



American Research Center in Sofia Fall 2014 Schedule

- Sept. 1** **ARCS Fellows arrive;** welcome orientation and reception at ARCS, 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 2-4** **Sofia City Tours, 9:30-13:30**
- Sept. 2 meet in front of Archaeology Museum;
 - Sept. 3 meet at National Palace of Culture;
 - Sept. 4 meet at ARCS for visit to Museum of Socialist Art, Boyana Church and National History Museum
- Sept. 5-7** **Weekend excursion – ARCS Fall Trip I (Kyustendil region)**
- Sept. 9** **Cynthia Lintz (American Research Center in Sofia) *Imagined Communities: construction of Identity along the Bulgarian-Macedonian border***
- Sept. 16** **Maya Vassileva (New Bulgarian University) *Introduction to the Study of Ancient Thrace***
- Sept. 18** **Emil Nankov (American Research Center in Sofia) *Inscribed Lead Sling Bullets from Ancient Thrace: Problems of Interpretation***
- Sept. 22-26** **Academic excursion – ARCS Fall Trip II (central and eastern Bulgaria)**
- Oct. 1** **Pavel Murdzhev (Santa Fe College and ARCS Postdoctoral Fellow) *The Plow in Byzantine Agriculture: Institutional Failure or Economic Sagacity?***
- Oct. 2-4** **CONFERENCE: Mirabilia: Miracles and Monsters. First Interdisciplinary Conference. Organized by the Institute for Balkan Studies & Center of Thracology, BAS and the American Research Center in Sofia**
- Oct. 8** **Eli Weaverdyck (Berkeley University and ARCS Pre-doctoral Fellow) *Isolation or Integration? A spatial-analytic approach to the local impact of the Roman army on the northern frontier***
- Oct. 9** **Fraser Reed (University of Edinburgh and ARCS Pre-doctoral Fellow) *The Role of the Urbes Thraciae, from Diocletian to Maurice (AD 284 – 602)***

- Oct. 14** **Dilyana Ivanova** (American Research Center in Sofia) *Everyday Life in a Socialist Town according to the Biographic Narratives: The Construction of Identities*
- Oct. 15** **Dragos Nastasoiu** (Central European University and ARCS Pre-doctoral Fellow) *"Between East and West": The Iconography of Donors in Orthodox Mural Painting of Southern Transylvania during the Fifteenth Century*
- Oct. 16** **Ivalina Masheva** (Sofia University and ARCS SE European Fellow) *From Islamic to Western Commercial Law. Changing Legal Environment and Christian Merchants in Ottoman Bulgaria (1840s-1870s)*
- Oct. 22** **Mikhail Rekun** (Northeastern University and ARCS Pre-doctoral Fellow) *Empire Unguided: Public Opinion and Imperial Foreign Policy in Balkans, 1876-1886*
- Oct. 23** **Francesco La Rocca** (Central European University and ARCS Pre-doctoral Fellow) *Bards, Faith and Power: How National Epics, Religions and Nation-Building Process Joined in Interwar Yugoslavia and Albania*
- Oct. 29** **Konstantin Golev** (Sofia University and ARCS SE European Fellow) *Echoes of the War: Oral History from Bulgarian WWII Veterans*
- Oct. 30** **Manuela Marin** (West University of Timișoara and ARCS SE European Fellow) *Islam in Communist Romania and Bulgaria. A Comparative Perspective*
- Nov. 5** **Victor Petrov** (Columbia University and ARCS Pre-doctoral Fellow) *Modernity in a National Key: Bulgarian Socialist Modernization at Home and Abroad 1967-1989*
- Nov. 6** **Atanaska Stancheva** (Inst. Ethnology and Folklore Studies – BAS and ARCS SE European Fellow) *Ecological Movements in Post-socialist Bulgaria. Cultural Practices and Civil Activity*
- Nov. 13** **SPCME and ICAB Presentations**
- Nov. 30** **ARCS Fall Fellows depart**

***** Public lectures begin at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted *****