

*Scientific Conference On the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Peace of Kuchuk-Kainarji (1774), organized by the University Centre for Regional Studies and Analyses(UCRSA) and the Chair for Byzantine and Balkan history at the Faculty of History at St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia together with SOG18 from the Karl Franz University in Graz, Austria, within the framework of the SUMMIT Research Project.*

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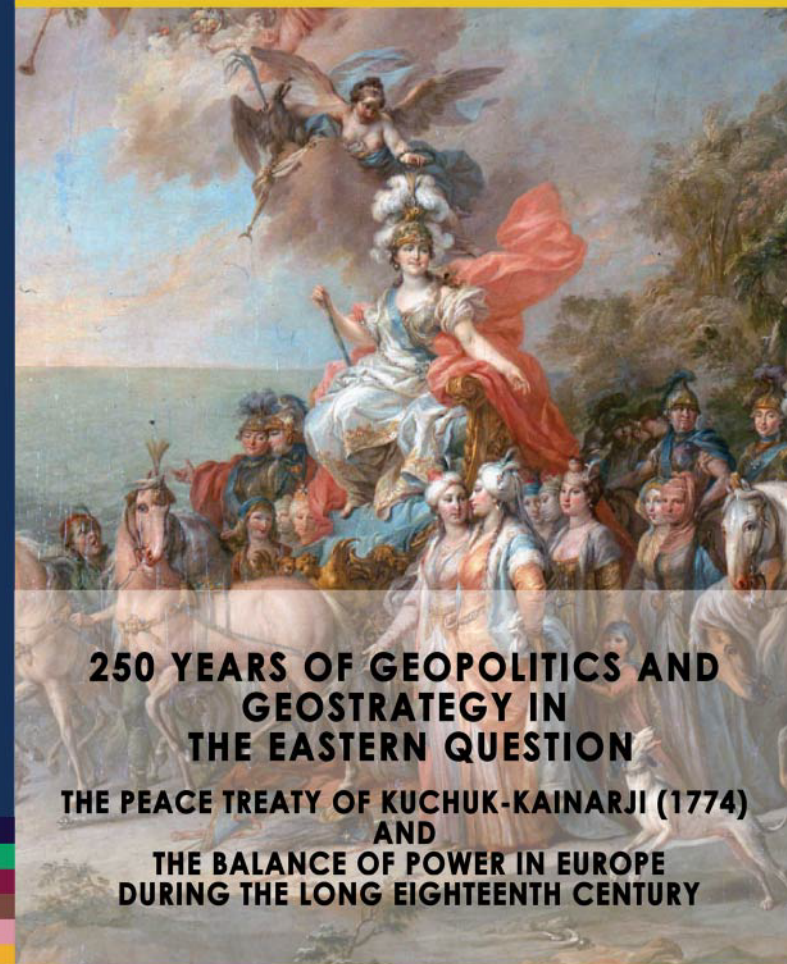


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The University Center for Regional Studies and Analyses,  
the Chair for Byzantine and Balkan history at  
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and  
The Society for 18th Century Studies on South Eastern Europe

invite you to the Scientific Conference



**250 YEARS OF GEOPOLITICS AND  
GEOSTRATEGY IN  
THE EASTERN QUESTION  
THE PEACE TREATY OF KUCHUK-KAINARJI (1774)  
AND  
THE BALANCE OF POWER IN EUROPE  
DURING THE LONG EIGHTEENTH CENTURY**



**24-26 October 2024**

Opening 15:00

**New Conference Hall**

**Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski**

# 250 Years of Geopolitics and Geostrategy in the Eastern Question

*The Peace Treaty of Kuchuk-Kainarji (1774) and the balance of power in Europe during the long Eighteenth century*

24-26 October 2024, Central Building of the University of Sofia

## PROGRAM

Thursday, 24 October 2024

Afternoon Session  
(15.00-17.30)

### 15.00-15.10 Opening of the Conference

Panel *"The Great Powers and the Eastern Question (1774-1815)"*  
(Chair: Maria Baramova)

**15.10-15.30 Harald Heppner**

*1774 - A Key Moment in Austrian Foreign Policy*

**15.30-15.50 Ivan Parvev**

*The Black Sea in Great Power politics. Continuity and Change in Geopolitical Strategies since 1774*

**15.50-16.10 Plamen Mitev**

*Bulgarians in Russia's Balkan policy from Kuchuk-Kainarji to Adrianople (1774-1829)*

**16.10-16.30 Maria Baramova**

*Staging the End of War to the Public. Russian-Ottoman Peace Treaties of the 18th Century in Contemporary German Media*

16.30-17.00 Discussion

17.00-17.30 Coffee Break

19.30 Dinner

Friday, 25 October 2024

Morning Session  
(9.30-13.00)

Panel *"Economics and Geopolitics of the Balkans (1774 - 1856)"*  
(Chair: Harald Heppner)

**9.30-9.50 Olga Katsiardi-Hering**

*Was the Kuchuk-Kainarji treaty a crucial point for an economic, political and ideological development before the Greek Revolution of 1821? Historiographical reflections*

**9.50-10.10 Miloš Đorđević**

*Changes in the agrarian and legal Status of the Serbian People in the Sanjacs of South Morava valley at the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th century*

**10.10-10.30 Iveta Koseva**

*Economics in the Grip of Geopolitics: The Question of a Venetian-Russian Commercial Agreement in the Last Quarter of the Eighteenth Century*

10.30-11.00 Discussion

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

**11.30-11.50 Lubomir Krastev**

*British Foreign Policy and Russian Expansionism on the Eve of the Crimean War (1853-1856)*

**11.50-12.10 Tina Georgieva**

*The Crimean War. Perspectives and Retrospectives of Russian policy in the Balkans*

**12.10-12.30 Mihail Simov**

*The Balkans as an Object of Russia's Military Intelligence in the post Kuchuk-Kainarji era*

Discussion: 12.30-13.00

Lunch: 13.00-14.00

Afternoon Session  
(14.00-16.30)

Panel *"The religious factor in the Eastern Question (1774-1856)"*  
(Chair: Ivan Parvev)

**14.00-14.20 Konrad Petrovsky**

*The Peace of Kuchuk-Kainarji in Phanariot historiography (14.00-14.20)*

**14.20-14.40 Vania Racheva**

*Bulgarians in the Russian Imperial Doctrine for the Protection of Orthodox Christians*

**14.40-15.00 Radoslav Spasov**

*Saint Demetrij Basarbovski in the context of Orthodox relations between the Bulgarian and Romanian people from 1774 to 1878*

**15.00-15.20 Nadezhda Alexandrova**

*Christianity as a Common Denominator in Sofroniy Vrachanski's Literary Works and Political Correspondence during the Russo-Turkish War (1806-1812)*

15.20-15.50 Discussion

15.50-16.15 Coffee Break

**16.15-16.30 Final Words and Closing of the Conference**

Saturday, 26 October 2024  
(Day of Departure)