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Invites you to participate in the scientific conference

THE EAST – NEAR AND FAR: TEXTS, SOCIETIES AND CULTURES

28 – 30 November 2024, Sofia

Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" – Rectorate, 15 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd.

Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 1, 15th Noemvri Str.

Conference held on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Arabic Studies Program

135 years Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski and 155 years Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

The conference dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the Arabic Studies Program at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski and Bulgaria aims to encourage the integration of the various branches of Oriental Studies in Bulgaria developed at the Center for Oriental Languages and Cultures through interdisciplinary interaction with researchers at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, as well as with experts at other universities, scientific divisions and organizations.

Although focusing on the Arab world that takes most of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), the conference seeks to analyze the wider MENA region against the backdrop of Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia as well as South, East and Southeast Asia in the following thematic scopes, associated with the different Eastern languages, societies and cultures:

- 1) Centers and Peripheries
- 2) Religion and Culture; Religion and Politics
- 3) Normative Text and Socio-Cultural Context; Norm and Practice
- 4) Language and Literary Traditions; Literature and Fiction
- 5) Spiritual and Material Culture
- 6) Continuity and Change
- 7) Local Socio-Cultural Practices and Globalization
- 8) The Balkans and the East

If you are interested in participation, please submit via email an **application form with an abstract** (up to 150 words) by **September 15, 2024** to Dr. Stoyan Doklev (doklev@uni-sofia.bg) and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nadya Filipova (nadyafd@abv.bg).

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