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## *CALL FOR PAPERS*

### *CULTURES, MEMORY, HERITAGES IN THE REGION OF THE SOUTH BULGARIAN BORDER*

*CONFERENCE*

October 9-10, 2015

IEFSEM, Moskovska 6A, hall 19

Organizers: Ass. Prof. Dr. Ana Luleva, Ass. Prof. Dr. Svetla Rakshieva, Prof. Valeria Fol, Dr. Iglia Mishkova, Dr. Elena Petkova

In recent decades, the boundaries (spatial, political, cultural, social) are an important research subject of the humanities and social sciences. There are two parallel and largely contradictory processes: the boundaries are becoming more permeable under the influence of globalization and European integration, but at the same time the importance of national and sub-national borders does not diminish. The EU policies recognize the importance of border regions for the implementation of cultural transfers between nations in the union and the importance of this transfer for the development of border regions.



In different historical periods the south Bulgarian border had a varying political meaning. In the historical memory it is associated with war conflicts, waves of refugees and population exchanges between the neighboring Balkan countries. Today, the border region is an area of free movement of people, goods and ideas - movement and exchange that are supported by the European and regional policies of cross-border cooperation.

How is border regime experienced in everyday life of the people living in this region? Are there border communities and identities appearing? What is the place of the cultural-historical heritage and cultural memory in the construction of local and national identity in the border region? These are some of the issues that are examined in the framework of the research project "Cultures, memory, heritages in the region of the south Bulgarian border" (2012-2015, financed by FSR, contract K01/ 0003).

The objective of the conference is to present the results from the work of the project team and put for discussion themes illuminating the relationship *border territory – cultural heritage – identity*.

Please, send the paper abstracts (100-150 words), including topic, name, institution to the following e-mail address:  
[elena.petkova@iefem.bas.bg](mailto:elena.petkova@iefem.bas.bg).

Deadline for sending the submissions: **September 10, 2015**

Official languages of the conference: Bulgarian and English.

Participants are expected to cover their travel and accommodation expenses.

There is no participation fee.