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**BULGARIANS IN BIG POLITICS: NAYDEN GEROV IN THE
“BULGARIAN” CONTEXT OF 1867**

(Summary)

The article examines Nayden Gerov’s activities in the context of the Bulgarian National Liberation Movement in 1867, traces his travels and contacts with Bulgarian emigrant political organizations in Romania and southern Russia in the spring of 1867 and his visit to Russia at the end of the same year. The starting point of the study is the claim in Bulgarian historiography that in Constantinople there was a group of Bulgarian officials and Russian diplomats close to the Russian Embassy engaged in Bulgarian revolutionary endeavours. Drawing on a wide range of published and newly discovered documents the author examines the role of N. Gerov, at that time the Russian Vice-Consul in Plovdiv, in the political movements of his compatriots, given the accusations against him that he was the reason for the revolutionary uprisings of the Bulgarians and The Balkans that year.