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**HOW TO WRITE THE HISTORY OF THE RECENT PAST OR ABOUT
A CURRENT HISTORIOGRAPHICAL DEBATE**

(Summary)

The reason for writing this text is the published book “History of the People’s Republic of Bulgaria. Regime and society” (Sofia: Institute for research of the recent past, Siela, 2009) - collective work of 12 authors, historians and scholars from other humanity and social sciences under the editorship of Ivaylo Znepolski. This research on the “Bulgarian communism” is viewed in a broader historiographical context by comparison with two other similar publications on the same subject. The main objective of this comparison is to highlight the different positions of the authors in a historiographical debate. The presented book offers innovative approaches in respect of the methodology, involving the transition from a purely historical to interdisciplinary study of the socialism and linking the history of the concepts with the event (political) history. The structure and content of the work reflects the importance attached to theory and historiography on the topic. The authors present the history of the communist regime as a derivative of its political nature and explore the processes in the society, which are restricted and seek expression inside the framework imposed by this regime.