

## THE ETHNICAL STRUCTURE OF MACEDONIA AND THE ALTERATION OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC IMAGE OF THE BALKAN UNTIL THE WORLD WAR II

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**Abstract:** The position of the national minorities in the Balkan, until present, has not been fairly researched by the academic public. Thus, we can establish in this sense that the situation is particularly unsatisfied regarding the research of the Macedonian national minority in the neighbouring Balkan states. During the long historical periods, it is pretty obvious the existence of certain difficulties and obstacles in performing profound scientific research in this area.

The conditions for conducting researches, not only in the past but up until present, are very specific regarding the Macedonian question in the neighbouring Balkan countries. Hence, this also is significantly reflecting on the elemental conditions and the materials/data that can be obtained, as well as to the research methods of certain environments, problems and periods.

From present perspective, the situation and the conditions for scientific research on the life of the Macedonian national minority in Serbia, Greece, Bulgaria and Albania differs from one country to another country. There are obvious objective and subjective reasons of the enormous lag in terms of these investigations. It is consistently above the great asymmetry between the position of national minorities in Macedonia and the position of the Macedonian national minority in the neighbouring Balkan states.

**Rezumat:** Comunitatea științifică nu s-a aplecat încă îndeajuns asupra poziției minorităților naționale din Balcani. În acest sens putem observa că situația este nesatisfăcătoare mai ales în ceea ce privește cercetarea minorității naționale macedonene din statele balcanice vecine. Considerând perioadele mai lungi ale istoriei, devine evidentă existența unor dificultăți și obstacole în efectuarea unor cercetări în aceste domenii. Situația și condițiile cercetării științifice a minorității naționale macedonene în Serbia, Grecia, Bulgaria și Albania diferă de la țară la țară. Există evident motive subiective și obiective a rămânerii în urmă în ceea ce privește demersul descris mai sus.

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