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**THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROMANIAN-BULGARIAN  
ANTAGONISM 1878–1916**

(Summary)

After the Bulgarian liberation 1878 the good contacts between Bulgarians and Romanians began to change and a bilateral antagonism started to grow. There were various reasons behind this process: aspirations for protecting and enforcing their own national interests, but also jealousy, suspiciousness and insincerity. The struggle among the Great Powers for influence over the foreign policy orientation of the two neighbouring countries played a role too and also factors like personal relationship between the rulers, between members of the elites and even stereotypes. This article examines the different phases in the relations between Bulgaria and Romania and reconstructs how the antagonism, accumulated during several decades, emerged to the surface between 1913 and 1916, wiping away the long peaceful relations between the two neighbouring nations.