

Workshop invitation

Diplomacy and Beyond Economic Circles and Political Actors in Austro-Hungarian Balkan Strategy (1878–1918)

9 OCTOBER 2026, SOFIA (BULGARIA)

HUNGARIAN CULTURAL CENTER SOFIA
(Aksakov street 16, 1000 Sofia)

10:30 OPENING REMARKS

Attila Pintér (Director of List Institute and
Hungarian Cultural Centre Sofia)

Katalin Schrek (PI of the NRDIO STARTING
150326 Research Project)

Gábor Demeter (Senior Researcher ELTE
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History, NRDIO STARTING 150326 Research
Project)

11:00–12.30 - I. SESSION

Aleksandar Zlatanov (Bulgarian Academy of
Sciences – Institute of History): Austro-Russian
Entanglements in the Balkans, 1860–1871

Bertalan Bordás (University of Pécs – University
of ELTE): The Fall of Ignatyev, and the British-
Austro-Hungarian War-preparedness of 1878

Nadezhda Vasileva (Bulgarian Academy of
Sciences – Institute of History): A Diplomatic
Partnership? Wolff and Kállay in the Organization
of Eastern Rumelia

Q&A Session

Coffe break

ORGANIZERS

- Hungarian Cultural Centre Sofia
- NRDIO STARTING 150326 Research Project
Geopolitical Tendencies and Balkan Strategy of
the Austro-Hungarian Empire: Individual Sources
and Foreign Policy Actors, 1878–1918

13:00–14.30 - II. SESSION

Simeon Simeonov (American University in
Bulgaria): Arrested Modernity. Austro-
Hungarian Consuls in Vidin (1878–1918)

Gábor Demeter (ELTE Research Centre of the
Humanities, Institute of History): Agents of
Hungarian Economic Penetration and the
Political Consequences of their Activity. Adolf
Strausz, Jenő Zichy, Fülöp Waldapfel and
Lajos Thallóczy.

Aleka Strezova (Bulgarian Academy of
Sciences – Institute of History): Bulgarian
Diplomatic Agents in Vienna (1889–1909)

Q&A Session

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15:00–16.30 - III. SESSION

Katalin Schrek (University of Debrecen): Ego-
documents as Sources for Diplomacy. The
Diaries of Stephan Burián and Lajos Thallózy and
the Study of Trends in Austro-Hungarian Foreign
Policy

László Bíró (ELTE Research Centre of the
Humanities, Institute of History): An Evaluation
of Bulgarian Events based on the Diaries of
Stephan Burián and V. N. Lamsdorf

Tamás Budai (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences –
Institute of History): The Economy and National
Homogeneity as Factors in the Foreign Policy of
Austria-Hungary

Q&A Session

16:30–16.40 - FUTURE PLANS AND CLOSING REMARKS