  
Institute for Balkan Studies with the Center for Thracology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria

- 1. 5 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. - Presentation of the book “The Concept of Neutrality in Stalin's Foreign Policy, 1945–1953”**

**Chair:** Prof. Alexandre Kostov, D.Sc. *Director of the Institute for Balkan Studies with the Center for Thracology (IBS) at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS).*

**The Concept of Neutrality in Stalin’s Foreign Policy, 1945-1953 - Presentation** by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Peter Ruggenthaler, *Senior Research Fellow, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on War’s Consequences Lecturer, University of Graz, Austria.*

**Commentator:** Prof. Dr. Mark Kramer, *Director Cold War Studies, Harvard University*

## 2. 5.40 – 6.10 p.m. Presentation of the book “International Relations”

**Chair:** Prof. Alexandre Kostov, D.Sc., Director of the IBS at the BAS.

**International Relations: Theory and the Empirical Record, 1945-1991 - Presentation** by Prof. Nadia Boyadjieva, D.Sc. IBS, BAS

**Commentator:** Prof. Dr. Andrey Pantev, *Sofia University*

### 6.30 p.m. - Reception (Sponsored by Cold War Studies, Harvard U)

All participants and guests are invited to join us at the buffet reception held immediately after the presentations.

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**The Concept of Neutrality in Stalin's Foreign Policy, 1945–1953 (The Harvard Cold War Studies Book Series), Lexington Books, 2017, 442 pages**

### **Peter Ruggenthaler**

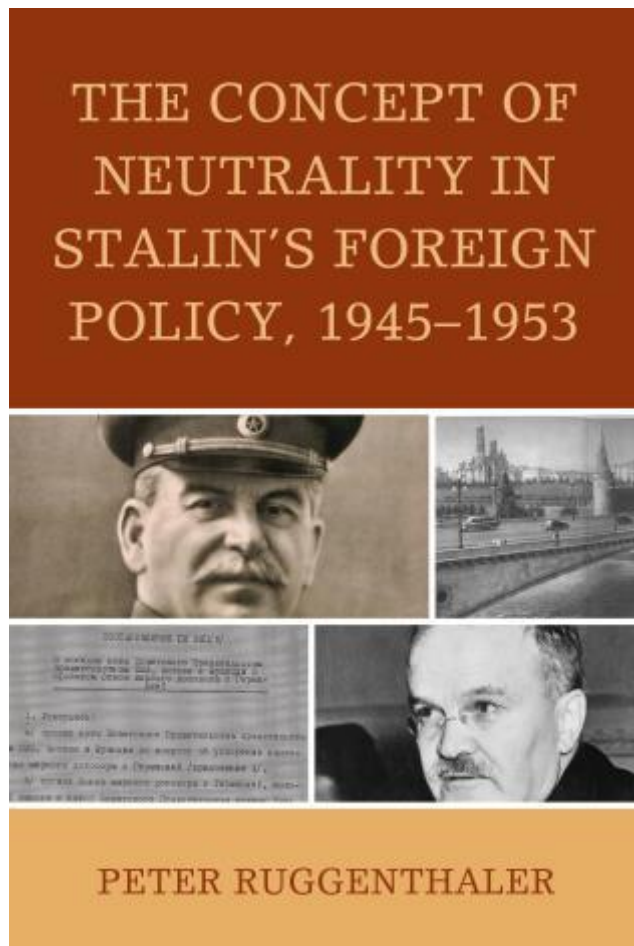
#### *About the Book*

Drawing on recently declassified Soviet archival sources, this book sheds new light on how the division of Europe came about in the aftermath of World War II. The book contravenes the notion that a neutral zone of states, including Germany, could have been set up between East and West. The Soviet Union under Joseph Stalin was determined to preserve control over its own sphere of German territory. By tracing Stalin's attitude toward neutrality in international politics, the book provides important insights into the origins of the Cold War.

#### *About the author*

Doz. Mag. Dr. Peter Ruggenthaler, obtained his MA in History and Slavic Studies (in 2000), and a PhD at University Graz (in 2003). In 2013, he received his Habilitation for Contemporary History at University of Graz. Since 1998, he is a Senior Fellow at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on War's Consequences Lecturer, University of Graz, Austria. He is a Member of the Russian-Austrian Historians' Commission (since 2008). His research interests include Soviet Foreign Policy in the Cold War, Neutrality in the Cold War.

He is an author or editor of more than 20 books and 90 articles. His publications include “The Concept of Neutrality in Stalin's Foreign Policy, 1945-53”. Harvard Cold War Studies Book Series (2015), “Der Kreml und die deutsche Wiedervereinigung 1990”, Metropol Verlag 2014; “Der Kreml und die Wende 1989”, Studienverlag (2014); The Prague Spring and the Warsaw Pact Invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. Harvard Cold War Studies Book Series (Co-editor, 2010), Prager Frühling. Das internationale Krisenjahr 1968, Böhlau (2008), Das Stalins großer Bluff. Die Geschichte der Stalin-Note in Dokumenten der sowjetischen Führung, Oldenbourg (2007), Zwangsarbeit in der Land- und Forstwirtschaft auf dem Gebiet der Republik Österreich 1939-1945, Oldenbourg (2004).



## **2. International Relations, Albatross Publisher, Sofia, 2017, 660 pages**

**Nadia Boyadjieva**

About the Book

This book is the first by a Bulgarian scholar to offer a comprehensive overview of the conceptual and historical dimensions of international politics from the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The book reviews the most important theoretical approaches to the study of international relations, delineating the advantages and disadvantages of each perspective. The book then uses this theoretical grounding to explore how international politics has evolved in the 370 years since the Peace of Westphalia. The coverage extends to all major events, trends, and thematic issues during those three-and-a-half centuries.

In surveying this wide range of material, the book highlights the importance of war as a catalyst of change in the international system and the impact of technology on warfare. The book also provides a detailed look at non-violent sources of change in the international system and the role of international law, diplomacy, and other tools of international politics. Much of the discussion focuses on the role of the world's great powers, especially in Europe and North America, but the book also provides a solid basis for understanding the role of smaller countries, including Bulgaria, in the international system.

### **About the Author**

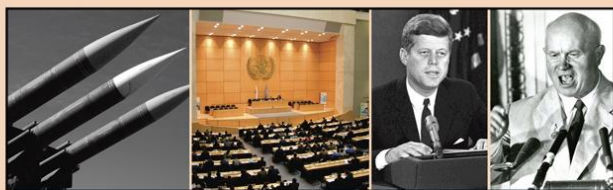
Professor Nadia Boyadjieva obtained an M.A. in History from Sofia University, an M.A. in Law from New Bulgarian University, and a Ph.D. in History from Sofia University in 1999 with a

dissertation on U.S. policy toward the conflict in Bosnia and Hercegovina. She is a Full Professor in the Department of Balkans after the WWII at the Institute for Balkan Studies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, in Sofia.

Since September 2015, she has been a long-term visiting scholar at Harvard University, with an office at Harvard's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies and Cold War Studies Center. In 2017, she was awarded a Doctor of Sciences (D.Sc.) degree in International Law and International Relations.

Professor Boyadjieva was a NATO/EAPC Fellow, a John F. Kennedy Institute Fellow at the Free University of Berlin (Germany), a Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian law fellow (Lund, Sweden), a Senior Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the Cold War Studies Center (Harvard University, USA), a Black Sea Security program fellow (Kennedy School, Harvard University), and an Advanced Study of Nonviolent Conflict fellow (Fletcher School, Tufts University), an Open Society Archive Fellow (Budapest, Hungary). She has worked in many archive in the Russia, United States, Hungary, etc.

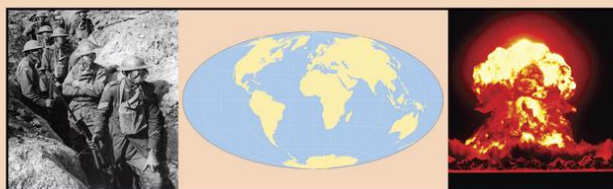
Her research and publications have dealt extensively with issues of international relations and diplomacy, USSR and U.S. foreign policy in the Balkans; NATO-Russia relations, and the human rights and minority issues, peacekeeping, and other topics.



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