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**MENTALITY AS A SCIENTIFIC CONCEPTION AND AS A SUBJECT  
FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH**

(Summary)

The well established in Western Europe special discipline - history of mentality is still scarcely covered in the works of the Bulgarian historians. The main idea of this article is to popularize the history of mentality with its specific field and methodology of research as well as their application in the context of Bulgarian circumstances and realities. This aim can't be achieved in only one publication, that's why the stress here falls only on one problem - the adaptation of terminological scientific apparatus of history of mentality to one traditional in-house concept that has long been used in the historian science. The few Bulgarian historical studies close to the social-psychological field all belong to well known scientist-historians whose efforts not only deserve to be used, but are to be developed further. That necessitate more thorough attitude toward the theory and methodology of the history of mentality in order to apply it more widely here.