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**FRENCH CONTRIBUTION IN SCHOOLING BULGARIAN
INTELLIGENTSIA WITH EUROPEAN EDUCATION (1878–1912)**

(Summary)

The aim of this research is to find out the French contribution in schooling Bulgarian intelligentsia with European education during 1878–1912. The most important issues, related to Bulgarian attendance at French Universities, Academies, Higher and Professional Schools: what are the specialties, studied by Bulgarians there; what are their preferences according to the place of study; what proportion of them are oriented towards university education; what is the relative size of the individual student streams; what is the total number that measures, the French contribution to the research area. In the quest for answers the extremely rich archival documentation is used, materials from the press at that time, studies of other authors, etc. This source database is the basis of the list of 1220 Bulgarians who studied in France, which is given as an annex. The total number actually amounts to around 1460 people, as there are persons whose names and particulars on their studies have not yet been found out. More than two thirds of persons studied preferred university education. Broadly speaking, the French contribution to European education of Bulgarian intelligentsia, seems to be quite significant and very impressive.