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## **The Beginning of the End of Socialism in the First Half of the 1980's**

(Summary)

Based on first-rate records, some of which have been brought for the first time into scientific requisition, this paper has delved into the main economic, social and spiritual dimensions of the crisis of socialist system in Bulgaria in its initial period during the first half of 1980s. Foreign economical as well as internal and foreign political factors have been detailed, and Bulgarian specifics of the crisis of socialism typical for the entire Eastern Bloc have been defined. The research traces out the attempts of the authorities to get the negative trends under control stressing the fact that in the beginning of the crisis the System made attempts to use its typical instruments for overcoming it in contrast to the second half of 1980s when it became increasingly clear that the System cannot be saved in this way.