

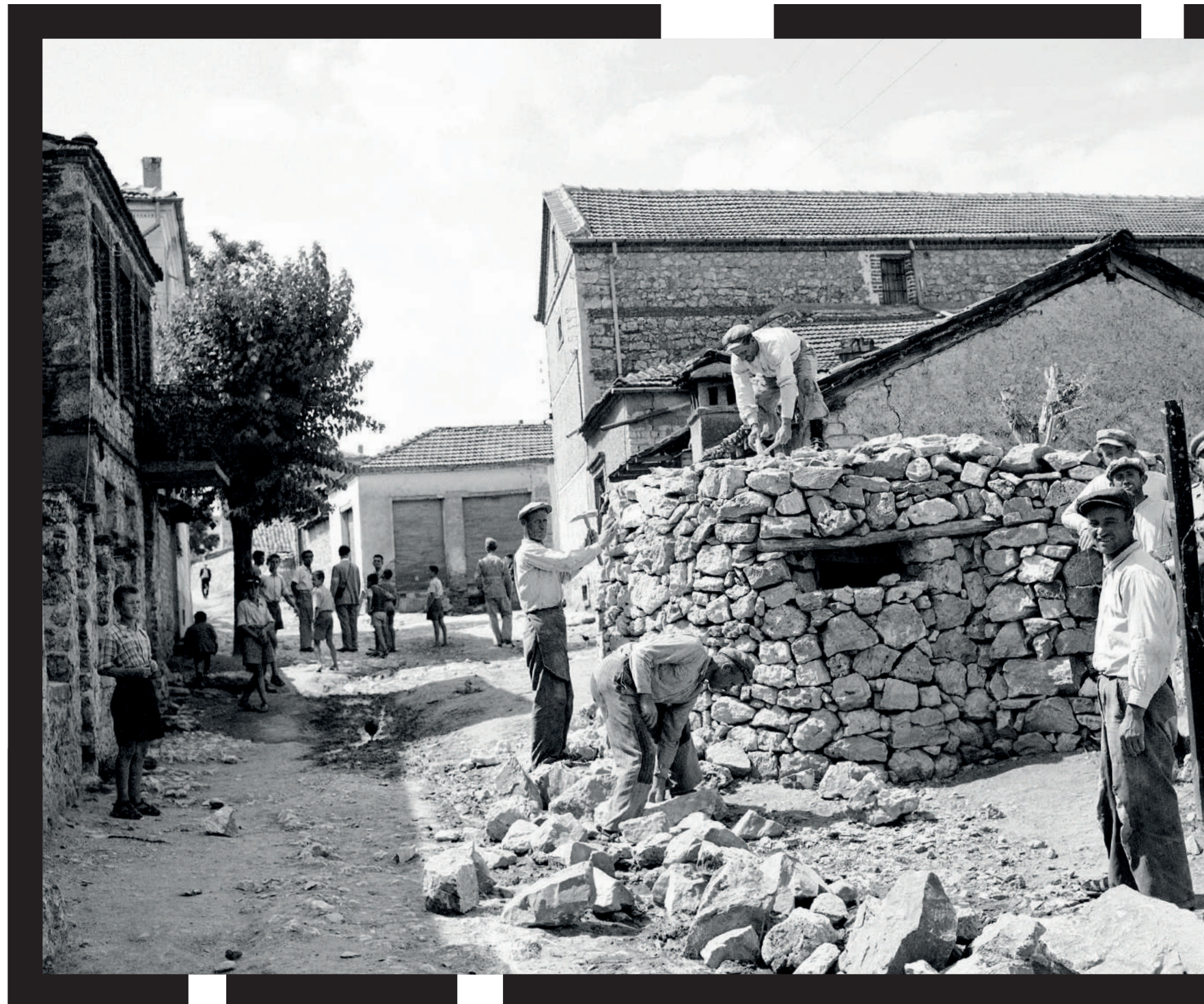
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Kick-Off Workshop

24-26 SEPTEMBER 2023

PROGRAMME

MACAUTH

Macedonia(s) as a Laboratory for Balkan-wide
Authoritarianism

The MACAUTH project aims to investigate a little-explored and usually neglected aspect of the Macedonian Question throughout the late nineteenth and most of the twentieth century: namely, the function of the Macedonian Question as a catalyst and a testing ground for the emergence, development and consolidation of authoritarian state policies on a nation-wide scale in all the Balkan nation-states involved. In other words, how the tools used by the rival nation states to extract national loyalty in late Ottoman Macedonia - where nation had been widely conceived first and foremost as a political party - were subsequently transformed into a far broader method of social and political control.

MACAUTH will examine the transfer of particular administrative practices of surveillance, control and political indoctrination, as well as state-sponsored violence and its ideological justification in the name of national expediency, from the initial field of their application in Ottoman and post-Ottoman Macedonia to the mainstream political and social life of Greece, Bulgaria and Serbia/Yugoslavia, as well as to the respective diasporic communities. The impact of the same heritage in Romania, Albania, the Ottoman Empire and its successor nation state, the Turkish Republic, will also be assessed.

The research team consists of historians from all five Balkan countries which have been historically involved in the Macedonian conflict (Greece, North Macedonia, Bulgaria, Serbia and Romania), plus experts on Albania, the Ottoman Empire and early Republican Turkey. It is composed of the principal investigator, eleven post-doctoral fellows, senior researchers or research assistants, plus two PhD candidates with their supervisors.

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September 2023
Sunday

OPENING SESSION 17:00-18:00

Gelina Harlaftis

IMS/FORTH Director's Welcome

Tasos Kostopoulos

Presentation of the MACAUTH Outlines

FIRST PANEL 18:00-20:30

BETWEEN IRREDENTISM AND ASSIMILATIONARY PROJECTS

Chair: Tchavdar Marinov

Alexander Vezenkov

"National Unity" as an Irredentist Dream and a Political Project

(the Bulgarian case)

Dmitar Tasić

Between Romanticised Expectations and Harsh Reality: Yugoslav Rule in

Vardar Macedonia between two World Wars

Ivana Hadjievska

Civil Organizations in the Kingdom of Yugoslavia as Anchors of National

Beliefs among the Population of Bitola (1918-1939)

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Monday

SECOND PANEL 10:30-12:10

LOYALTY EXTRACTION AND IDENTITY CLASSIFICATION

Chair: Paraskevas Matalas

Tchavdar Marinov

Monitoring Loyalties, Classifying Identities: Formal and Informal Catego-

ries of Population in the Bulgarian-Occupied Territories during WWII

Tasos Kostopoulos

"Framed in a Piece of Paper": from the Secret Screening of Macedonian

Immigrants to the Institutional Certification of "Healthy Social Beliefs"

Break 12:10-12:30

THIRD PANEL 12:30-14:10

EMIGRATION, DIASPORAS AND NATION-BUILDING

Chair: Lina Venturas

Petar Todorov

"Matica Makedonija". Macedonian Emigration/Diaspora and (North)

Macedonia: Question of Identity, Loyalty, Politics and Values

Yannis Papadopoulos

Subsidized Migration as a Form of Soft Ethnic Cleansing in the Early

Post-War Period

Break 14:30 - 16:00

FOURTH PANEL 16:00-17:40

THE MACEDONIAN LEGACY IN THE OTTOMAN / TURKISH DEEP STATE

Chair: Dmitar Tasić

Nikos Sigalas

The Young-Turks and the Junior Militaries of the 3rd Ottoman Army, from

Macedonia to the Armenian Genocide: Anatomy of a Power Structure

Alexandre Toumarkine

On the Presumed Role of Macedonians in the Use of Torture by

the Committee Union and Progress (CUP) against Political Opponents and

its Echo in the post-1980-coup Turkey

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Tuesday

FIFTH PANEL 10:30-12:10

MACEDONIAN LESSONS FROM ALBANIA

Chair: Tasos Kostopoulos

Lambros Baltiotis

Slavic-Speaking Groups in Interwar Albania: Traces of Millet Legacy in

the Albanian Nationalism and the Yugoslav-Bulgarian Conflict

Elias Skoulidas

Availability of the Archives: Albanian Sources Related to Identity

Issues and the MACAUTH Project

Break 12:10-12:30

Concluding Remarks 12:30-13:30

Excursion for the participants