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**THE NOVI SAD WORKS OF PAVEL JOSEF ŠAFARIK AND THE  
BULGARIAN THEMES IN THEM**

(Summary)

The article presents the main scientific works of one of the most prominent specialist in the field of Slav Studies – Pavel Josef Šafarik, written during his stay among the Serbs in Novi Sad (1819–1833) where he worked as a teacher at a local secondary school. Thanks to the long study of Orthodox literary tradition he became an excellent expert in Slav Studies. At that time, he already had the firm opinion that the first Slav literary language – the Church language, used by St. Cyril and St. Methodius – was based on a dialect, different from the Serbian one, but spoken among the Slavs of the Bulgarian group, located in the Thessaloniki district and at the foot of Rila and Pirin mountains. The young scientist intended to visit those places and gather the necessary proves of his idea, however the Russian-Turkish War of 1828–1829 put an end to his plan and in 1833 he left Novi Sad for good. The study of the first Slav literary language however remained his everlasting task in the future.