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**SOURCE MATERIALS FOR THE RESEARCH OF THE
DEMOGRAPHIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BULGARIAN
TERRITORIES DURING THE RENAISSANCE AND THE PLACE OF
THE GREEK ONES**

(Summary)

The current work aims to create a clear image of the classification of source materials used in the research of the demographic development of the Bulgarian territories during the Renaissance as well as to determine the place of the Greek sources among them. Various source material classifications have been considered in the study of historical demography. The most common classification in the study of the Bulgarian historical demography is based on the source language. According to the language criterion the sources for the demographic development of the Bulgarian territories during the Renaissance are classified in four main groups – Bulgarian, Ottoman, Greek and others. The amount and diversity of Greek source materials allow: 1) the support of already existing hypotheses by providing already known data; and 2) disproving already existing hypotheses or building new ones by providing unknown data. Although the Greek sources greatly improve our vision about the historical demography of the Bulgarian territories during the Renaissance, our research shows that by only considering Greek sources we would not get a realistic image. Rather, we should consider these sources as a part of the whole source base and analyze them together with sources from the other three language classes.