



American Research Center in Sofia Spring 2015 Program

- February 2** **Welcome meeting and dinner, meet at ARCS 4:00 p.m.**
- Feb. 3-4** **Sofia City Tours, 9:30-12:30**
- Feb. 3 meet in front of Ethnographic Museum, Sofia Synagogue and Jewish Museum, Underground Museum of St. Sofia Basilica;
 - Feb. 4 meet at ARCS for visit to National Museum of History and the Bells Monument
- Feb. 10** **Reports by 2014 FADS and Gipson Fellows (9 presentations)** – Bulgarian Scholarships for Advanced Doctoral Students and Bulgarian Scholars (1:30-5:30 p.m.)
- Feb. 12** **Nadezhda Kirova** (Sofia History Museum), Roman and Late-Roman Serdica – A Brief Archaeological Review
- Feb. 17** **Daniela Koleva** (Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”) St. St. Cyril and Methodius: From Christian Sanctity to (Trans) National Memory
- Feb. 19** **Rossitsa Gradeva** (American University in Bulgaria), Christians, Muslims, and Jews in an Ottoman Balkan city: Glimpses from Sofia in the Pre-Tanzimat Period
- Feb. 20** **Pierangelo Castagneto** (American University in Bulgaria), Lord of the mosquitoes. Ralph Collins and the Rockefeller Foundation anti-malaria campaign in Bulgaria (1926-1938)
- Feb. 24** **Liliana Simeonova** (Institute of Balkan Studies with Center for Thracology, BAS) Construction of the Cultural Other: Origins of the Christian Bulgarians' Interest in Islamo-Arab culture, the 1880s through the 1950s
- Feb. 26** **Evelina Kelbecheva** (American University in Bulgaria), TOPOI of Memory in Bulgaria and the Fate of Communist and post-Communist Monuments in Bulgaria (**NB! starts at 4.00 pm**)
- March 4** **Milena Benovska** (New Bulgarian University), The End of a Cosmos: Collectivization of the Arable Land in Bulgaria (1948-1958)
- March 23- 27** **Week-long excursion (North and Northeast Bulgaria)**
- (leave ARCS at 9:00 a.m.)**
- April 7** **Gergana Georgieva** (University of Veliko Tarnovo and ARCS SE European Fellow), Social and Economic Profile of a Balkan Region in the Middle of the 19th Century

- April 9** **Cengiz Haksoz** (University of Pittsburgh and Former ARCS Pre-Doctoral Fellow), Istanbul
2013 Gezi Park Protests: Analyzing the Resistance through Food
- April 15** **Ioana Crețulescu** (Independent Researcher and ARCS SE European Fellow), The Roman
Painted Tomb on the Lower Danube. Crossover from Paganism to Christianity in Funerary
Symbolism
- April 21** **ARCS Pre-Doctoral Fellows Lectures (5 presentations), 1:00-5:00 p.m.**
- April 24** **EUGENE SCHUYLER LECTURE – TBA**
- April 30** **Three-month Spring 2015 Fellows depart**
- May 7-8** **ARCS Conference: Town and Country in Byzantine World: Social and Economic Perspectives**
(Pavel Murdzhev, ARCS Postdoctoral Fellow, organizer)
- May 31** **Nine-month 2014-15 Fellows depart**
- June 1** **Parthicopolis Field School students arrive**

All lectures begin at 5:30 unless otherwise noted

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